



REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022
7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER
245 DeKoven Drive
-and-

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Council Clerk Reads the *Call of the Meeting* and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting
2. **Accept/Amend the Agenda**
3. **Presentation - Honoring Glenteen James on the Occasion of 52 years of Service at the City's Water & Sewer Department**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Common Council Special Meeting – Questions to Directors, dated July 5, 2022, at 6:00 PM
 - B. Common Council Regular Meeting, dated July 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM
 - C. Community Meeting , dated July 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM
 - D. Common Council Special Meeting Re: American Rescue Plan Applications, dated July 14, 2022, immediately following the 6:00 PM Community Meeting
5. **Public Hearing on Agenda Items – Opens**

6. **Public Hearing on Agenda Items – Closes**
7. **Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance**
 - A. Water Department: \$120,000 – Acct. No. 5000-60000-59510-0000-00000-0000-000; to cover costs of emergency repair to water main break at corner of Main Street/Court Street, including permanent repair on Main Street, after settling time needed per Public Works requirements
 - B. Central Communications: \$32,157 – Acct. No. 1000-18700-51355-0000-00000-0000-000; to cover budget shortfall in FY 21-22 replacement overtime
 - C. Central Communications: \$8,741 – Acct. No. 1000-18700-51980-0000-00000-0000-000; to cover Federal holiday added June 2021, after FY21-22 budget approval
 - D. Office of General Counsel: \$35,000 – Acct. No. 1000-05000-55130-0050; to cover cost for Brown Street property transfer and settlement
 - E. Police Department: \$169,855.11 – Acct. No. 1000-18000-xxxxx; to cover negative balance for Police overtime, replacement overtime, Police holiday pay, and animal holiday pay FY 2022
 - F. Police Department: \$60,601.30 – Acct. No. 1000-18000-51358-0180; to cover negative balance for private duty overtime for FY 2022
8. **Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval**
 - A. City Clerk's Certificate
 - B. Monthly Reports -- Finance Department: Transfer Report to July 19, 2022
 - C. Mayor's Office -- Acct. No. 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000; Department of Treasury Coronavirus State & Local fiscal recovery funds, for amending with conditions of approval, see minutes of common Council meeting of June 7, 2021, which provides that the Common Council accepts these funds for the City with the full expectation that the mayor will assemble a Task Force composed of community leaders (elected, City officials, business representatives, non-profit representatives, healthcare representatives, ministerial leaders, and representatives of marginalized and affected community members) and in consideration of those most affected by the pandemic, to strategize on the methods of fund allocation that will have the most significant impact on recovery, stabilization, and an ongoing stimulus of the local economy, and the Administration has committed that all allocations of ARP grant dollars shall be submitted to the Common Council for approval as supplemental appropriations: \$6,373,240
 - D. Mayor's Office -- Acct. No. 3046-01000-59200-x-x-2021' Department of Treasury Corona Virus State and local fiscal recovery funds county portion; \$4,492,537.15
 - E. Board of Education – Acct. No. 2450-33000-52183-x-x; cafeteria/food services: \$345,605.82
 - F. Board of Education – Acct. No. 2450-33000-59405-x-03025; miscellaneous grants: \$555,840.47
 - G. Public Works/ Sanitation – Acct No 3638-22000-59200-000-35221-2023-000; Connecticut Department of Energy & Environment (DEEP) Sustainable Management Grant Program; a year-long pilot program in the City's sanitation district, to provide for safe and sanitary disposal of all solid wastes, reducing waste up to 40%, increasing recycling, and offering curbside food waste collection: \$353,111
 - H. Memo: Emergency Purchase – demolition of & Rapallo Avenue

9. Mayor’s Reports to the Common Council

- A. American Rescue Plan
- B. Riverfront

10. Payment of all City bills when properly approved

11. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.

- A. Approving the Tentative Agreement between the City of Middletown, Connecticut and Local 1361 of AFSCME, Council #4, including all associated costs, covering the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025; and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Middletown to sign the Local 1361 Agreement on behalf of the City of Middletown.

- B. Approving the Bulky Waste Fund budget for the Fiscal Year 22-23 as follows:

Expenditures

Repairs/Maintenance to Vehicles	\$55,000
Motor Vehicle Parts/Supplies	\$35,000
Bank Service Fees	\$22,000
Waste Removal	\$465,000
Mattress Recycling	\$6,000
Tire Recycling	\$20,000
Waste Equipment Supplies	\$27,500
Site Improvements	\$35,000
Truck Rental/Lease	<u>\$14,500</u>
Total Expenditures	\$680,000

Revenues

Scale Receipts	\$539,000
Cardboard Recycling	\$12,000
Paper Recycling	\$3,000
Scrap Metal Recycling	\$75,000
Gift Cards Receipts	\$1,000
Roadside Bulky Waste Revenue	\$16,000
Interest Earned	\$1,000
Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$33,000</u>
Total Revenues	\$680,000

- C. Approving settlement of the claims of Brad and Debbie Baker against the City of Middletown arising out of: (1) their purchase of the Brown Street property, Lot 1 (Map/Lot 30-0201) on September 1, 2015, and (2) the Planning and Zoning Commission’s denial of the subdivision application on February 26, 2020; that the City of Middletown shall acquire Brown Street, Lot 1 (Map/Lot 30-0201); and that the Mayor is authorized to signed all documents and/or agreements necessary to effectuate this settlement, subject to review and approval as to content and form by the Office of the General Counsel.

- D. Approving the Public Health Block Grant (FY 22/23) funds be allocated as follows: Communicable Disease Surveillance - \$18,000; Community Renewal Team Inc. (Elderly Nutrition) -- \$ 4,000; New Horizons Battered Women’s Shelter -- \$22,500; Northern Middlesex YMCA – Schwartz Men’s Residence -- \$ 1,500; Women and Families Center Sexual Assault Crisis -- \$ 3,000; Warming Center-

- \$ 20,000; Oddfellows Playhouse – After school circus program -- \$ 2,000; MARC Community Resources Health and Wellness Garden -- \$ 1,500; TOTAL: \$72,500; and that any agency receiving a Public Health Block grant award must comply with the matching fund *Code of Ordinances*, Chapter 44, Section 44-11, section B, Municipal grant awards.

- E. Approving that: (1) the Common Council is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by CGS Section 32-285(a); (2) an application for State financial assistance by the City of Middletown in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 for performing initiatives outlined in the *Riverbend Master Plan*; and (3) Mayor, Benjamin Florsheim is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Middletown, subject to review of the documents as to content and form by the Office of General Counsel
- F. Approving that, effective upon passage by the Common Council, the changes to the job description of Youth Development Specialist, UPSEU Local #6457, Salary Grade 9, 40 hours (\$26.21- \$38.78) to reflect the revised duties with a recommended salary increase to UPSEU Local #6457 Salary Grade 12, 40 hours (\$37.86- \$56.07) and a reclassified title to Youth Diversion Specialist. These changes shall take effect retroactive from July 1, 2022 upon adoption; and that the salary grade for the employee who holds this position is hereby approved to UPSEU Local #6457 Salary Grade 12, Step 5 (\$44.35/hr) 40 hours per week. These changes shall take effect July 1, 2022 upon adoption.
- G. Approving that effective upon passage by the Common Council, the changes to the job description of Deputy Director of Central Communications, UPSEU Local #6457, Salary Grade 14, 40 hours (\$35.95- \$53.19) are approved to reflect the revised duties with a recommended salary increase to UPSEU Local #6457 Salary Grade 15, 40 hours (\$37.86- \$56.07). These changes shall take effect retroactive from July 1, 2022 upon adoption' and that the salary grade for the employee who holds this position is hereby approved to UPSEU Local #6457 Salary Grade 15, Step 6 (\$56.07/hr) 40 hours per week. These changes shall take effect July 1, 2022 upon adoption;
- H. Approving that effective upon passage by the Common Council, the changes to the job description of Arts & Culture Coordinator, UPSEU Local #6457, Salary Grade 11, 40 hours (\$30.12- \$44.54) are approved to reflect the revised duties with a recommended salary increase to UPSEU Local #6457 Salary Grade 12, 40 hours (\$32.03- \$47.42). These changes shall take effect retroactive from July 1, 2022 upon adoption; and that the salary grade for the employee who holds this position is hereby approved to UPSEU Local #6457 Salary Grade 12, Step 6 (\$47.42/hr) 40 hours per week. These changes shall take effect July 1, 2022 upon adoption.
- I. Approving that Resolution No. 96-22, which was approved on July 5, 2022 and which authorized the Mayor to sign and submit an Energize Connecticut Community Partnership Initiative Memorandum of Understanding for the Program Period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, be amended to correct a scrivener's error, changing both the Expenditure and Revenue lines from fund 3256 to fund 3526.
- J. *Placeholder -- Approving that the Recreation and Community Services Department \$40,000 Youth Grant (FY22/23) is allocated as follows. Ahern Whalen -- \$4,400; Middletown Youth Soccer, Inc.-- \$6,000; Middletown Youth Lacrosse --\$7,200; Middletown Youth Football and Cheer -- \$9,000; Prof. Galitto Girls Basketball -- \$2,000; Prof. Galitto Boys Basketball -- \$3,200; Middletown Youth Baseball and Softball - - \$8,200; TOTAL -- \$40,000.*

12. Mayor's Appointments

13. Meeting Adjournment