

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
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**May 2, 2018**

**TOWN COUNCIL – Special Meeting**  
**Council Chambers – South Windsor Town Hall**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Anwar called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Mayor M. Saud Anwar  
Deputy Mayor Andrew Paterna  
Councilor Jeffrey Glickman  
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry  
Councilor Lisa Maneeley  
Councilor Carolyn Mirek  
Councilor Liz Pendleton  
Councilor Matthew Riley  
Councilor Janice Snyder

Others Present: Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager

Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to suspend the rules in order to bring Item 5. A. forward. Mayor Anwar seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously

**5. Special Unfinished Business**

**A. Resolution Appointing Audrey Delnicki (R) to the Town Council Effective May 7, 2018, and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

WHEREAS, at the April 16, 2018 Town Council Regular Meeting, there was a motion to Reconsider the appointment of Audrey Delnicki (R) to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, that motion to reconsider passed; and

WHEREAS, the Council neglected to then proceed to bring forward the resolution that was being reconsidered and will therefore reconsider the motion tonight as follows:

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**5. Special Unfinished Business**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Audrey Delnicki (R) to the Town Council effective May 7, 2018, or term ending November 11, 2019, to fill the unexpired term of Carolyn Mirek and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

Was made by Deputy Mayor Paterna  
Seconded by Councilor Hockenberry

Councilor Hockenberry made a motion to make a friendly amendment. She explained that she would like wording added in the last paragraph. After Audrey Delnicki, insert, "in accordance with Section 208 of the South Windsor Town Charter", and after Carolyn Mirek, insert "whose resignation for May 6, 2018 has already been accepted by the Town Council." Deputy Mayor Paterna accepted the friendly amendment.

Mayor Anwar thanked Carolyn Mirek for her service to the Town Council.

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

**1. Public Input/Participation**

Mr. Jim Throwe, 1330 Main Street came forward and explained that he had attended a meeting of the Connecticut Bar Association on April 12, 2018 and accepted an award on Mayor Anwar's behalf because he was unable to attend. The award was for the Citizen for Law Award. This award is presented to a person who is not employed in the legal area but has made a significant contribution to the institute of justice and law on a voluntary basis. Mr. Throwe presented the award to Mayor Anwar. Mayor Anwar also received recognition from Senator Christopher Murphy, Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State, and Denise Nappier, State Treasurer.

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**3. Public Input/Participation *(Continued)***

Mr. Roy Normen, 58 Homestead Drive came forward and stated he was disappointed to read in the paper tonight about an Executive Session regarding the search for the Town Attorney. The public should have been aware of this prior to it being put on the agenda. Any Council member who may have a conflict of interest regarding the selection of a Town Attorney should recuse themselves. This selection should not be a political appointment.

The following individuals came forward to express their concerns regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> R Program and were all hopeful that progress would be made to allow more children into the program.

Mr. Anthony Leone, 57 Beelzebub Road  
Mr. Shyama Kumar, St. Marc Circle  
Mr. Ravinder Kumar, 3 Chandler Drive  
Mrs. Sowparnika, 22 Pintail Circle  
Mrs. Subramanian Divya Sumanta, 86 Swan Nest

Mrs. Daria Plummer, 235 Orchard Hill Drive came forward to speak in favor of the Board of Education budget and the General Government budget. Both budgets that have been presented, represent the quality of life that South Windsor provides and she stated she would be willing to pay a tax increase to keep the quality of life.

Mrs. Ruth Bortolan stated that there had been so many people who have worked hard for the Town of South Windsor and she explained that she is present to support both the Town and Board of Education budgets as presented in order to keep the quality of life that has been established through the years in Town.

Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to suspend the rules in order to go to bring Item 6. C. forward. Mayor Anwar seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

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**6. Special New Business**

**C. Discussion Item: Update on 4<sup>th</sup> R Program (requested by Mayor Anwar)**

Mr. Galligan stated that on May 7, 2018 a full report will be given to the Town Council. The biggest concern at this time is that the Town hires high school students and there are 19 students that will not be available next year. The Town has done research and request information from other districts about any programs that they presently run, and is waiting for more information to come from those districts. Mr. Favreau is working with two organizations in Town to see if they would like to run a 4<sup>th</sup> R Program. When this program was started, it was never expected that 350 kids would utilize this program. The Superintendent of Schools has offered classroom space, but that is not recreational space.

Mayor Anwar expressed his concern for the parents who have children on the waiting list and felt that the Town needs to find out a way to take care of the children on the waiting list. The Town should also come up with a strategy for the future.

Mr. Galligan explained that there are personnel issues and classroom space issues. The Town needs to be careful for liability reasons to have enough staff. There is an interview process which is done and allows for the best candidate to be chosen who can watch the children. Expansion has been discussed, but then there are personnel issues because it is hard to find individuals who will work two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. There are also other strategies being discussed which would change the program.

Councilor Maneeley stated that there are also half days on Wednesdays and that probably makes it even harder to get personnel for the hours and days. There are always waiting lists for Recreational programs. Parents may need to search for other solutions until a satisfactory solution is found. The safety of children is the top priority, and the Park and Recreation Department is working hard to review this issue.

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**6. C     (Continued)**

Answering questions from Deputy Mayor Paterna, Mr. Galligan explained that the Board of Education does not allow buses to cross into a different district to bring a child to daycare. If the Town could get someone to start a business that would bus children, that could be a solution. The Town did try to start an after-school homework program, but that did not work out. The Town could see if that could be an option again.

Councilor Mirek felt that the busing across district lines would be the best solution and would give parents more choices.

Councilor Snyder stated that she would like to see that there is a fair enrollment process established and feels the number one priority for the program is safety.

**6.     Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the Public Hearing Minutes of April 16, 2018

Was made by Councilor Glickman  
Seconded by Councilor Snyder

Mayor Anwar made a friendly amendment to say the Public Hearing Minutes of April 16, 2018 for the General Government Budget. Council members accepted the friendly amendment.

Mayor Anwar called for a vote on the amended motion; it passed a roll call vote of 8-0 with Mayor Anwar abstaining.

The motion to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the Town Council Public Hearing of April 16, 2018 **regarding the General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.**

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**ITEM:**

**1. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings (Continued)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the Town Council Public Hearing of April 16, 2018 regarding the Amendment to Ordinance #212 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Open Space.

Was made by Councilor Glickman

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0; with Mayor Anwar and Councilor Riley abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the Town Council Special Work Session Minutes of April 25, 2018.

Was made by Councilor Glickman

Seconded by Councilor Snyder

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6 to 3 with Mayor Anwar, Councilor Maneeley, and Councilor Riley abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2018.

Was made by Councilor Glickman

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Paterna

Mayor Anwar requested the following changes: Page 2 should read "Pacifica Ventures", not "Pacific Adventures"; and also should read "MasTec, not Maztec".

Mayor Anwar called for a vote on the amended minutes; they passed on a roll call vote of 7-0, with Mayor Anwar and Councilor Riley abstaining.

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**6. Special New Business (Continued)**

**A. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on an Amendment to Ordinance #218 – Health and Sanitation**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby sets **Monday, May 21, 2018, 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 an Amendment to Ordinance #218 – Health and Sanitation.

Was made by Councilor Snyder

Seconded by Maneeley

The motion was approved, unanimously

**B. Resolution Authorizing the Board of Education to Apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and Designating the South Windsor Board of Education as the Building Committee for the Portable Classrooms at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the increase in the student population at Pleasant Valley Elementary School requires additional instructional space

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the South Windsor Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the four (4) Portable Classrooms at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Board of Education is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the four (4) Portable Classrooms at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the four (4) Portable Classrooms at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School.

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**ITEM:**

**6. B. (Continued)**

Was made by Councilor Hockenberry  
Seconded by Councilor Riley

Mr. Galligan stated that the \$385,000 was going to be reduced from the Board of Education budget, but it was found that it needs to be shown that there is funding for this project. It will be shown that the \$385,000 will be coming from the Capital Non-Recurring as a revenue coming in to pay for some of the classrooms. The other item that will be happening is that there will be a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate, sign, and execute a lease-purchase agreement for the portable classrooms. Doing all of this will allow the Board of Education to move forward with a State bid.

Answering questions from the Council, Mr. Pat Hankard, Facilities Manager explained that as construction happens for each elementary school, parking spaces are increased. Mr. Hankard stated he would have to review if more parking can be made available at Pleasant Valley Elementary School until the construction of a new school. The portable classrooms will not be taking up any parking spaces. Mr. Hankard then explained that the resolution is written with the State language, and the Town has the right to either accept or reject a grant if awarded one. The \$385,000 will cover the first year for the portable classrooms, but then this line item will have to be budgeted for.

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

Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to suspend the rules in order to bring Item 8. A. forward. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.



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**4. Passage of Ordinance**

**A. Resolution Adopting an Amendment to Ordinance #212, an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Open Space/Purchase of Development Rights**

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts an amendment to Ordinance #212, an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Open Space/Purchase of Development Rights, as shown in attached **Exhibit A**.

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

**7. Executive Session**

At 8:13 p.m. Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible purchase of real estate for the Town pursuant to C.G.S. §1-210(b) (7)., and to discuss potential claims and litigation. Mayor Anwar seconded the motion.

The following individuals went into Executive Session: Mayor Anwar; Deputy Mayor Paterna; Councilor Glickman; Councilor Hockenberry; Councilor Maneeley; Councilor Mirek; Councilor Pendleton; Councilor Riley; Councilor Snyder; Debbie Reid, Clerk of the Council; Vanessa Perry, Assistant Town Manager; Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager, Matthew B. Galligan, Town Manager.

Councilor Snyder called for a point of order, asking if the Clerk of the Council and Assistant Town Manager's would be included in both Executive Session items. Mayor Anwar answered yes.

At 10:08 p.m. Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

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**ITEM:**

**7. Executive Session (*Continued*)**

At 10:08 p.m. Deputy Mayor Paterna made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilor Pendleton seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Deborah W. Reid  
Clerk of the Council

AMENDS ORDINANCE #212

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN  
SPACE/PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Pursuant to the November 8, 2005 Resolution Appropriating Funds For Acquisition of Open Space and consistent with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development and its Open Space Master Plan, the Town shall acquire and hold as open space the real properties identified below. The properties shall be acquired in accordance with the Town's Charter and Code of Ordinances and the General Statutes regarding the acquisition of real property and open space, and pursuant to the terms of any purchase and sale agreement and costs and expenses approved therefor by the Town Council. Consistent herewith, the Town Manager is authorized to enter into any Town Council approved purchase and sale agreement and to execute all documents necessary to facilitate the acquisition of the real properties identified below.

1. 491 King Street, South Windsor, Connecticut
2. 559 Avery Street, South Windsor, Connecticut
3. R002A Collins Lane (corner of Sand Hill Road and Nevers Road)

and/or Development Rights:

1. R043, R044, 726, and R048 Main Street, and R011 Pleasant Valley Road