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TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

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 Phillip Koboski
Councilor Marek Kozikowski
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker

Others Present:

Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Vanessa Perry, Town Manager/Director of H.R.

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Pendleton reminded members of the audience that there was a public hearing scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022, for the purposes of receiving citizen input on the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$100,370 from the Capital Non-Recurring Account to the Women's Police Department Locker Room Account and that members of the public could use the sign-up sheet located in the back of Council chambers to speak during public input and at the Public Hearing.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Lopez made a motion to adopt the April 4, 2022 agenda. Deputy Mayor King made a motion to move Items 17 a. and 17c. (Discussion of a Personnel Matter regarding the Clerk of the Council Position) and (Discussion of RFP for the Town Attorney) to after Item 7 (Public Input for items on the Agenda). Councilor Paterna seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **MOTION CARRIES.**

6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager

- Town Manager Michael Maniscalco reported that there was a fairly sizable sinkhole occurring on Route 5 and South Satellite Road and that the Town has been working with the State Department of Transportation to find a solution to having the sinkhole repaired. Mr. Maniscalco is expecting repairs

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to be made this summer and residents could expect potentially impact traffic as repairs are made.

6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager (Continued)

- Mr. Maniscalco informed members of the Council that he had a meeting with the commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), along with four other municipalities to talk about Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), due to the fact that the Materials Innovation & Recycling Authority (MIRA) which is responsible for solid waste removal for South Windsor is expected to close down. Discussion has taken place with the commissioner on where MSW would be going in the future and whether that would be burning it to possibly turn it into energy or by turning it into some type of compostable material and that they are also going to be looking for favorable locations for a new type of MSW facility. Mr. Maniscalco indicated that the Town of South Windsor had a long-term contract with All American Waster which is responsible for the transportation of MSW and that the fee for MSW is already contractually obligated. Mr. Maniscalco also informed members of the Council that he felt a plan of action should be created to begin planning 10-years out to ensure that the town of South Windsor would not see a sudden increase in fees to remove MSW.
- Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the traffic light of One Buckland Road which is a traffic light being put in by the developer to allow for a left-hand turn to the shopping plaza which was sorely needed.
- Mr. Maniscalco informed members of the Council that a letter had been received regarding the Rye Street Park cleanup and that the resident that sent the letter had been communicated with by staff. Mr. Maniscalco informed members that the cleanup would include, field seating, cleaning up deadwood, installing a temporary wood railing at the pond, clearing stumps at the entrance, planting flowers at the sign, constructing pickleball and deck hockey courts this spring; of the baseball fields for the Adult League baseball fields and renovations of the bike trails.
- Lastly, Mr. Maniscalco provided an update regarding collections and that he was very pleased to announce that overall, the collection rate was at 99.04% and that at this time last year the collection rate was 98.89%.

Answering questions from the Council, Town Manager Maniscalco explained that the Town of South Windsor was back in the Red category regarding COVID-19 cases and that a lot of the protocols from the State Department of Public Health have

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changed significantly over the past week or so as the State shifts from a "pandemic" to an "endemic".

6. Communications and Reports from Town Manager (Continued)

Mayor Pendleton requested that Town Manager Maniscalco coordinate a meeting between the Town Council, Board of Education, Planning & Zoning, and the Inland Wetlands Agency to discuss the Town budget and the impact of departmental budgets on the mill rate, and what steps can be taken to come up with smart planning to present the best budget and what can be done to help sustain the town.

7. Public Input

Tom Dillon (*34 Barber Hill Road*) stated he wanted to talk about agenda item 11a. and that it had been stated by several members of the Town Council that they have a duty to make appointments to the various boards and commissions and that we need to be having the appropriate people to fill positions. Mr. Dillon went on to say that he felt it was important to be electing and appointing members to the various boards/ commissions with a level head on their shoulders and that members of the board/ commissions cannot use their position of authority to gain personal favors. Mr. Dillon explained that he felt that neither party should be using their position to hold up appointments of the opposing party.

Audrey Delnicki (*130 Felt Road*) reminded members of the community that the month of April was Parkinson's awareness month and is an opportunity to increase awareness about the ailment and symptoms as well as to show support for the victims. Parkinson's is a long-term disorder that affects a person's central nervous system and not only affects the individual who has the disease, but also the caregiver. In 2005 the Tulip was adopted as the official symbol of Parkinson's disease at the 9th world disease day conference in Luxembourg, however, the Tulip had widely been associated with the disease prior to its adoption. Ms. Delnicki asked members of the community to kindly wear a purple ribbon on April 11th to show support for the victims or a caregiver. Ms. Delnicki informed members of the Town Council that she wanted to speak in regards to item 11a concerning appointments to boards and commissions. Ms. Delnicki informed members of the Town Council about her disappointment about not being appointed as a member of the Inland and Wetlands Commission as an alternate member and that not one Town Council member from the majority party had reached out to her regarding her appointment. Ms. Delnicki went on to inform members of the Town Council that she believes that she has impeccable qualifications to serve as a member of the Inland and Wetlands commission as she had previously served for 19 years, 4 months, and 10 days as a full-time commission member.

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Dan Edwards (131 Hilton Drive) raised concern about item A (adoption of minutes of previous meetings) and that he felt there was a disinformation campaign by a high-ranking member of the Town Council.

ITEM:

7. Public Input (Continued)

Richard Balboni (23 Debbie Drive) addressed members of the Town Council regarding agenda item # 11 a. A. and that he wishes Damian Humphrey the best of luck as he has only heard good things. Mr. Balboni expressed concern and disappointment regarding his rejection to serve as an alternate on the Planning & Zoning Commission and the republic appointment to the Public Building Committee and the Economic Development Committee and that he is trying to understand the decision of the Town Council. Mr. Balboni went on to express frustration and disappointment regarding comments that have been made on the South Windsor Democratic Facebook page regarding his character, and public behavior. Mr. Balboni respectfully requested members of the Town Council to inform him on how he can improve and be accepted as a member of a board and commission.

17. Executive Session (MOVED)

(Please invite Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco, Assistant Town Manager, Mrs. Perry, Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Roberts, and any other appropriate personnel deemed necessary.)

Deputy Mayor King made a motion to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing agenda item 17a. and 17c. a Personnel Matter (Position of the Clerk of the Council) and to Discuss the RFP for the Town Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lydecker and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Was made by Councilor Deputy Mayor King
Seconded by Councilor Lydecker
The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Council Koboski made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2022.

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The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor King and the motion passed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Councilors Koboski, Lopez, Mayor Pendleton, Deputy Mayor King, Kozikowski) and 1 abstention (Councilor Lydecker). **MOTION CARRIES.**

Council Koboski made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Board of Education and Town Council Joint Budget Work Session of March 23, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor King and the motion passed by a roll call vote unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

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

Councilor Kozikowski reported to members of the Town Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on March 22, 2022, to discuss a proposed amendment on a moratorium regarding warehouse and truck terminals for one year which would prohibit the submission of an application for those two uses in town.

Councilor Kozikowski informed members of the Town Council that the Strategic Planning Committee was able to meet for the first time and get acquainted with each other and that members of the Strategic Planning committee began developing a framework of the next Strategic Plan was going to entail.

Councilors Evans submitted a written report to update members of the Town Councils regarding the Human Relations Committee and Mayor Pendleton invited Linda Jeski to give a more detailed report. Ms. Jeski reported to members of the Town Council that the Human Services Committee was working on yard signs available to residents to show support for the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and if residents would like to sign up to receive a sign that they would need to go to the Human Relations Facebook page and send a message. There are only 25 available and they are first come first serve.

Mayor Pendleton updated members of the Town Council regarding the Social Justice & Racial Equity, and the Arts Commission are looking for membership and that if residents are interested that interested parties should reach out to any member of the Town Council or by calling the Town Managers office. Interested parties do not have to be affiliated with a particular party, however, if interested parties do not come forward the Council would need to reconsider the ordinances that created these respective boards and commissions to make appropriate adjustments to make them viable for the residents.

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10. Reports from Committees

Mayor Pendleton provided members of the Town Council with an update regarding the Park and Recreation Facilities Implementation and planning committee met on March 24, 2022, to review the information requested from and provided by Molly Keays and that they plan to meet again on April 14, 2022, to tour the Old Orchard Hill School and continue the discussion. Members of the Park and Recreation Facilities Implementation and planning committee are planning to attend the Town Council meeting on April 18, 2022, to update the Council.

Mayor Pendleton provided members of the Town Council with an update regarding the Naming Committee and informed members that the John J. Mitchell sign had been installed at the Fair Grounds of Rye Street Park and that a dedication ceremony was held on March 29, 2022, for his many years of service and dedication to the Town of South Windsor.

11. Consent Agenda

Councilor Lopez made a motion to approve Agenda Items 11.a.A. as a First Reading on the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor King seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. **MOTION CARRIES.**

a. First Reading

A. Resolution Appointing Damian Humphrey (D) to the Mass Transit & Highway Advisory Commission 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 Damian Humphrey (D) for a term ending November 30, 2023, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting

b. Second Reading
None

c. Miscellaneous
None

ITEM:

12. Unfinished Business

None

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13. New Business

A. Resolution Appointing Scott Nolan as Clerk of the Council

Mayor Pendleton moved for the Adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Scott Nolan As Clerk of the Council for a term ending November 13, 2023, to fill the unexpired term of Dominica Zdonek

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council approves a salary of \$58,000 and benefits associated with the Non-Bargaining Unit Members Fringe Benefit Description for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 through 2022/2023

Deputy Mayor King seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. **MOTION CARRIES.**

ITEM:

13. New Business (Continued)

B. Discussion Item: General Government Budget (Building, Finance, Planning, and Public Works to be present)

Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the Building Department and that the total budget was \$365,203 which is an increase of \$66,706 and that Ken Rich the Town's Building Official was present and available to answer questions from the Council. Mr. Rich explained to members of the Town Council that the reason for the budget increase was that the department didn't previously have a line item for the scanning of records and that records would include all documents in a street file and for building plans which are saved for the life of the building.

Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the Finance Department Budget and invited Patricia Perry the Director of Finance to present the Finance Department Budget (Assessors Office, Collector of Revenue, and the Finance Department) and explained to members of the Town Council that she would be presenting the department budgets for the Assessor's office which the overall budget has increased \$7,900 due to contractual salary increases and pricing guideline books for motor vehicle.

Ms. Patricia Perry presented to members of the Council that the Collector of Revenue budget is increasing by \$3,200 due to the printing of tax bills and delinquent statements. Ms. Perry noted that there was a decrease in salaries to help offset the increase.

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Ms. Patricia Perry presented to members of the Council the Finance Office budget and explained to members that there was actually a decrease of over \$7,700 in the budget due to some employee changes in the Finance office.

Ms. Perry answering questions from the Council went on to explain that the Collector of Revenue's office did not have the option to move to a paperless or online billing system due to statutory requirements, however, the Collector of Revenue's office does only print bills once a year.

Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the Planning Department that the overall department budget is \$306,479 and a reported decrease of \$5,049 because of the affordable housing plan which is no longer being funded as it has been completed. Michele Lipe was available to answer questions.

Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the Engineering Department on the Public Works Department budget and reported that the overall department budget was \$448,420 which is a decrease of \$62,680 due to a transfer of one of the employees as a GIS analyst to the IT department. Vincent Stetson the Director of Public Works and staff were present to answer questions from the Town Council.

Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the Street Services budget which is \$3,328,417 an overall increase of \$166,973. The reported increases are due to contractual raises along with an additional request of \$50,000 for the purposes of vegetation management for Avery Brook. Marco Mucciacciaro was available to answer questions from the Town Council.

Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the Fleet Services with a total budget of \$1,108,106 an increase of \$61,287 widely due to an increase in fuel costs along with the installation of dual-facing cameras in town vehicles. Chuck Marshall was available to answer questions.

Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the Public Buildings Division with a total budget of \$1986,462 and a requested increase of \$20,377 mostly due to maintenance contracts and utilities. Clay Major was available to answer questions from the Town Council.

Answering questions from the Town Council, Mr. Majors explained that the Public Buildings Division had received information regarding the sprinkler system from one of the Fire Department buildings from Connecticut Water. Mr. Maniscalco further explained that once the bills from Connecticut Water were received that they could be broken down to verify the charges.

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Mr. Maniscalco updated members of the Council on the Refuse and Disposals Office budget Mr. Maniscalco informed members that the total budget was \$2,415,820 and an increase of \$820 due to contractual obligations. Anthony Manfre, Superintendent of Pollution Control was available to answer questions from the Council.

ITEM:

13. New Business (Continued)

C. Discussion Item: Potential Amendment to Local Preference Ordinance

Councilor Kozikowski informed members of the Town Council that there was recently a situation where a local farmer had a lease to farm land that was owned by the town of South Windsor and that the lease was going up and that the land in which was leased was going up for an RFP for a new five-year lease and there were multiple bids on this piece of land. The town manager awarded the bid to the highest possible bidder and unfortunately, the person that won the bid was not the person that had been farming the land for the last five years and probably the last five decades before. Councilor Kozikowski went on to inform members of the Town Council that the town manager's staff had performed some research and determined what happened and they provided some information based on what the process was and that the town manager acted appropriately and awarded the bid to the correct business per the guidelines. Councilor Kozikowski went on to inform members of the Town Council that local agriculture has a history in his family life and that he is an advocate for local agriculture. After reviewing the current local Preference Ordinance Councilor Kozikowski believes that he would like to help this situation from occurring again and that in conversations with Town Manager it was discovered that we can only allow local bid preference to local businesses that are looking to do a job for the Town.

Councilor Kozikowski explained in further detail that the current ordinance allows local bid preferences to local businesses that are looking to do a job for the Town and what typically happens is if the town goes out to RFP it would go to the lowest bidder and what the existing ordinance allows for is if there is a local bidder it can be 3% higher than the lowest bid and upon verification qualifications, the Town manager could assign the bid to the local business. In a review of the current Local Preference Ordinance, the RFP process does not address the use of land and that's where this proposal came in. Councilor Kozikowski informed members that they received a package which has a red line proposal and believes that it was available for public consumption, but what the amendment to the Local Preference Ordinance does is take the existing local goods preference and only allows for preference to local people making expenditures and extending it to businesses that want to provide revenue for the Town.

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Councilor Kozikowski further explained to members of the Town Council that he would like to see an amendment to Ordinance § 2-530 (Local Bid Ordinance) to include changes to offer local preference to South Windsor businesses who want to lease land or buildings, and by offering this advantage to local farmers and other businesses who want to maintain current lease land or expand within the town. Councilor Kozikowski suggested further revisions to include the threshold for qualifying bids that they may fall within 3% of the highest or 10% of the lowest bid which would provide a little bit more cushion and flexibility for the town manager to evaluate local bidders and provide them an opportunity to match the highest or lowest bidder. Councilor Kozikowski indicated that the existing language gives local bidders have exactly two business days to respond if it is determined that they fall within the threshold and the new proposal would change it to 10 days to allow some flexibility to give the local bidder more opportunity to make a sound financial decision. Councilor Kozikowski went on to indicate that the new proposals remove clunky language which doesn't change any of the intent of the ordinance. Councilor Kozikowski also informed members of an additional Clause, which provides qualification for the standards of South Windsor based bidders which also helps with transparency.

Answering questions from the Town Council, Mr. Maniscalco explained that as long as there is an ordinance on the books and the Town of South Windsor is transparent about it and everybody is aware that this is what will have to occur and that there aren't any ramifications that could occur. Mr. Maniscalco explained that it's the responsibility of the bidder to go back typically once the RFP is opened and come up with some type of public reading or public review and that it would be the responsibility of the local individual interested to potentially exercise their right as a local business and not the responsibility of staff to review who's from South Windsor, who's not from South Windsor, who's within 10%, and who is not. Mr. Maniscalco noted that in the incidents that we're talking about those numbers are so small and he is more comfortable with the 10% because the idea that larger projects being larger numbers a 10% difference is actually a larger number and doesn't mean they have to exercise this right.

D. Resolution Authorizing the Sale, Donation, or Disposal of Surplus Vehicles

Councilor Koboski moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby declares the following vehicles to be "Surplus Equipment," as shown in attached **Exhibit A**, and authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to sell, donate, or otherwise dispose of these vehicles.

Deputy Mayor King seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Answering questions from the Town Council, Mr. Maniscalco explained that there were items that have basically met their useful life, and in many cases, the repairs exceed the

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cost of the actual value of the item(s), or they're no longer used, which is determined by the Town's fleet manager, Chuck Marshall, and that they will try to do what they can in order to sell or auction the items off and dispose of items as trash if they are unable to get value out of the items.

E. Resolution Appointing the Town Attorney

Councilor Lydecker moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council appoints Updike, Kelly, and Spellacy to the position of Town Attorney for the Town of South Windsor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is in accordance with Chapter 5, Section 501 of the Town Charter, and in accordance with the terms agreed to by the Town Council.

Councilor Koboski seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Answering questions from the Town Council, Mr. Maniscalco addressed concerns regarding the appointment and explained that in relation to the 25 Talbot Lane hearings that occurred with Planning and Zoning that out of the 50 or so attorneys one of the attorneys from Updike, Kelly, and Spellacy represented a developer in front of Planning and Zoning commission for an appeal and in an effort to ensure that we don't have any conflicts of interest we are going to keep on Martha Carolina to continue representing the town for cases that have already started, including the 25 Talbot so there should not be any conflicts of interests with additional cases and Updike, Kelly, and Spellacy Kelly itself has actually committed to not representing any individual in front of any of the Town Boards of commissions in terms of any public hearings.

F. Resolution Approving the Appropriation of \$100,370 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures Account

Councilor Kozikowski moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council having conducted the required Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. on April 4, 2022, hereby approves the appropriation of \$100,370 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Account to add funding for the Police Department Women's Locker Room Project.

Deputy Mayor King seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. **MOTION CARRIES.**

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14. Passage of Ordinance

None

15. Public Input for Any Matter

Public Input for any other matter shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. When recognized by the Mayor, the speaker(s) shall approach the lectern, and give their name and address. Speakers shall avoid personal attacks or impugning or alleging an improper motive to any person. The speaker(s) may address the Council on any item. The speaker(s) shall limit their speaking time to five (5) minutes

Kevin Chung (265 *Diane Drive*) addressed members of the Town Council regarding the blatant abuse of authority by members of the Town Council and wanted to clarify that this is not about politics but about a moral compass that appears to be broken. Mr. Chung indicated that the town manager attempted to intimidate and silence a member of the community by having one of his minions call the police because she refused to wear a mask while having prior knowledge that she had a medical exemption which Mr. Chung felt was in reprehensible and cowardly and not to mention would have been a violation of her First Amendment right as she was not allowed to speak and was prevented from entering Town Hall. Mr. Chung felt that members of the Town Council seem to view the police department as their personal enforcers against residents who hold differing opinions or who challenge them in the proper form which would be a Town Council meeting. Mr. Chung hopes this message is heard by our Law Enforcement Officers because he is not the only one that has this perception. Mr. Chung spoke about the town Deputy Mayor has recently been the focus of a muffin incident that has somehow evolved into a racial issue and that he used his title and association with the Town to intimidate the clerk of a 7-Eleven who just so happens to be a person of color as well.

Carolyn King (926 Ellington Road) addressed members of the Town Council and gave members a little background about herself. Mrs. King informed members that she is a former social worker and currently transitioning into the teaching profession and has taught middle school math as a long-term sub for the past two years and now finishing up her Master's Degree while getting certifications to obtain a permanent teaching position. Mrs. King informed members that she is married to Stephen King Jr. the Town's Deputy Mayor. Mrs. King is before the Town Council today speaking as his wife because she feels that she is the best-qualified person in this room to speak to his character. Mrs. King has known him since High School and they have been married for 7 years they have a blended family with two children and two cats. Mrs. King told members that one of her children was with her today and that her daughter is a junior at South Windsor high school. Mrs. King felt that it was important for her kids to understand that when a family member's character is attacked it is our job to defend each other. Mrs. King wanted to address an incident that occurred a couple of weeks ago regarding her husband Stephen King Jr. when he went to our local South Windsor 711 to purchase coffee for them and noticed there was a promotion that if you bought a copy of any size

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you got a muffin with your coffee for only \$2. Seeing the sign for this promotion Stephen King, Jr. added muffins to the coffee order and proceeded to the counter to pay the clerk, Mrs. King explained. Expressing disagreement about the promotion the clerk indicated that there was a limit to 1 muffin a day and the 711 clerk asked Stephen King, Jr. if he could read Mrs. King told members of the Council that Stephen King was understandably shocked by the clerk's behavior and told him that it the next part of the story was even more shocking than the first we even received a phone call that there was a police report about the incident at first he was okay with it because he thought that the report was up about the clerk's inappropriate behavior and mistreatment of a customer, unfortunately, he found out that the report actually was a complaint against Stephen King, Jr. Mrs. King stated that the report was made by a customer who was in the middle of the line and did not clearly hear the whole story regardless, the police came and she believe the officer is here tonight and he looked at the video and spoke with the clerk, recorded the statement, again it was a customer who called and that the South Windsor Police Department determined there was no criminal activity and the closed the case. Ms. King made a plea for unity and that the Town of South Windsor is above pettiness and online bullying.

Richard Balboni (22 Debbie Drive) addressed members of the Town Council regarding abuse of power and didn't know why the chief of police is texting the Town manager regarding the incident that occurred with Deputy Mayor, Stephen King. Mr. Balboni expressed concerns over an email from the chief to the police which informed officers to be on the alert for suspicious activity at Town Hall and Town-owned properties due to the concern and possibility of protests and or damage to the town hall or surrounding areas.

Lauren Chung (265 Diane Drive) wanted to speak a little bit about the situation regarding Deputy Mayor King and that the most disturbing thing in all of this is the hypocritical treatment of one party versus another. Ms. Chung indicated that if our deputy mayor had been a republican the majority party would have been saying you're out. Ms. Chung also spoke about the concern she had regarding the element of race that was added to the issue regarding Deputy Mayor King and that she doesn't want her daughter to grow up in a world where race is easily thrown into the conversation to prove a point.

Damian Humphrey (6 Birch Hill Drive) thanked members of the Town Council including Deputy Mayor Stephen King and his willingness to support South Windsor businesses. Mr. Humphrey thanked members of the Council for their composure and for protecting the community of South Windsor. Mr. Humphrey also expressed gratitude towards the Town Manager for taking action to ensure the safety of the public.

Jane Sellers (840 Ellington Road) expressed concerns over an incident that she had regarding an issue she had in the tax collector's office when she went in to pay her taxes. Ms. Sellers indicated to members of the Town Council that when she walked into the tax

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collector's office one day that no one looked up to greet her. Ms. Sellers was very upset and felt that she needed to tell someone.

MJ Hockenberry (*16 Foxglove Lane*) addressed members of the Town Council regarding the incident regarding Deputy Mayor Stephen King, Jr. and that she felt that the article in the Journal Inquire failed to do its duty by not getting a quote from the Deputy Mayor regarding the incident. Ms. Hockenberry said that she does not want to live in a community that is disrespectful and not honorable and that some of the comments made in tonight's public input were wrong.

Dan Edwards (*131 Hilton Drive*) addressed members of the Town Council regarding the incident regarding Deputy Mayor Stephen King, Jr. and that we should not be allowing members of the community to attack a South Windsor small business.

Lisa Maneeley (*326 Quarry Brook Drive*) spoke in frustration regarding the appointment of Mr. Richard Balboni and that each time he is suggested to serve on a board of commission he is dined. Ms. Maneeley went on to say that members of the Town Council are treating him unfairly as they have offered him no explanation as to why they are not putting him on a board or commission.

16. Communications from Council

None

17. Executive Session

Deputy Mayor King made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the possible Purchase of Real Estate for the Town pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-210 (b) (7) (Nutmeg Road). Deputy Mayor King invited the Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco, Assistant Town Manager, Mrs. Perry, and Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Roberts, and any other appropriate personnel deemed necessary.

Councilor Koboski seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. **MOTION CARRIES.**

18. Adjournment

At 9:20 p.m., Deputy Mayor King made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Councilor Lydecker seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. **MOTION CARRIES.**

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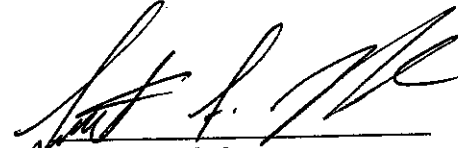
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Respectfully submitted,



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