



REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER

-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. *Intentionally Removed*

4. Public Hearings on Agenda Items

- A. Public Hearing -- Opens
- B. Public Hearing – Closes

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. Common Council Special Meeting - Questions to Directors, at 6:00 PM, dated August 7, 2023
- B. Common Council Regular Meeting, at 7:00 PM, dated August 7, 2023

6. Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance

- A. Russell Library/ City Hall Feasibility Study Committee: Acct. No. 1000-07000-55200-0000-00000-0000-000; funds to complete the feasibility and capital planning process for future public library facilities: \$200,000
- B. An Ordinance appropriating \$13,500,000 for the construction of a new boathouse and renovations to the existing John Smith Boathouse, and authorizing the issue of \$13,500,000 bonds to the City to meet said appropriation and, pending the issuance thereof, the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose

7. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval

- A. City Clerk's Certificate
- B. Monthly Reports -- Finance Department: Transfer Report to August 23, 2023
- C. Youth Services Bureau -- Acct. No. 3612-06000-59200-x-x-2024-x; State Connecticut Violence Prevention grant via Middletown Racial Justice Coalition for Circle Keepers program budget needs, training youth in principles of restorative justice and circle keeping, with goal to expand practice in and out of school: \$7,000
- D. Youth Services Bureau – Acct. No. 3616-06000-59200-x-x-2024-x; grant from State Judicial branch to coordinate Juvenile Justice Collaborative for Middletown District Court: \$21,667
- E. Youth Services Bureau – Acct. No. 3614-06000-59200-x-x-2024-x; grant from State Department of Children & Families to assist with general programming and associated supplies: \$27,951
- F. Youth Services Bureau – Acct. No. 3613-06000-59200-x-x-2024-x; State grant to enhance and supplement programming and services, partially aimed at enhancing and expanding diversion services: \$27,410
- G. Youth Services Bureau – Acct. No. 3615-06000-59200-x-x-2024-x; State grant to support Middletown Youth Diversion Team, formerly Juvenile Review Board, for staffing, programming, and service provisions; Year 5 of grant): \$33,500
- H. Board of Education – Acct. No. 2450-33000-59405-x-03025; miscellaneous grants: \$4,180,037.28
- I. Board of Education Cafeteria/ Food Services – Acct. No. 2450-33000-52183-x-x; food services grant: \$293,661.95
- J. Police – Acct. No. 2130-18000-57030-0182-03130; Animal Control Donation Account, used for special needs fund for animals in custody, including veterinary fees not normally covered by the City such as spay/neuter, tumor removal, or more specialized surgeries that previously resulted in euthanasia, as well as behavior training to help animals get adopted more quickly. This funding has reduced number of euthanasia: \$7,000
- K. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management – 4th Quarter Employment Activity (FY 2022-2023) and Year-End Report FY2022-2023
- L. Health – Acct. No. 3043-31000-59200-0000-00371-2024; Cromwell Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity Supplement, a Federal grant for sub-contract work, providing the Town of Cromwell with Covid testing and vaccinations to high-need communities and homebound: \$56,692.89

8. Reports to the Common Council

- A. American Rescue Plan
- B. Riverfront
- C. Route 9
- D. Russell Library/City Hall Feasibility Study Committee
- E. Anti-Racism Task Force, including Beman Triangle (mural & crosswalks)

9. Payment of all City bills when properly approved

10. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.

- A. Approving the Health Department requests that \$78,000 of the Public Health Block Grant (FY 23/24) be allocated as follows:

<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Communicable Disease Surveillance	\$ 18,000
Community Renewal Team Inc. (Elderly Nutrition)	\$ 7,500
New Horizons Battered Women’s Shelter	\$ 22,500
Northern Middlesex YMCA – Schwartz Men’s Residence	\$ 3,000
Warming Center	\$ 25,500
Oddfellows Playhouse – After school circus program	\$ 2,000
Middletown PAL	\$ 2,500
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 78,000</u>

and that any agency receiving an award must comply with the matching fund *Code of Ordinances*, Chapter 44, Section 44-11, section B, Municipal Grant Awards.

- B. Approving the following distributions of Educational Incentive Challenge Grant funds:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Cross Street Training & Academic Center, Inc.	Afterschool Tutorial Program	\$7,000
Oddfellows Playhouse	Theater Explorers	\$4,000
YMCA	Kid’s Korner	\$4,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$15,000

that the citizens of Middletown are urged to ensure that every child has access to a safe, engaging place where students extend their learning day through enrichment and academic activities by supporting programming outside the school day; and that any agency receiving an award must comply with the matching fund *Code of Ordinances*, Chapter 44, Section 44-11, section B, *Municipal Grant Awards*.

- C. Approving that a bid waiver be granted to Riptide Technologies for the procurement of Okta commercial software for so long as Riptide Technologies sells this product for less than vendors utilizing a cooperative contract, and the Mayor is authorized to sign all purchase orders necessary to acquire this software, subject to review and approval by the Finance Department.

- D. Approving that Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim be authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Connecticut for a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 in Local Capital Projects Improvement Program funds, for the cost to repair the Middletown Westfield Fire Department side and rear parking lot; and that a new line item be created in the Capital Improvement Plan entitled "Westfield Fire Parking Lot Repair" in the amount of \$50,000.00.
- E. Approving, in anticipation of receiving Phase 2 funding from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, to support Phase 2 of the SMM Grant pilot program in the Sanitation District and to continue the co-collection program and alter the billing processing procedures, to reduce waste and manage residential organics in a more sustainable manner; that Phase 2 will last one year; and that staff will continuously evaluate the structure throughout the pilot to determine future actions.
- F. Approves locating the mosaic within the entrance and throughout the tunnel leading to the riverfront, and to support necessary improvements for placement of the mosaics, thought the public works budget.
- G. Approving the proposed *Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Middletown and the Federal Bureau of Investigation* to allow for FBI funding of Phase 2 work prior to completion of all Phase 1 work, and that the Mayor is authorized to sign the proposed Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement, subject to review and approval by the Office of General Counsel as to form and content
- H. ORDINANCE: Approving amendment to Chapter 272 ("Taxation"), adding Section 272-9.11 entitled "Real Estate Fixing Agreement for Newfield Apartment Phase II-B.
- I. Approving sending to the voters on November 7, 2023 the referendum question and ballot label for the bond ordinance, appropriating \$13,500,000 for the for the construction of a new boathouse and renovations to the existing John Smith Boathouse, and authorizing the issue of \$13,500,000 bonds to the City to meet said appropriation and, pending the issuance thereof, the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

11. Mayor's Appointments

12. Adjournment