



**REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
7:00 PM**

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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. Resolution: Recognition of Middletown Police Capt. Gary Wallace**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 3, 2020, at 7:00 PM**
- 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. Police Department: \$526,237.60 -- Acct. No. 1000-18000-51358-0180; appropriation to cover the negative balance for private duty overtime for FY19-20 due to high volume of private duty jobs
- 8. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval**
 - A. City Clerk's Certificate

- B. Monthly Reports -- Finance Department: Transfer Report to August 25, 2020
 - C. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Youth Services -- State funding to enhance programming and services, partially aimed at enhancing or expanding diversion services: \$12,967
 - D. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Youth Services -- Department of Children & Families Youth Services Bureau Large Enhancement -- grant to assist with youth programming, including youth diversion & youth development: \$28,037
 - E. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Health Department – Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) funds to support Medical Reserve Corp, including advertising. Medical materials, office materials, and operations: \$14,700
 - F. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Mayor's Office/Office of Superintendent of Schools/ School Readiness Council – maintain/enhance access to high quality pre-school, expand opportunities for full day, year round day care to allow parents to maintain employment; and shared services for early care and education: \$165,400.33
 - G. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Youth Services – United Way Healthy Child/Healthy Youth Grant: \$1,600
 - H. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Youth Services – CYSA Department of Children & Families (DCF) Juvenile Review Board (JRB) Support Enhancement Grant – grant to support youth diversion team staffing, programming & services: \$30,500
 - I. Grant Confirmation & Approval – Board of Education – miscellaneous grants: \$810,219.13
 - J. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Finance – Local Capital Improvement program (LoCIP) 2020: \$309,470
 - K. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Mayor's Office/Office of Superintendent of Schools/ School Readiness Council – Supplemental Funding September 2020: \$158,621
 - L. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Middletown Farmers' Market – SNAP reimbursement, Middlesex Health produce vouchers, and CHC produce vouchers: \$1,775
 - M. Emergency Purchase: Emergency Management – purchase of emergency COVID-related medical supplies: \$5,292
 - N. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Board of Education – reversal of miscellaneous grants (\$5,161.17)
 - O. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Health Department – support for expenses associated with enhanced, detection, response, surveillance, and prevention of COVID 19: \$107,284
 - P. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Youth Services Bureau – support from Connecticut State Judicial branch to coordinate Juvenile Justice Collaborative for Middletown District Court: \$21,667
- 9. Mayor's Update Report: Arrigoni Bridge Project**
- 10. Payment of all City bills when properly approved**
- 11. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.**

- A. Approving that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 7-187, et seq., a Charter Revision Commission be, and hereby is, established to initiate a comprehensive review of and potential amendments to the City Charter; and that the Charter Revision Commission will consider such other amendments as are deemed necessary and proper; and that the members of the Charter Revision Commission will be appointed by action of the Council within 30 days of approval of this resolution.
- B. Approving that the City of Middletown declares a climate emergency that threatens the existence of our civilization and the natural world; and that this resolution provides the foundation upon which the City of Middletown shall develop future priorities, legislation, policies, plans, budgets, and actions; and that the Middletown Common Council will work with the Mayor to establish an emergency mobilization effort that, with ongoing City funding and appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from state and federal authorities, will aim to end City-generated greenhouse gas emissions by or before December 31, 2030, and to adopt techniques to safely reduce emitted carbon; and that the Common Council urges the Mayor to direct all City department heads, committees, and commissions to establish plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by both the City and the wider community, placing the highest priority on providing the benefits of a clean-energy economy to all community members on an equitable basis; and that the City of Middletown recognizes environmental injustice as a racial justice issue which the City commits to address and understands that an equitable transition to a fossil-fuel-free economy requires full community participation; and that the City of Middletown will advocate for coordinated climate action at the regional, state, and federal levels to restore a safe and sustainable climate for all living beings on earth.
- C. Approving that 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 \$75,000.00 in Local Capital Projects Improvement Program (LoCIP) funds, for the cost to remove and trim numerous trees across Middletown that were affected by the Emerald Ash Borer; and that a new line item be created in the Capital Improvement Plan entitled "Emerald Ash Borer Tree Trimming and Removal" in the amount of \$75,000.00.
- D. Approving the Recreation & Community Services Department request to reallocate \$9,000 of the FY20-21 Youth Grant from Middletown Jr. Dragons to Middletown Youth Football and Cheer to correct a scrivener's error in Resolution No. 47-20, which was approved by the Common Council on July 6, 2020; and that any agency receiving a Youth Grant award must comply with the City's ordinances.
- E. Approving that the following 2020 Entitlement appropriations are hereby approved:

St. Vincent DePaul Middletown	Amazing Grace Food Distribution Initiative	\$10,000.00
Oddfellows Playhouse	Youth Scholarships	\$ 6,000.00
Columbus House	Middletown Warming Center	\$25,000.00
Middlesex Community College	Magic Food Bus Phase V	\$ 2,500.00
City of Middletown	Farmer's Market	\$ 8,498.00
Women and Families Center	Sexual Assault Crisis Services	\$ 5,000.00
Russell Library	Career Program	\$ 8,000.00
Middlesex YMCA	Teen Program	\$ 5,000.00
The Connection	Middletown Works Support	\$ 2,400.00
Future's Inc.	Micro Enterprise Assistance	\$30,000.00
Buttonwood Tree	LMI Job Creation	\$24,000.00
Clean Energy Task Force	Housing Improvements	\$15,000.00
Gilead Community Services	Social Center Renovations	\$21,210.00
Gilead Community Services	Resource Center Paving	\$65,000.00
Oddfellows Playhouse	Roof Replacement	\$39,000.00

Oddfellows Playhouse	HVAC System Replacement	\$35,400.00
MARC Community Resources	ADA and improvements	\$90,642.00
City of Middletown	Program Administration	\$90,000.00

and that the Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer of the City of Middletown, is hereby authorized to submit *the 2020 Annual Action Plan* to access \$482,650 of CDBG entitlement funding.

- F. Approving the Five-Year Consolidated Plan of Housing and Community Development for years 2020-2024 and the revision to the Citizen's Participation Plan; and that the Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer of the City of Middletown, is hereby authorized to submit the Five-Year Consolidated Plan of Housing and Community Development for years 2020-2024 and the revised Citizen's Participation Plan to the U.S. department of Housing & Urban Development.
- G. Approving a City of Middletown Bridge Loan in the amount of \$10,000 to ProTech Automotive LLC; and, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to close the loan with ProTech Automotive LLC.
- H. Approving the allocation of the CARES ACT Community Development Block Grant Funding to the following Middletown Small Businesses: Zero Degree Middletown, LLC -- \$5,000.00 and First Chance, Inc. The Bridge -- \$5,000.00; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all contractual paperwork necessary to facilitate the allocation of these Grants, subject to review and approval by the office of General Counsel as to form and content.
- I. Approving that Quatina Frazer is appointed as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission to a term ending November 9, 2021, filling the vacancy created by the appointment of former alternate member James O'Connell as a regular member of said Commission.

12. Mayor's Appointments

13. Meeting Adjournment