

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 Mirek called the Special Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Carolyn Mirek
Deputy Mayor Janice Snyder
Councilor M. Saud Anwar
Councilor Cindy Beaulieu
Councilor William Carroll
Councilor Lisa Maneeley
Councilor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Matthew Riley

Members Absent: Councilor Edward Havens

Others Present: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager
Patricia Perry, Director of Finance

3. Public Participation

Mr. Don Gonsalves, 40 Bayberry Trail came before the Town Council and questioned what decrease in State funding is being used to figure out the budget? Mr. Gonsalves then stated that he believes the fund balance should not be used to balance the budget and would rather see taxes go up then the use of the fund balance. Mr. Gonsalves said he is therefore opposed to this budget.

Mr. Galligan, Town Manager explained to Mr. Gonsalves that the number that State funding has been decreased by and has been used to figure out this year's budget is \$6.8 million dollars. If the Governor's budget comes back with further cuts, the Town Manager explained that the Board of Education does not have an obligation to do anything because their budget has already been approved by the Council but he is hopeful that the Superintendent of Schools would sit down with the Town and discuss further cuts.

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4. Special Business

A. Resolution Adopting the Budget for the Special Revenue Recreation Fund, for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a Special Revenue Recreation Fund Budget with expenditures totaling **\$3,830,860**; for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2017, and terminating on June 30, 2018.

Was made by Councilor Riley
Seconded by Councilor Anwar

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Galligan explained that over the years this Special Revenue Recreation Fund has been built up in anticipation of putting it towards the Wapping building when the Town takes that building over. There will be \$700,000 taken from the Recreation Fund Balance to go towards the Wapping building.

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

B Resolution Adopting the General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a General Government Budget with expenditures totaling **\$41,954,568**, for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2017, and terminating on June 30, 2018, a copy of which Budget is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Snyder
Seconded by Councilor Anwar

Councilor Anwar stated that he is in support of the budget as proposed because the Council is doing the best it can with the limitations that have been handed down from the State level. The Council has a huge challenge ahead and will have to identify opportunities for savings.

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4. B. (Continued)

Councilor Beaulieu explained that she speaks all the time about not using fund balance excessively so the rating is not jeopardized. In the situation the Town Council finds this budget in, she stated she is comfortable with the use of fund balance this year to help balance the budget. The use of \$1,000,000 is reasonable and consistent with past budgets.

Answering questions from Deputy Mayor Snyder, Mr. Galligan explained that the tax increase is 1.99%. Mr. Galligan went on to explain how fund balance gets replenished. The Town budgets for total expenditures and between under expenditures and additional revenues, the fund balance gets replenished. Last year the Town made up \$3.2 million dollars of fund balance.

Answering further questions, Mr. Galligan explained that a house worth \$350,000 will pay approximately \$180.00 more per year with a decrease between \$25.00 to \$30.00 for motor vehicles for the 1.99% tax increase.

Mr. Gonsalves questioned the number of the Grand List? Mr. Galligan reviewed the calculation as shown in attached **Exhibit A** which totals \$2.8 million dollars.

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

C. Resolution Setting the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate of **32.00 mills for motor vehicles**, and **38.08 mills for real estate and business personal property** be levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2016 based upon Total Revenues excluding current taxes of **\$16,878,415**, which includes an appropriation from Fund Balance in the amount of **\$1,000,000** to finance total expenditures of **\$113,162,485** made up of a Board of Education Budget of **\$71,207,917**, and a General Government Budget of **\$41,954,568**, both of which have been adopted by the South Windsor Town Council, and exhibits of which are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2017, and terminating on June 30, 2018.

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4. C. (Continued)

Was made by Councilor Beaulieu
Seconded by Councilor Anwar
The motion was approved, unanimously

**D. Resolution Appointing a Rate Maker for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and
Tabling of Same**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints
Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager, as Rate Maker for Fiscal Year
2017/2018, and hereby tables the same.

Was made by Councilor Pendleton
Seconded by Councilor Anwar
The motion was approved, unanimously

5. Executive Session

None

6. Adjournment

At 7:38 p.m. Deputy Mayor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting.
Councilor Maneeley seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

Uses

Reduction of funds from State	\$ (4.90)
Increase in Debt/Capital	\$ (0.90)
Increase Town Operating	<u>\$ (0.20)</u>
	\$ (6.00)

Sources

Transfers In \$2m/\$350k/\$150k	\$ 2.50
Taxes*	\$ 2.80
Reduction BOE Operating	\$ 0.50
Local Revenue/Misc Increase	<u>\$ 0.20</u>
	\$ 6.00

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*** Taxes**

GL increase at LY mill rate	\$ 2.00
Increase in non-current taxes	\$ 0.05
Tax Increase (37.34 to 38.08 or .74 mills)	<u>\$ 0.75</u>
	\$ 2.80