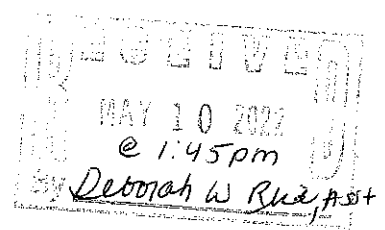


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TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call 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 Elizabeth Pendleton
Councilor Erica Evans (Via Cisco WebEx)
Councilor Philip Koboski
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Andrew Paterna (Via Cisco WebEx)
Councilor Marek Kozikowski (Via Cisco WebEx)
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Jamie Gamble

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R. (Via Cisco WebEx)
Scott Roberts, Asst. Town Manager/CIO/Emergency Mgmt.
Patricia Perry, Director of Finance

4. Special New Business

A. Resolution concerning the adoption of the Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Councilor Karen Lydecker moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED¹, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a Board of Education Budget with expenditures totaling **\$81,689,440** for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2023, a copy of which Budget is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Councilor Philip Koboski seconded the motion at which time discussion took place. Councilor Jamie Gamble expressed concerns regarding the recently presented decrease of \$125,000 from the Board of Education budget as recommended by the Budget Working Group and inquired as to which line item the money would be coming from in order to cover specific expenses or if money would be

¹ Clerk Note: The resolution to adopt the Board of Education was approved and then reconsidered under item B.

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taken from the reserve account. Councilor Gamble indicated that he was not comfortable voting until it was clear where the money was coming from.

Answering questions from the Town Council, Mayor Pendleton implied that there had been recent conversations with the Chairperson of the Board of Education and that members of the Board of Education would be further looking into where the necessary money would be coming from and indicated that the Board of Education was comfortable with the proposed amount.

Councilor Karen Lydecker also expressed similar concerns and inquired as to where the information was regarding the conversations with the Board of Education. Mayor Pendleton answering questions from the Town Council specified that the Budget Working Group had proposed a reduction of \$125,000 from both the Board of Education budget along with the General Government budget for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

There being no more discussion, Mayor Pendleton called for a vote which passed by a unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

B. Resolution Adopting the General Government Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Councilor Cesar Lopez moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a General Government Budget with expenditures totaling **\$52,191,128** for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2023, a copy of which Budget is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Councilor Karen Lydecker seconded the motion at which time discussion took place. Councilor Jamie Gamble expressed concerns regarding the recent passing of the Connecticut State budget and specifically the Car Tax Cap which had recently passed the Connecticut General Assembly and inquired about the impact the cap would have on the Town of South Windsor's revenue.

Answering questions from the Town Council Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco indicated that after reviewing both the State budget and the Car Tax Cap that he was comfortable moving forward.

Councilor Jamie Gamble further inquired and expressed concern regarding the proposed Information Technology and Engineering intern reductions that were being proposed and that the interns serve as a valuable resource to the Town of South Windsor. Councilor Jamie Gamble indicated that he was against cutting out the interns. Councilor Marek Kozikowski addressed members of the Town Council and thanked the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools for presenting a reasonable budget and further thanked the budget committee and appreciated all of the efforts that went into ensuring that South Windsor maintained a level of service. Councilor Kozikowski expressed his concerns regarding the cutting of the Engineering and Information Technology Interns

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and requested that those items be put back into the budget. Councilor Kozikowski added that he full supports the hiring and use of interns in town departments and they serve as a valued resource and internships provide real working experience to young professionals.

Mayor Pendleton noted that our Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco has a phenomenal method of approaching our budget and that Mr. Maniscalco communicates with the department heads inquiring about their department needs.

Answering questions from the Town Council Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco specified his method of presenting a balanced budget. Mr. Maniscalco noted that the general process includes a five-year actual report on a line-by-line basis for every department. Numbers are then compared to the requested amounts and variants are then analyzed. Mr. Maniscalco noted that over the last five years they have roughly cut \$2,000,000 from the Town Budget with the help of staff.

At the request of Councilor Marek Kozikowski, Et Al. the Engineering and Information Technology Interns and reductions be added back into the budget. Councilor Karen Lydecker questioned that if the Town Council was not going to cut the General Government budget by \$125,000 that the Board of Education budget should also not be cut by \$125,000. Councilor Erica Evans further questioned what type of services the interns provide and what the financial cost would be to the departments.

Answering questions from the Town Council, Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco noted that the work would be done at the cost of \$70,000 annual project manager, coordinator, or engineer type position and that the cost of the interns is significantly less. Mr. Maniscalco also expressed concerns about the outsourcing of work as some of the work being conducted by interns is unionized labor protected under collective bargaining.

Answering questions from the Town Council, Director of Finance, Patricia Perry informed and updated members on the adjusted mill rate and taxes and that the difference was up to \$5.00 per household in taxes.

Councilor Jamie Gamble moved that the motion to adopt the South Windsor Town Council Board of Education Budget with expenditures totaling **\$81,689,440** for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2023, be reconsidered. The motion to reconsider was seconded by Councilor Karen Lydecker. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Councilors Evans, Lopez, Paterna, Kozikowski, Lydecker, and Gamble) 2 nays, (Mayor Pendleton and Councilor Koboski), and 0 abstentions. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Councilor Karen Lydecker moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a Board of Education Budget with expenditures totaling **\$81,723,440** for the Fiscal Year commencing

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on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2023, a copy of which Budget is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Councilor Jamie Gamble seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Councilor Jamie Gamble made a motion to amend and adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a General Government Budget with expenditures totaling \$52,225,128; for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2023, a copy of which Budget is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Councilor Karen Lydecker seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

C. Resolution Adopting the Budget for the Recreation Special Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Councilor Erica Evans moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts a Recreation Special Revenue Fund Budget with expenditures totaling \$2,719,058; for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2022 and terminating on June 30, 2023 (*this budget is separate because it is not paid for by taxes but is made up of user fees*).

Councilor Karen Lydecker seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

D. Resolution Setting the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Councilor Philip Koboski moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tax rate of 38.77 mills for Real Estate and Personal Property and 32.46 for Motor Vehicles be levied on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 based upon Total Revenues excluding Non-Tax Revenues of \$19,600,471, which includes an appropriation from Fund Balance in the amount of \$0 and an appropriation from the Tax Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$500,000 to finance total expenditures of \$133,948,568 made up of a Board of Education Budget of \$81,723,440 and a General Government Budget of \$52,225,128, 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, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2023.

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Councilor Jamie Gamble seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

E. Resolution Appointing a Rate Maker for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Councilor Jamie Gamble moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager as Rate Maker for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Councilor Philip Koboski seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

5. Executive Session
None.

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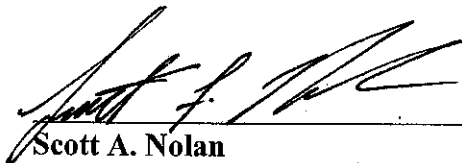
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6. Adjournment

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Councilor Karen Lydecker made a motion to adjourn the Special Town Council Meeting at 7:47 p.m., which was seconded by Councilor Philip Koboski and passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Clerk of the Council