

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Anwar called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor M. Saud Anwar
Deputy Mayor Andy Paterna
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Matthew Riley
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Audrey Delnicki
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry

3. New Business

A. Resolution Establishing a Tax Payment Deferment Program for Certain individuals Affected by the Federal Shutdown

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to establish the deferment program for municipal taxes and certain other charges allowed by House Bill No. 5765 (2019 Reg. Sess.), in accordance with the terms and requirements of said Bill, for any qualified federal employee residing in the State of Connecticut who is required to work as a federal employee without pay or furloughed as a federal employee without pay; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to offer said program to qualified individuals paying taxes in South Windsor

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Tax Payment Deferment Program is hereby adopted as follows:

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1. Deferment and Payment Dates:

- (a) The Town shall not charge or collect interest on any real property taxes, personal property taxes, motor vehicle taxes, or water or sewer rates, charges or assessments or part thereof (hereinafter referred to collectively as "municipal charges") that is payable by an affected employee (as defined herein) or which became due during the period when such individual was an affected employee.
- (b) Any such municipal charges which shall have been deferred as provided herein shall be due and payable without penalty or interest not later than sixty (60) days after the date on which an individual is no longer an affected employee. Thereafter, any portion of such municipal charges which remains unpaid, and all interest and penalties otherwise provided by law shall apply retroactively to the original due date for such municipal charges.
- (c) All provisions of the general statutes relating to the continuing, recording and releasing of property tax liens and the precedence and enforcement of municipal charges shall remain applicable to any deferred tax, rate, charge or assessment or installment or portion thereof; and

2. Eligibility for Deferment and Additional Limitations:

- (a) As used herein, the term "affected employee" means any federal employee who, during the federal fiscal year 2019 partial shutdown that began on December 22, 2018, is (i) a resident of the State of Connecticut and (ii) required to work as a federal employee without pay or furloughed as a federal employee without pay.
- (b) In order to determine eligibility for the deferment, the affected employee shall provide to the Tax Collector sufficient evidence of his or her status which may include, without limitation, a paystub or bank statement, a federal employee identification card, the federal tax

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identification number of the employee's employer, and a sworn affidavit from such employee indicating that such employee (i) is currently a federal employee residing in the State of Connecticut, (ii) is required to work as a federal employee without pay or furloughed as a federal employee without pay.

- (c) The Tax Collector may require individuals to recertify their eligibility on a periodic basis of not less than thirty (30) days.
- (d) The deferment provided under this resolution shall not affect any interest or penalties on, lien rights or collection of, any municipal charges due before December 22, 2018, or after the date on which an individual is no longer an affected employee.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Paterna
Seconded by Mayor Anwar

Council members discussed the fact that federal employees are back to work and getting paid, but there may be another shutdown. The intent of this resolution is to have a program in effect when there is a federal shutdown. In the coming weeks, if this resolution is considered obsolete, the Council stated they would approve an updated resolution.

Answering questions from the Council, Mrs. Patricia Perry explained that the Tax Collector has all of the necessary forms that would need to be filled out for this program which includes an affidavit.

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

4. Executive Session

None

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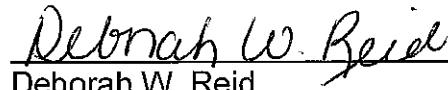
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5. Adjournment

At 6:14 p.m. Councilor Maneeley made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Councilor Clerk