

TOWN OF WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS HYBRID MEETING MARCH 17, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING

## **UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

## 1) CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Mayor Black-Burke.

Present: Mayor Nuchette Black-Burke, Councilor Ronald Eleveld, Deputy Mayor Darleen Klase, Councilor Mary Armstrong, Councilor Kristin Gluck Hoffman, Councilor Anthony King, Councilor Ojala Naeem, Councilor William Pelkey, and Councilor Lenworth Walker

Mayor Black-Burke read aloud the notice of the public hearing to hear public comment on:

- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$915,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH PIGEON HILL ROAD REHABILITATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$915,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION
- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$745,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH WELCH PARK TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$745,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION
- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,805,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH L.P. WILSON COMMUNITY CENTER PHASE 2B HVAC UPGRADES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,330,000 BONDS AND NOTES AND THE USE OF \$475,000 FROM EXISTING PROJECT FUNDS TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

## 2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Seip, 374 River Street, spoke on the improvements at Welch Park for \$745,000. He doesn't think it is necessary to spend that kind of money. He feels that there are far better alternatives that can be done at a more cost-effective price. He stated that very rarely do you see people over at the tennis courts. He believes that there's a lot of other things that this money could be spent on. He suggested a pavilion be put there instead of the improvements being made. He believes they would get a better use out of putting a pavilion there rather than to put a lot of money towards something that won't be used.

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Matt Cookson, 28 Somerset Drive, stated he grew up here in town and has spent a lot of time at Welch Park. He said that he too has noticed that no one goes to the tennis courts. He stated that he talked to a paving company and they told him that it should be well under \$100,000 to do the project. He doesn't understand why the taxpayers should pay for something that nobody ever uses. He also wanted to talk about the HVAC upgrades at L.P. Wilson. He stated that the place where he works is also having the same job being done and they were quoted around \$40,000. So, he doesn't understand where the \$1.8 million is coming from. He also stated that he is opposed to both of the projects. He would like for the Council to reconsider the amount of money being spent. He stated that he pays a lot of taxes in this town and that there is a lot of industries that could be paying taxes instead of putting it all on the homeowners.

## 3) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Black-Burke declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Collins Recording Secretary