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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Paterna called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

4. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Audrey Delnicki
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Matthew Riley

Others Present: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

After roll call was complete, Mayor Paterna recognized the South Windsor Public Works Department and formally designated May 19-25, 2019 as the Public Work Week in the Town of South Windsor. Mr. Michael Gantick, Director of Public Works, came forward to present individuals with awards. Aaron Associates received the Business Partner Award; Bill Marshal received the Citizen Award; and Tom Bjorkland, Gary Palmberg, Marco Mucciacciaro, and Vincent Stetson received the Richard Boudreault Public Works Award for National Public Works Week.

5. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

Mr. Galligan reported on the following items:

New Town Manager

Recently met with Michael Maniscalco to go over items so there will be a smooth transition. Mr. Maniscalco will begin work in South Windsor on July 15th. Mr. Galligan said he will stay on until August 2nd and would show the new Town Manager around and introduce him to different people in the community. Mr. Maniscalco was updated on projects that are being worked on as well as projects that will be coming his way. There were also discussions regarding succession planning.

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Pleasant Valley School Property Purchase

The contracts have been signed. The next step is to schedule the closing.

Purchase of DiLoreto Property

The DiLoreto property adjacent to the Public Works facility is scheduled for closing.

Budget

Thanked the Town Council for their support this year in producing an excellent budget. The teacher's pension issues at the State level will be monitored, as well as other issues including tolls and marijuana distribution facilities which could affect the taxpayers of South Windsor.

I-291 Corridor Project NDA

The non-disclosure agreement has been signed for a project that is being worked on in the I-291 Corridor. The agreement was redrafted by the Town Attorney. Information related to this project will have to be sent to the Council in confidential form or given in executive session.

Economic Development Incentive Program

A memorandum was sent to the Economic Development Commission. The policies and procedures for the Town's economic development incentive program need to be re-examined to make sure they are still appropriate to meet the current market demands. Once any program changes are adopted by the EDC, the changes will come to the Council for review and approval.

Mr. Galligan informed the Council that there would be a resolution regarding refunding bonds coming to the Council at the next meeting on June 3rd. Savings over twelve years will be approximately \$500,000 in interest costs. If this can be done right away, there will be savings in next year's budget of \$75,000 in interest costs and years after that, the savings will be between \$42,000 to \$43,000.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that he is writing everything down that he feels the new Town Manger will need to know regarding outstanding projects. The two Assistant Town Managers will also be available to

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answer any questions he may have. Mr. Galligan stated that he did discuss with Mr. Maniscalco issues of concern, items regarding the budget, and succession planning for the future. Technology is not part of the tax abatements. Personal property is taxed, and the Assessor's Office has a process to keep track of personal property. The non-disclosure agreement for the I-291 Corridor project will end when the project is announced. It is hopeful that the project will be announced by September 1st. The reissuing of bonds that is proposed to be done will save the Town approximately \$500,000 in interest. The Tax Incentive Program will be reviewed to see if the Town should do any updates to it. The Town should stay competitive in the market in order to attract business to South Windsor. The Ridge Road and Deming Street drainage projects are ready to go and should begin any time.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton requested that a list of vacant buildings be put on the Town website.

6. Public Input (Items Not on the Agenda)

Mr. Billy Carroll, 188 Scott Drive, publicly thanked the Patriotic Commission, Public Works, Parks and Recreation Department, and the Police Department for the fantastic Armed Forces Day. Mr. Carroll stated that he was really impressed with the Police Departments plan of evacuation because it was really smooth. Memorial Day Parade is coming up this Monday and will start at 10:00 a.m. on Satellite Road and end at VMP.

Mr. Toby Lewis, 32 Linda Lane, came forward and informed the Council that his dog has been chased by a coyote. Mr. Lewis said he would like to have a future discussion regarding this issue

Mr. Robert Dickinson, 19 Birch Road, stated that speeding problems on residential roads have been brought up at previous meetings and he would like to see the Council ask the State for the right for photo enforcement of speed, stop signs, and traffic signals with a maximum fine of \$25.00. The Town cannot afford to put police on the residential streets trying to enforce speed limits. Photo enforcement is there all of the time, so when people realize it is there, they will respect the neighborhood.

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7. 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: Special Budget Work Session Minutes of April 17, 2019.

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 with Councilor Delnicki and Councilor Lydecker abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Special Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2019.

Was made by Councilor Snyder

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 with Councilor Delnicki and Mayor Paterna abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minute of the following Town Council Meeting: Special Budget Work Session Minutes of May 1, 2019.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion failed on a roll call vote of 4 to 0 with Councilor Delnicki, Councilor Hockenberry, and Councilor Lopez abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2019.

Was made by Councilor Snyder

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6 to 0 with Councilor Delnicki abstaining.

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8. Public Petitions

None

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

Councilor Snyder reported that she had attended the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. At that meeting, the 8-24 referrals from the Town Council for Eli Terry and Philip R. Smith were approved. The application for Educational Playcare was denied. The Special Exception application for Porter's Hill was approved, and there was approval of a five-year renewal for a plan modification for Mitchell Excavation on the corner of Sullivan Avenue and Ellington Road.

10. Reports from Standing Committees

None

11. Reports from Temporary Committees

None

12. Public Participation (Items on the Agenda)

Mr. Robert Dickinson, 19 Birch Road, felt that in no way should more bonds be issued on the State level for maintenance or rebuilding of the State's present transportation infrastructure. The best choice, at this time, to raise money for transportation would be to update the gas tax for inflation and use it only for transportation. Addressing the issue regarding tolls, Mr. Dickinson stated he does not prefer diverting traffic onto local roads and feels it could be eliminated by properly positioning the toll booths. Mr. Dickinson then stated that he feels it is important for the State to allow local governments the ability to institute photo enforcement, which would ensure that speed, stop lights, and stop sign laws are enforced.

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12. Public Participation (Items on the Agenda) (Continued)

Mrs. Stephanie Dexter, 15 Larkspur Lane, stated she was present to support the resolution opposing the installation of tolls on State roads. A clear message needs to be sent to Hartford that South Windsor does not support another tax until there is a clear plan to reduce spending.

Mr. Toby Lewis, 32 Linda Lane, stated he was also present tonight to support the opposition of putting tolls on State roads. There has been no accountability as to what has been done in the past with the transportation funds that were supposed to take care of State roads, and no more money should be allocated until there is some accountability.

Mrs. Kathy Hale, 54 Orchard Hill Drive, stated that she is opposed to Item 15. K. on the agenda which opposes the installation of tolls on State roads. Mrs. Hale explained that tolls impose the cost on the people who are getting the service and is fairer than taxing the taxpayers or bonding, which is just delayed taxing on taxpayers. Mrs. Hale said she firmly believes that tolls are the way to get out of State users to pick up part of the burden and to produce better roads.

Mr. Billy Carroll, 188 Scott Drive, came forward and stated that he is here to support the opposition of tolls on State roads and believes this is another new tax that is being placed onto the citizens of Connecticut. The State of Connecticut needs to focus on cutting spending instead of taxing our residents.

Mr. Roy Normen, Homestead Drive, stated that he is opposed to the installation of tolls on State roads. The Legislature robbed the transportation account and caused the current problem. The gas tax money should have been going into the transportation fund and covering some of the cost.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Paterna recessed the Regular Meeting in order to hold a public hearing. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

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13. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda Items 15. A. (*) through 15. B. (*) as the Consent Agenda.

Was made by Councilor Lydecker
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
The motion was approved, unanimously

15. New Business

- *A. Resolution Appointing Sandra Reault (D) to the South Windsor Alliance for Families 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 Sandra Reault (D) to the South Windsor Alliance for Families for a term ending September 1, 2019, to fill the expired term of Anthony Duarte and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

- *B. Resolution Appointing John Pelkey (D) an Alternate to the Park & 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 John Pelkey (D) an Alternate to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2021, to fill an unexpired vacancy and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

(Approved by Consent Agenda)

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14. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution Appointing a Rate Maker for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager, as Rate Maker for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion was approved, unanimously

15. New Business (Continued)

C. Discussion Item: Traffic Calming Policy (*Jeff Doolittle, Town Engineer to be present*)

Mr. Mike Gantick, Director of Public Works explained that the Town has reached a point where there is more than normal people who are expressing concerns on traffic-related issues in some of the neighborhoods, so Town staff developed a Traffic Calming Policy with input from the Safety Circuit Writer at UConn and the Town's Local Roads Safety Committee.

Mr. Jeff Doolittle, Town Engineer, came before the Council and reviewed the policy and steps that would be taken if there were complaints.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Doolittle explained that if there were two or more traffic calming projects that are ready to go, the guideline in this policy would be used to prioritize which project would go first. If there is a complaint by a resident, after the initial staff review, traffic enforcement, if warranted, and education, any resident wishing to have the Town consider having a Traffic Calming Study done, is required to fill out the Neighborhood Study Request Form which must be returned with at least 50% signatures representing the number of homes on the street or in the area that is affected. The duration of the process will depend on how complicated the traffic issue

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is, how much data is needed to be gathered, how responsive the neighbors are, and how quickly the Town can work with the neighbors. The Local Safety Committee is made up of representatives from the Police Department, Public Works Department, Engineering Department, Planning Department, Fire Department, and the Board of Education. A dollar amount cannot be established on a project until after the problem is determined, but a range of \$15,000 to \$40,000 has been estimated. All projects will be designed following ADA Guidelines.

Council members requested that a public hearing be held in order to hear from the public before a resolution is brought before the Council.

D. Discussion Item: The Energy Committee's Letter and Proposed Resolution

Mr. Steve Wagner, Chairman of the Energy Committee, came before the Council and explained that the resolution that the Energy Committee would like the Council to approve is to encourage the Legislature to engage in a policy that favors carbon reduction.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Wagner explained that the resolution is to encourage the Legislature to create a regional policy. The resolution that was sent to the Council was drafted by the Energy Committee.

E. Discussion Item: Glass Recycling (*requested by Mayor Paterna*) (*Tony Manfre, Superintendent of Pollution Control to be present*)

Mayor Paterna explained that he has requested that this be on the agenda so that the Council could explore doing glass recycling since the Town has one of the largest glass recycling plants in the North-Central Connecticut area.

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Mr. Tony Manfre, Superintendent of Pollution Control, explained that the Town currently receives a \$5.00 rebate per ton for the recycling and that on an annual basis attributes to approximately \$30,000 in revenue. The Town has looked at adding additional routes to recycling such as weekly recycling. If the Town were going to separate and do curbside glass recycling as a separate route, it has been quoted to be an additional \$200,000 to the budget. There has also been discussion with SMI about partnering with them to potentially to take some of the residential glass to them or to put out some dumpsters that they could collect. They were not interested in that because with residential glass there is contamination consisting of food particles, plastics, and grease. The original driving force behind trying to remove glass out of the single-stream recycling was due to contamination. If the glass breaks it gets mixed in with the papers and the plastics. Mr. Manfre stated that there is no financial benefit for the Town, and if the Town did a put a dumpster at the Town Garage, there are security issues and no oversight.

F. Resolution Approving a Transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Contingency Account to the Wood Memorial Account

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Contingency Account to the Wood Memorial Library Account to cover costs associated with the Wood Memorial Library budget.

Was made by Councilor Lydecker
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
The motion was approved, unanimously

G. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign a Five (5) Year Contract Extension with All American Waste, LLC

WHEREAS, the Town has negotiated favorable terms with All American Waste, LLC for a five (5) year contract extension; and

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WHEREAS, All American Waste shall properly collect, transport, and dispose of all residential municipal solid waste and recyclables collected in South Windsor per the original executed seven (7) year contract dated May 11, 2009, and an executed three (3) year contract extension with certain conditions as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, an increase in unit costs during the first, third, and fifth years based upon a Consumer Price Index adjustment not to exceed 3%; and

WHEREAS, All American Waste and Murphy Road Recycling shall agree to a municipal solid waste (MSW) charge of \$73 per ton and a single stream recycling rebate of \$5 per ton for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 with the extension of the All American Waste collection agreement; and

WHEREAS, Murphy Road Recycling shall negotiate, in good faith, extensions to the disposal agreement at rates not to exceed MIRA long-term market rates in effect during the term of the agreement. All other conditions would remain the same

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign a five (5) year contract extension with All American Waste, LLC for the curbside collection of residential refuse and recyclables.

Was made by Councilor Delnicki
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Mr. Galligan explained to the Council that any adjustments that are made to the contract could not exceed 3%. All American Waste is probably the only company that will give the Town the \$5 per ton rebate on recyclables. Previously the Town was paying \$71.00 per ton, and in this contract, the Town will be paying \$73.00 per ton.

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Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that the Town's recycling program allows the Town to devise other methods to recycle items. The Town currently recycles clothing which is separate from this program. This recycling program works for the Town, and American Waste works well with the Town.

Mr. Tony Manfre, Superintendent of Pollution Control, informed the Council that All American Waste has been supportive of any program the Town wants to implement. They have the best customer service and have guaranteed not to exceed MIRA. Mr. Manfre explained to the Council that the pink bags are only picked up on the same day as the recycling.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

H. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Contribute \$2,000 to South Windsor High School's 2019 "Operation Graduation Fund"

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan, to contribute \$2,000 to South Windsor High School's 2019 "Operation Graduation Fund," said funds to be taken out of the Town Manger's Professional Account.

Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

Councilor Snyder explained that Operation Graduation has been around since 1987, and has been a successful event. It costs \$25,000 to \$28,000 to put this event on, and the graduates are safe.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it was approved, unanimously.

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15. New Business (*Continued*)

I. Discussion Item: Management Employees 457 Accounts (requested by Mayor Paterna)

Mayor Paterna explained that during the budget deliberations, there was \$50,000 put into the budget to cover expenses for funds to be put towards a 457 Account for management employees. The Council members have received four options and need to decide how the funds will be allocated. The most expensive option would cost \$38,500.

Councilor Snyder stated that after reviewing the different options, as shown in attached **Exhibit A**, she feels that an employee should not receive this benefit until they have been employed by the Town for five years.

Councilor Hockenberry disagreed, stating that she feels an employee should receive this benefit after their first year of employment. This will thank each employee for their hard work during the year.

Mr. Galligan stated that as the Council knows, the Town does not pay for health care costs for employees who retires. The employees used to have an Employee Health Savings Account, which was an account that they would contribute funds into for future health care costs. There were legal ramifications with the account, and it was eliminated. Mr. Galligan said he recommends option four because it will help each employee save for future costs of health care for their retirement.

Mayor Paterna stated that Council members should review the options and it will be voted on at the first meeting in June.

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J. Discussion Item: Installation of Tolls on State Roads

Mayor Paterna began discussions stating that the Council is being asked to vote on a resolution tonight without having any prior discussions as has been the recommendation of Council members previously. Mayor Paterna felt that there are two alternatives. One is to do nothing and hope that our roads will be safe in the future, and the second is to present a plan. The plan presented at this time is to borrow money which would have to be paid for over twenty years. It would be a tax on Connecticut residents only and Connecticut residents are not the only ones using the roads. If tolls are installed, 30% to 40% of the toll money being collected to repair roads will come from out of State drivers. Mayor Paterna felt that the Council should hear from the public before voting on a resolution opposing tolls on State roads.

Councilor Hockenberry stated that she feels a discussion should be held before a resolution is acted on. Councilor Hockenberry informed the Council and public that any money that is air marked for transportation is protected by a lockbox. Not enough facts have been shared about this issue, and there need to be more discussions held. Some facts are that there are over 330 bridges in the State of Connecticut that need maintenance and all of Connecticut's neighboring States have tolls except Vermont.

Councilor Snyder stated that the intent of the resolution being brought forward was to inform the Town's State Legislators South Windsor's position based on public input. The administrative costs associated with tolls is very costly. Councilor Snyder voiced concern about the funds that are produced being put into highway infrastructure. The Legislature can divert money before it goes into the lockbox. The State needs to reduce its expenditures so that money can be used for what is needed. Over the next few years, if the gas tax were properly accounted for, it could make a dramatic difference, and then anyone who is fueling their vehicle in Connecticut and driving on the roads will be paying for the infrastructure. If tolls are installed, the people that will be paying the most are the residents of Connecticut.

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Councilor Lopez reported that according to the Federal Highway Administration, there is about 4,270 bridges in Connecticut. The number of bridges in fair condition are 2,734 and 308 are in very poor condition. Bad bridges cause accidents. Further research shows that 51% of Bridgeport's roads are deteriorated, New Haven has 42% of their roads that are deteriorated, and Hartford has 38%. The longer roads and bridges are not in good conditions, the more the risks there are out there. Councilor Lopez stated that something needs to be done.

Councilor Delnicki explained that the Governor's latest proposal has less toll booth gantries than his original proposal, but he is requesting the same dollar amount. This new proposal will cost more per mile than what was originally proposed. Toll booths will create congestions and increase of traffic on local roads.

Mayor Paterna stated that there seems to be a lot of unanswered questions, and he feels that there should be a public discussion with the Town's Legislators.

Councilor Lydecker stated that it is her job to vote in the best interest of the citizens of South Windsor and without hearing from the public, it is impossible to know what the majority of our citizens want. Councilor Lydecker said she is not comfortable voting on a resolution tonight.

K. Resolution Opposing the Installation of Tolls on State Roads

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council believes that the implementation of tolls on Connecticut highways would result in increased traffic on secondary roads in the Town of South Windsor with motorists attempting to bypass the tolls; and

WHEREAS, the Council further believes the increased traffic on secondary roads would affect the quality of life of South Windsor residents in numerous ways, including:

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1. An increase of heavy-duty commercial vehicles and tractor-trailer truck presence encroaching on our scenic New England community, negatively impacting the Town's character and atmosphere and subjecting streets to increased damage, maintenance, and repair costs resulting in an increased tax burden;
2. Crowding of secondary roads will support an increase in traffic accidents, and disruption of the pedestrian enjoyment in the around the roads affected;
3. Traffic congestion from increased vehicles and accidents may cause safety concerns and compromise public safety to the taxpayers of the Town of South Windsor.

WHEREAS, the Governor and many members of the State Legislature have signaled support for the placement of tolls on Connecticut major highways; and

WHEREAS, many residents of South Windsor use Interstates 84, 91, 291, and Route 15 each day for work, family obligations, and pleasure to travel to surrounding towns and cities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of tolls will naturally result in added costs for products purchased by residents of South Windsor; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Connecticut already pay more in taxes and fees than many residents in other states around the country

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby declares its opposition to the implementation of tolls on state highways and urges its elected representatives in the State Legislature to oppose any measure that would impose tolls on our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby submits this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Legislature.

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Was made by Councilor Snyder
Seconded by Councilor Delnicki

Councilor Snyder read into the records a statement from Councilor Riley, as shown in attached **Exhibit B**. Councilor Snyder read two emails into the record, as shown in attached **Exhibit C** and **Exhibit D**.

Councilor Lydecker made a motion to postpone this resolution indefinitely. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion; and the motion passed on a roll call vote of 5 to 2 with Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lydecker, and Councilor Lopez voted in favor of postponing this resolution indefinitely; and Councilor Delnicki and Councilor Snyder voted in opposition of postponing this resolution indefinitely

L. Discussion Item: Establishment of a Local and Regional Shared Services Committee *(requested by Mayor Paterna)*

Mayor Paterna explained that he had asked for this discussion item and then requested the Town Manager to review the shared services that the Town presently does.

Mr. Galligan reported on the different shared services throughout Town. There are three areas that the Town and Board of Education do not share services, which are the Finance Department, Building Maintenance Department, and IT Department. The Town is going to be putting fiber network in which will also connect Wapping School, so the school district will be able to use that fiber at the high school to upgrade their fiber. Mr. Galligan then reported on some of the items that South Windsor does on a regional basis and stated that he feels dispatch, busing, and healthcare are other areas that could be looked at to do on a regional basis.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that there are three Towns that bid out their prescription drugs together out of their healthcare.

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Mayor Paterna stated that in the future, he would like to establish a Committee that would review local and regional shared services.

16. Passage of Ordinance

None

17. Public Input/Participation (Any Matter)

None

18. Communications and Petitions from Council

Councilor members decided to cancel the June 17, 2019, Town Council Meeting to allow Council members to attend the South Windsor High School Graduation. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

Mayor Paterna informed the Council and public that on May 30, 2019, there will be a forum held regarding beavers at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilor Delnicki requested that on the next Town Council agenda there be a resolution to set a public hearing regarding tolls.

Mayor Paterna reported that on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a First Responders Breakfast from 6:00 a.m. to about 9:00 a.m. at Dunkin Donuts on Sullivan Avenue.

Mr. Galligan stated that on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, anyone who eats at the Flatbread Company, a certain portion of the bill would be donated to the South Windsor Food and Fuel Bank.

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19. Executive Session

At 8:32 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending claims and litigation (Broadridge) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210(b)(4) and §1-200 (6)(E). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.


The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Paterna, Deputy Mayor Pendleton, Councilor Hockenberry, Councilor Lopez, Councilor Lydecker, Councilor Maneeley, Councilor Riley, Councilor Snyder, and Town Manager Matthew B. Galligan.

At 8:55 p.m. Councilor Maneeley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

20. Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m. Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

Exhibit A

Attached is an Excel document with the breakdowns. Each sheet coincides with the below schedules:

Option 1 – Total Cost \$35,500

1-3 Years - \$250
4-7 Years - \$500
8-14 Years - \$750
15+ Years - \$1,000

Option 2 – Total Cost \$27,250

1-4 years - \$0
5-9 Years - \$500
10-14 Years - \$750
15+ Years - \$1,000

Option 3 – Total Cost \$32,750

1-4 years - \$0
5-9 Years - \$500
10-14 Years - \$750
15-19 Years - \$1,000
20+ Years - \$1,500

Option 4 - Total Cost \$38,500

1-4 years - \$250
5-9 Years - \$500
10-14 Years - \$750
15-19 Years - \$1,000
20+ Years - \$1,500

Big City Democrats in Hartford need a lesson in economics - basic economics.

Exhibit B

First they over taxed the truly wealthy - and the truly wealthy left - the working took their phones and laptops and relocated - the retired took their savings and are now spending money in low tax states like Florida, Texas and New Hampshire. They aren't paying taxes here - and they aren't fueling the economy by spending here.

Now they've raised the minimum wage. Companies who are headquartered here have been expanding elsewhere for many years - but now these companies are planning on moving existing operations to other states - it's too expensive to conduct business here. Waterbury based Forum Plastics just announced that they will be reducing staff and will ultimately be moving out of state - taking 150 jobs with them. Because it's too expensive here.

What the Big City Democrats fail to see is that they need to create a state where the wealthy and businesses - the job creators - find it economically attractive to stay and expand. That is the way for the STATE to expand it's revenue. BASIC ECONOMICS.

But instead of enhancing the business climate - reducing spending and the tax burden - they are now looking to add one more blow to the State's economy by adding tolls. A tax on every individual - a tax on every business.

Warren Buffet and Charlie Munger both recently singled out Connecticut as one of the worst states for the wealthy to live in and for companies to conduct business in. Perhaps our "leaders" in Hartford need to listen - it's time to reduce spending - time to reduce taxation - time to say no to tolls and yes to our residents and businesses.

Exhibit B

Reid, Deborah

Exhibit C

From: tom murtha <tommurtha@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:27 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Tolls

SW elected officials,

Please oppose tolls .

The answer isn't tolls or borrowing.

The answer is cutting the size of Government , starting with the high paid patronage commissioners & managers along with independent efficiency analyses of workload compared to the private sector.

Plus we must stop overtime being included in pension calculations

Tom Murtha
26 Marty Lane

Reid, Deborah

Exhibit D

From: Alan Platteis <aplatteis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Tolls

Councilors: I understand the council will vote against tolls Monday. Please be advised that my wife and I are in favor of tolls as recently modified and explained by Governor Lamont.

Any vote you take does not reflect our position and you should so state that not all residents take your position.

Thank you for your representation of all of our interests.

Alan M. Platteis
71 Quarry Brook Dr.
South Windsor, Ct 06074

Sent from my iPhone