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**TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN HALL**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Pendleton called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Liz Pendleton
Deputy Mayor Steven King, Jr.
Councilor Evans
Councilor Gamble
Councilor Philip Koboski
Councilor Kozikowski
Councilor Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Andrew Paterna

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R.
Scott Roberts, Asst. Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Mgmt.

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Pendleton said that on January 17th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, they hold a Mayor's Day of Service each year. She said that due to the uptick in COVID cases and because of her recent surgery, she will not be attending the Mayor's Day of Service on January 17th.

Mayor Pendleton asked Councilor Evans to speak on the Martin Luther King Day event. Councilor Evans reported that in honor of Martin Luther King Day, the South Windsor Human Relations Commission will be holding the role of music and social justice movements on Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 17, 2022 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm via zoom. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jeffery Ogbonna Green Ogbar. He is a widely known historian with in-depth knowledge of the evolution of music and culture related to social injustices. Commissioners Anitha Elango and Carolyn Kerry will lead the event. If you have any questions for the presenter, you can email Councilor Evans and she will make sure that they are asked at the event. This event will be recorded and available on the Town's website.

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4. Mayor's Remarks continued

Mayor Pendleton commented on the Covid test kit distribution event that took place and said the Town did a good job considering how cold it was and thanked them for their work preparing and distributing the kits and masks.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Lopez made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor King made a motion to amend the agenda as follows: Move Item 13.E. (Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Michael Leblanc from the Parks and Recreation Commission) to after Item 10 (Reports from Committees) and move Item 17 (Executive Session) to after Item 7. (Public Input).

Councilor Paterna seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

Mr. Maniscalco gave an update on the current Covid-19 numbers and stated that there are currently 2,748 total cases, 2,430 are past the time of quarantine. There are currently 256 people infected and 62 people have passed away. Currently, there are 14 employees who are infected with Covid-19. A little less than half of those cases are from the Town Hall. We had to close one department for the evening. There are some concerns about staffing moving forward.

Mr. Maniscalco thanked the staff and volunteers that participated in the Covid kit distribution. It was very cold outside and the turnout from the community was large. It has been difficult for the employee to arrange and rearrange the event due to not having the supplies on time. The Town received 1,986 test kits. They received guidance from the State of Connecticut to provide kits to the Board of Education, First Responders and Daycare Centers. As a result, the Town provided 246 test kits to the Board of Education, 252 to the Human Services Department, 84 kits to First Responders and 1,404 were distributed to the Public.

Mr. Maniscalco shared an email he received from Heather Oatis, Director of Public Health in response to his questions. Her recommendations based on the questions asked were to go back to the vestibule at Town Hall, virtual meetings, and a town-wide mask mandate. Since we are in the red zone, now would be the time to implement those changes. Once the Town has been in the yellow zone for two weeks is when those changes would be withdrawn. Mr. Maniscalco has a meeting coming up with other surrounding towns to discuss a universal mask mandate.

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Communications and Reports from Town Manager continued

Mr. Maniscalco said that they have started fining the owners of the Mass Tek building one hundred dollars a day for blight. He has also spoke to some developers about that location as well.

Mr. Maniscalco gave an update on the progress of the elevator project and said that the elevator was supposed to be completed and is not complete due to a Covid sickness which has pushed out the elevator inspection.

Mr. Maniscalco also said that the phone system has also been updated

Mayor Pendleton asked how many masks were received. Mr. Maniscalco said that approximately 120,000 masks were received and they distributed approximately 100,000. The masks were handed out until approximately 3pm and the test kits were distributed until 6:02pm.

Deputy Mayor King asked for the recommendations that the Health Director made. Mr. Maniscalco reiterated the points that Ms. Oatis made.

Mr. Gamble agreed that we should go to virtual meetings but feels that the mask mandate is ineffective if only a couple towns are doing it. We should look to the State of Connecticut to implement that.

Councilor Evans asked if they were to put the vestibule in place would the Town Council meetings still be able to be in person or would that require them to be virtual. Mr. Maniscalco said that they meetings would need to be virtual. [

Councilor Koboski asked Mr. Maniscalco is he was expecting to get more masks and test kits from the state. Mr. Maniscalco said that he has heard that there may be another distribution of test kits but they don't know the quantity or timeframe for receiving them.

Mayor Pendleton asked Mr. Maniscalco what authority he has been given to institute a mask mandate. Mr. Maniscalco said that the Governor signed an Executive Order that provides the Municipal CEO to implement a town-wide mask mandate and legislature has also enacted legislation that allows municipalities to hold virtual or hybrid meetings through the end of 2022.

Mayor Pendleton said that she offers her full support to Mr. Maniscalco to implement changes that he sees fit for the protection of the community based upon the recommendations from the Director of Health.

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7. Public Input for Items on the Agenda continued

Craig Zimmerman of 5A Amato Drive came forward and spoke in favor of the funding for the Pleasant Valley School Project.

Megan Powell of 23 Woodland Drive spoke in favor of Agenda Item 11.a.B. the appointment of Richard Balboni as an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kathleen Daugherty of 12 Roy Road came forward and spoke about the need for Public Meetings to be held virtually. She also spoke in favor of the appointment of Richard Balboni as an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the appointment of Stephanie Weintraub to the Public Building Commission.

Matthew Holricko also spoke on behalf of Richard Balboni.

State Representative, Thomas Delnicki of 130 Felt Road spoke in support of the appointments to Boards and Commissions on the agenda. Mr. Delnicki feels that the volunteers are the glue that keeps the community running and feels the Council should continue the past practice of endorsing the other party's nominees as it is in the best interest of the community.

Disipida Baganski of 133 Cliffwood Drive spoke about the political rhetoric she feels is happening with regard to the recent election and spoke in support of Mr. Balboni.

Corrine Bordua of Pleasant Valley Road came forward to speak in support of Mr. Balboni and Stephanie Weintraub. Ms. Bordua also expressed her disagreement with the idea of another mask mandate and doesn't believe that the Town Manager has the authority to institute a mask mandate.

Mike Mundo of 67 Cornerstone Drive came forward and spoke about fairness and listening to the community. Mr. Mundo also spoke in support of Mr. Balboni and his disagreement with a mask mandate.

Lisa Maneeley of 326 Quarrybook Drive came forward and spoke in support of Mr. Balboni.

David Koz of 48 Dawn Drive came forward and spoke in support of Mr. Balboni.

Stephanie Weintraub of 155 Skyline Drive came forward to speak about her nomination to the Public Building Commission and asked to be provided the reasons for not being appointed.

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7. Public Input for Items on the Agenda continued

Carolyn Kerry of 215 Abbe Road came forward to speak in support of Mr. Balboni and Ms. Weintraub's appointments.

Dan Edwards of 131 Hilton Drive came forward to speak against virtual meetings and agenda items being moved during the Town Council meetings. He also spoke against United Democracy Day. Mr. Edwards also spoke in support of Mr. Balboni.

At 8:00 pm Mayor Pendleton made a motion to suspend the rules to take a recess with Public Input to move to the Public Hearing. Councilor Kozikowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Lydecker made a motion to suspend the rules and move Item 13.A. Resolution approving the transfer of \$2.8 million dollars from Orchard Hill Elementary School, Philip R, Smith Elementary School and Eli Terry Elementary School Projects to the Pleasant Valley School Project under New Business to after the conclusion of Public Input. Councilor Lopez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Kozikowski read a letter from Mr. Wayne Kilburn of 291 Smith Street into the record in support of Mr. Balboni to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilor Kozikowski also read a letter into the record from Mr. Miguel Proano of 41 Beechwood Lane also in support of Mr. Balboni to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Stephanie Weintraub to the Public Building Commission.

Councilor Gamble read a letter into the record from Stephanie Dexter to give her endorsement to Mr. Balboni to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilor Gamble also read a letter into the record from Mark DiNicholo in support of Mr. Balboni to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilor Koboski read a letter into the record from Billy Carroll of 188 Scott Drive in support of Mr. Balboni to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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13. New Business

A.Resolution Approving the Transfer of \$2.8 Million Dollars from the Orchard Hill Elementary School, Philip R. Smith Elementary School, and Eli Terry Elementary School Projects to Pleasant Valley Elementary School Project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the transfer of \$1.2 million dollars of the Appropriated funds and any expended bond proceeds related thereto from the Orchard Hill Elementary School Project and \$1.6 million dollars of the appropriated funds and any expended bond proceeds related thereto from the Philip R. Smith Elementary School and Eli Terry Elementary School to the Pleasant Valley Elementary School Project to provide for additional contingency for the Pleasant Valley Elementary School Project.

Was made by Councilor Paterna

Seconded by Councilor Evans

Councilor Paterna and Councilor Kozikowski spoke in favor of the transfer of funds. The motion passed unanimously.

As a Point of Order, Deputy Mayor King made a motion to move Item 17 Executive Session at 8:35 pm.

17. Executive Session

A.To Discuss Pending Litigation- (460 Miller Road) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b)(4) and § 1-200 (6)(E)

The following individuals were invited into Executive Session: Mayor Pendleton, Deputy Mayor King, Councilor Evans, Councilor Gamble, Councilor Koboski, Councilor Kozikowski, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Paterna, Assistant Town Manager Perry, Assistant Town Manager Roberts, Town Manager Maniscalco, and Town Attorney, Kari Olsen.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Regular Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2021.

Was made by Deputy Mayor King

Seconded by Councilor Paterna

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8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings continued

The motion passed unanimously with an amendment to the minutes for Item 13.I. Amendments made to the Resolution on December 6, 2021 Town Council meeting should be reflected in the minutes on the December 20, 2022 Resolution.

9. Communications from Liaisons, Officers, and Boards Directly Responsible to Council

Councilor Kozikowski reported on the December 14, 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and said that they continued a Public Hearing for text amendments and a modification to the Evergreen Walk General Plan to accommodate a new multi-family development that includes 165 new residential units. The Commission approved the modification of the existing daycare at Evergreen Walk to include a daycare and early childhood programming. They also approved a new Shake Shack Restaurant. On December 7, 2021 the Commission denied distribution and warehouse facility at 25 Talbot Lane and Governor's Highway.

10. Reports from Committees

None

13. New Business

E.Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Michael LeBlanc (R) from the Park and Recreation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Michael LeBlanc (R) from the Park and Recreation Commission, effective December 18, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council extends its thanks to Michael LeBlanc for the time he has dedicated to serving his community by his membership on the Park and Recreation Commission

Was made by Councilor Kozikowski
Seconded by Councilor Paterna
The motion passed unanimously

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11. Consent Agenda

[All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.]

Councilor Kozikowski recused himself because he is related to one of the persons being nominated for appointment.

Deputy Mayor King made a motion to move Item 11.A.a. and Item 11.A.b. off the consent agenda to New Business. Councilor Paterna seconded the motion
The motion carried with a roll call vote of 6 ayes and 2 nays.

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 11.a.C. through 11.a.G. as a First Reading on the Consent Agenda

a. First Reading

C. Resolution Appointing Kristen Kozikowski (R) as an Alternate to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Kristen Kozikowski (R) as an Alternate to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025, to fill the expired term of Michael Leblanc and postpone consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting

D. Resolution Reappointing Toby Lewis (R) to the Parks and Recreation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Toby Lewis (R) to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025,

E. Resolution Reappointing William Nowak (R) to the Parks and Recreation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints William Nowak (R) to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025,

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Consent Agenda continued

F. Resolution Reappointing Michael Kelly (R) to the Parks and Recreation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Michael Kelly (R) to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025,

G. Resolution Reappointing Renee Powell (R) to the Parks and Recreation Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Renee Powell (R) to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025,

Was made by Councilor Gamble
Seconded by Councilor Koboski
The motion passed unanimously

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 11.a.H. through 11.a.K. as a First Reading on the Consent Agenda

H.Resolution Reappointing Peter Anthony (D) to the Patriotic Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Peter Anthony (D) to the Patriotic Commission for a term ending December 31, 2024

I. Resolution Reappointing Elizabeth Burgess (D) to the Demolition Delay Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Elizabeth Burgess (D) to the Demolition Delay Committee for a term ending December 31, 2023

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Consent Agenda continued

J.Resolution Reappointing Daria Plummer (D) to the Patriotic Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Daria Plummer (D) to the Patriotic Commission for a term ending December 31, 2024

K.Resolution Reappointing Roger Anderson (D) to the Patriotic Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby reappoints Roger Anderson (D) to the Patriotic Commission for a term ending December 31, 2024

Was made by Councilor Lydecker
Seconded by Councilor Paterna
The motion passed unanimously

b.Second Reading

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 11.b.A through 11.b.B. as a Second Reading on the Consent Agenda

A.Resolution Appointing James Murray (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints James Murray (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending November 30, 2025, to fill the expired term of Thomas Ruby.

B.Resolution Appointing David Basile (D) an Alternate to the Water Pollution Control Authority

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints David Basile (D) an Alternate to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending November 30, 2023, to fill the expired term of Shawn Jacobaccio.

Was made by Councilor Evans
Seconded by Councilor Paterna
The motion passed unanimously

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c.Miscellaneous

None

12. Unfinished Business

A.Discussion Item: South Windsor Illicit Discharge Ordinance (*requested by Town Manager Michael Maniscalco-Vincent Stetson, Director of Public Works to be present to answer questions.*) *Previously discussed at the December 6, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting*

Mr. Maniscalco provided a different version from the Town of Lisbon that was recommended by the Town Attorney and asked how the Town Council wants to move forward.

Councilor Lydecker said that this addresses her concerns and said that a few small revisions to Section 10.b.1 as well as allowing the appeal into the Superior Court. Councilor Lydecker doesn't feel that they should be precluded to go up to the Superior Court as these are their homes. That should be added to the Ordinance.

Councilor Kozikowski asked if there is a State Statute that can be referenced that authorizes the Town to create this design enforcement agency and gives the police enforcement powers that are outlined in the ordinance. Mr. Doolittle, Town Engineer said that the Town is mandated to establish a storm water ordinance by the State Department of Environmental Protection MS4 (Municipal Storm Separate Sewer System Permit). That permit mandates the Town established legal authority to stop any illicit discharge.

Councilor Kozikowski referenced Section 4 Responsibility for administration and said that it references consultation with the First Selectman and asked if that would be considered the Town Manager with regard to the South Windsor ordinance. Mr. Maniscalco said that it would be changed to the Town Manager in the Town's ordinance. Councilor Kozikowski asked if participating in this enforcement agency add to the duties of the position and would it require a revision to their job descriptions. Mr. Maniscalco said it would be extra duties but they are already managing a lot of the MS4 duties so it wouldn't be a big impact. Mr. Maniscalco said that he would get back to the Council on that.

Councilor Kozikowski also referenced Section 8 Suspension of Storm Water Drainage MS4 Access which talks about suspending discharge access to individuals that violate the ordinance and asked for an example of when a power like this might be exercised. If the drainage was stopped, it could cause other problems in the area. Mr. Doolittle said the only reason they would use that section were to be if someone was connecting an illicit discharge such as a pollutant into the system because they are mandated to stop it so that the pollutant doesn't go into the stormwater system. They would stop up the

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pipes so it didn't go into the Town system. The resident would then be responsible for cleaning out the pollutant from their system.

Councilor Kozikowski asked how the ordinance compliment or conflict with the duties of the Wetlands Agency. Before any ordinance is written up for adoption, he would like to see written comments from the Inland/Wetlands Agency. Mr. Doolittle said that it is independent of the functions of the Wetlands Agency. It works in conjunction with them because the Wetlands Agency is responsible for protecting the wetland and water courses so this enhances that by preventing pollutants from getting in to the wetlands and watercourses.

Councilor Kozikowski asked Mr. Doolittle if they have the time and resources available to be able to comply with the enforcement requirements and schedules. Mr. Doolittle said that they don't have very many of these instances and don't expect to moving forward.

Under Section 15 Councilor Kozikowski said that the ordinance would be better suited if it defined who the enforcement officer is and how they are chosen. He feels it should be a third party. It shouldn't be someone on the enforcement agency.

Mr. Maniscalco said they will rework the ordinance and bring it back to the Council.

B.Discussion Item: ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Small Business Funding Grant (Requested by Councilor Paterna) *(Continued from the December 20, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting)*

Councilor Lydecker asked if the documents that were presented were samples from another Town. Mr. Maniscalco said that they are drafted from the Town of East Windsor's documents. Mr. Maniscalco answered questions from the Council and gave a quick overview on how the projects included in the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) projects can benefit the Town. Councilor Lydecker asked how this plan would be implemented and if Mr. Maniscalco had conversations with the Town of East Windsor about that. Mr. Maniscalco said that there is a report on the Town of East Windsor's website that shows the projects that were accepted and funded. It also has a narrative on how the program was implemented.

13. New Business

ITEM 11.a.A (moved from Consent Agenda to New Business)

A.Resolution Appointing Stephanie Weintraub (R) to the Public Building Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

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BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Stephanie Weintraub (R) to the Public Building Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025, to fill the expired term of Carol Kelley and postpone consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

Was made by Councilor Gamble

Was seconded by Councilor Koboski

Councilor Kozikowski, Councilor Koboski, and Councilor Gamble spoke in support of Ms. Weintraub's appointment to the Public Building Commission.

The motion failed with a roll call vote of 3 ayes and 6 nays.

B.Resolution Appointing Richard Balboni (R) as an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Richard Balboni (R) as an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending December 01, 2025, to fill the expired term of Megan Powell and postpone consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting

Was made by Councilor Gamble

Was seconded by Councilor Koboski

Councilor Koboski, Mr. Kozikowski, and Councilor Gamble spoke in support of Mr. Balboni's appointment as an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission

The motion failed with a roll call vote of 3 ayes and 6 nays.

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13. New Business

A.Resolution Approving the Transfer of \$2.8 Million Dollars from the Orchard Hill Elementary School, Philip R. Smith Elementary School, and Eli Terry Elementary School Projects to Pleasant Valley Elementary School Project.
(Councilor Paterna)

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13. New Business continued

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the transfer of \$1.2 million dollars of the Appropriated funds and any expended bond proceeds related thereto from the Orchard Hill Elementary School Project and \$1.6 million dollars of the appropriated funds and any expended bond proceeds related thereto from the Philip R. Smith Elementary School and Eli Terry Elementary School to the Pleasant Valley Elementary School Project to provide for additional contingency for the Pleasant Valley Elementary School Project.

Was made by Councilor Paterna
Was seconded by Councilor Evans
The motion passed unanimously

B.Resolution Setting a Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on the Transfer of \$77,500 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Account
(Councilor Koboski)

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby sets **Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers of the South Windsor Town Hall, 1540 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, Connecticut, as the time and place for a Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the transfer of \$77,500 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures Account to the Hazard Mitigation Capital Account to prepare the preliminary design plan and cost estimate.

Was made by Councilor Koboski
Was seconded by Councilor Paterna
The motion passed unanimously

C.Resolution Approving a Hazard Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$77,500 from Capital Improvements Projects Undesignated Nonrecurring Fund Balance to engage with Weston and Sampson to prepare a preliminary design plan and cost estimate and submit to FEMA/DEMHS the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application (Tabled from December 20, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting)

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WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor suffered negative impacts to its infrastructure during Hurricane Henri on August 22, 2021 with incidents on Chandler Drive, Sele Drive and Veterans Memorial Pool; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) is facilitating a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to assist Towns with mitigating risks to infrastructure in severe storm events like Hurricane Henri; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor has identified the impacts of Storm Henri to Town Infrastructure on Chandler Drive, Sele Drive and Veterans Memorial Pool as viable candidates for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor had conducted a Request for Proposals from our on-call engineering services to assist the Town in completing and submitting the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application; and

WHEREAS, the engineering consulting firm, Weston and Sampson has been identified as the firm of choice in assisting the Town of South Windsor in submitting the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application for the sum of \$77,500

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council authorizes the utilization of \$77,500 from Capital Improvements Projects Undesignated Nonrecurring Fund Balance to engage with Weston and Sampson to prepare a preliminary design plan and cost estimate and submit to FEMA/DEMHS the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco to sign any agreements necessary to develop this design plan and have it approved by the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Mayor Pendleton asked for a motion to postpone the Resolution to January 18th after the Public Hearing has been held.

Was Made by Councilor Kozikowski
Was seconded by Councilor Paterna
The motion passed unanimously

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13. New Business continued

D.Resolution Acknowledging January 6, 2022, as United Democracy Day in the Town of South Windsor
(Mayor Pendleton)

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council voted on February 1, 2021, to recognize our community's support for democracy throughout South Windsor; and

WHEREAS, democracy is the cornerstone of our laws for all communities around the country, and it is our democracy that unites us as a nation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor and its leaders are committed to guiding, fostering, and demonstrating peaceful and respectful communications among each other and in keeping the ideals of our country alive within our community; and

WHEREAS, it is this partnership with all of our citizens that keeps the ideals of our country and our community alive

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby commits to guiding, fostering, and demonstrating united democracy throughout our term in honor of South Windsor United Democracy Day, January 6, 2022.

Councilor Koboski spoke in opposition of the motion. Councilor Kozikowski also spoke in opposition of the motion.

Deputy Mayor King made a motion to suspend the rules to speak on personal privilege and why he did not vote in favor of the appointments of Ms. Weintraub and Mr. Balboni. Councilor Evans spoke on her reasons for opposing the appointments of Ms. Weintraub and Mr. Balboni.

Mayor Pendleton called for the discussion of Democracy Day. She said that a Resolution was made last year on February 1, 2021 to recognize Democracy Day annually and read the Resolution into the record. Mayor Pendleton also read her statements in to the record supporting the Resolution.

Mayor Pendleton called for a roll call vote. The motion passed with a vote of 6 ayes in favor and 3 nays in opposition to the motion.

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13. New Business continued

F. Resolution Approving a Refund of Taxes to Ten (10) South Windsor Taxpayers
(Councilor Lydecker)

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a refund of property taxes to ten (10) South Windsor Taxpayers, the total of said refunds being \$8,170.50 and as more fully described on attached **Exhibit A**.

Was made by Councilor Lydecker
Was seconded by Councilor Paterna
The motion passed unanimously

14. Passage of Ordinance

None

15. Public Input for Any Matter

Mr. Dan Edwards spoke on the International Day of Democracy and said that September 15th was marked by the United Nations as the United Day of Democracy. He feels this is a partisan issue and encourages the Council to go to the United Nations website.

Ms. Corrine Bordua spoke to the Deputy Mayor's remarks on personal privilege and acknowledged his reasons as valid but said she still stands by her statements. She also addressed her concerns with the Town Manager and use of cell phone during meetings. She also spoke about her concerns with Executive Order 13a and disagrees with the Town having the authority to institute a mask mandate in the Town.

16. Communications from Council

None

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18. Adjournment

At 10:04 p.m., Deputy Mayor King made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilor Paterna seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Senerth
Executive Assistant