



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT**

**FY 2022-2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:00 PM as a hybrid meeting with participants in-person in the Council Chamber and remotely, via WebEx. The meeting was also livestreamed on the City of Middletown's Facebook page. This meeting is the second of three (3) scheduled budget workshops for the proposed FY 2022-2023 budget.

**Present:**

Councilwoman Jeanette White Blackwell	Councilman Vincent Loffredo
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.	Councilman Edward McKeon
Councilman Darnell Ford	Councilman Eugene Nocera
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.	Councilman Philip Pessina
	Councilwoman Linda Salafia

**Absent:** Councilwoman Meghan Carta; Councilman Edward Ford, Jr.; Councilman Anthony Mangiafico

**Also Present:** Clerk of the Common Council, Linda SK Reed

Commander Anthony Gaunichaux, Sr. – Middletown Council of Veterans  
Joseph Comerford, Director - Middletown Transit District  
August DeFrance, IV - Old Burying Grounds  
David Bauer, Registrar of Voters  
Marek Kozikowski, Director - Land Use  
Ramona Burkey, Director - Russell Library  
Bryan Skowera, Director - Technology Services  
Brig Smith, Esq. – General Counsel  
Joseph Fazzino, PE, Director - Water & Sewer  
Christopher Holden, PE, Acting Director - Public Works  
Rohan Manning, Acting Deputy Director - Public Works  
Hon. Benjamin D. Florsheim, Mayor  
Carl Erlacher, CPA, Director - Finance

**Members of the Public:** WebEx (1 attendee) and Facebook livestream (unknown number of viewers)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor, Councilman Vincent Loffredo is serving as Chair for this budget workshop. He calls the workshop to order at 6:03 PM. The Councilmembers join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair begins the budget workshop presentations inviting spokespersons in the Chamber to the podium for each of the following items. Online participant will speak via WebEx.

**1. Council of Veterans**

Council of Veterans Commander Anthony Gaunichaux, Sr. presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**2. Transit District**

Transit District Director Joseph Comerford presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**3. Old Burying Ground**

Board Member August DeFrance IV is present, Due to audio issues, Clerk of the Common Council Linda Reed presented the information as provided by Board Member DeFrance.

**4. Registrar of Voters**

Republican registrar of Voters David Bauer, presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**5. Land Use**

Land Use Director Marek Kozikowski presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**6. Russell Library**

Russel Library Director Ramona Burkey presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**7. Technology Services**

Technology Services Director Bryan Skowera presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**8. Office of General Counsel**

General Counsel Brig Smith presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed

**9. Water & Sewer**

Water & Sewer Director Joseph Fazzino presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**10. Public Works**

Acting Public Works Director Christopher Holden presented the budget. Acting Assistant Director Rohan Manning provided supplementary information. Acting Director Holden and Acting Deputy Director Manning responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further discussion on the budget, the Chair closed the workshop at 8:42 PM.

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED,  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

*K: review/ minutes/ 22 April 12 – budget workshop #2 – 12 April 2022*