



**REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021
7:00 PM**

Hybrid Meeting

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER
(limited public seating)**

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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: Honoring Faith Jackson, Director of City's Office Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management -- 100 Women of Color (2021) Honoree**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Special Meeting of September 7, 2021 at 5:30 PM (Questions to Directors)
 - B. Special Meeting of September 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM (Workshop on Proposed Recreation Center Energy Plan)
 - C. Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021 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. Fire Department: \$14,945.55 – Acct. No. 2021-50000-51971-0500-00000-0000-000; Fire Fund Balance to bring the fill-ins line out of the red for FY2020-2021; overtime for EMS standby at COVID vaccine clinics; funds re reimbursable by Federal government as COVID-related
8. **Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval**
 - A. City Clerk's Certificate
 - B. Monthly Reports -- Finance Department: Transfer Report to September 21, 2021
 - C. Police Department: Animal Control Donations – Acct. No. 2130-18000-57030-01820-03130; special needs fund for animals in custody for vet fees not normally covered by the City such as spay/neuter, tumor removal, or more specialized surgeries that used to result in euthanasia; also used for behavioral training to help animals get adopted; fund has reduced number of euthanasia: \$3,000
 - D. Police Department: Federal DEA Overtime Reimbursement -- Acct. No. 3492-18000-59200-0180-00000-2022-000; grant for 100% overtime reimbursement for Police Department assistance in local investigations: \$20,000
 - E. Board of Education: Acct. No. 2450-33000-59405-x-03025; miscellaneous grants: \$2,121,751.45
 - F. Board of Education: Acct. No. 2450-33000-52183-x-x; Cafeteria/. Food Services: \$56,718.74
 - G. Board of Education: Acct. No. 2450-33000-59400-x-03030; fresh fruit and vegetable grant reduction “ (\$3,935.54)
 - H. Health Department: Kids Health & Safety – Acct No. 2460-31000-67030-0000-03335-x-x; Kids Health & Safety Day event offers educational information about wellness, interactive exhibits, health screening, child identification: \$3,000
 - I. Health Department: MRC- Public health preparedness – Acct. No 3220-31000-51220-x-x-2021-x; State grant, unused balances MRC PHEP: (\$626.26)
 - J. Police Department: High Visibility Enforcement Grant – Acct. No. 3494-18000-59200-0180-x-2021; State Department of Transportation grant focusing on distracted driving with objective of reducing fatalities and injuries caused by distracted driving, especially those with hand-held devices; enforcement to be done October 15 to October 31, 2021 and April 1 to April 30, 2022; Grant is 100% reimbursable with no overall financial impact on City: \$25,000
 - K. Mayor's Office/ Superintendent of Schools: School Readiness – Quality Enhancement (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) -- Acct. No. 3730-33000-59200-0000-03080-2022-000; funds received through this grant will be utilized to enhance quality of school readiness program: \$19,023
 - L. Mayor's Office/ Superintendent of Schools: School Readiness Funding (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) -- Acct. No. 3730-33000-59200-0000-03740-2022-000; funds will be used to (1) maintain/increase number of accredited/ approved preschool slots, (2) provide opportunity for more students to receive full day/ full year child care services to meet family needs and enable parents

- to maintain employment, and (3) establish shared services to early child care and education programs among the State and its agencies, the community, and families: \$1,781,059
- M. Recreation & Community Services: Activity Account -- Acct. No. 220-32000-59022-0321-03205-x-x; to support Recreation & Community Services Department activities, supplies, wages, and busing: \$40,000
- 9. Report to the Common Council: Mayor Florsheim**
- A. Arrigoni Bridge Project
- B. 21st Century Bond, Including Update on Expenditures
- 10. Covid-19 & Vaccination Update: Health Department, Acting Director Kevin Elak**
- 11. Payment of all City bills when properly approved**
- 12. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.**
- A. Approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver in the name of the City of Middletown, the purchase of the 74.3 acres located at Westlake Drive (Map 05, Lot 0029), East Street (Map 05, Lot 0021) and East Street (Map 05, Lot 0022) as city open space and passive recreation, and to do any and all other acts to effectuate the foregoing, following review and approval as to content and form by the Office of the General Counsel.
- B. Approving that Ramel Barnes shall be granted up to a 30-days advanced sick leave.
- C. Approving the allocation of the CARES ACT CDBG Funding to the following Middletown Small Business: 860 Brewing, LLC-- \$5,000.00; and authorizing the Mayor 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.
- D. Approving and authorizing that the City of Middletown to become a member of the Estuary Transit District (ETD) as proposed by the June 2020 Lower Connecticut River Valley Transit Study in an effort to create a more sustainable, efficient, and expanded transit district for the betterment of the governing agency and constituents it serves, and; approving and authorizing the transfer of Middletown Transit District's (MTD) assets and transit operation into the existing ETD structure and the eventual withdrawal of Middletown from the MTD upon completion of the consolidation of the two transit districts and satisfaction of any statutory requirements.
- E. Approving that the job description of Community Health Educator, Maximus Salary Grade 11, (\$28.05 - \$41.52), 40 hours, AFSMCE Local 466, be revised to the corresponding job description with no change in salary and is hereby approved into the Maximus Classification Plan; and that revisions to this job description for this position shall be effective upon adoption.
- 13. Mayor's Appointments**
- 14. Meeting Adjournment**