



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

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held remotely via WebEx and livestreamed on the City of Middletown's Facebook page on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 6:00 PM. This meeting is the first of three (3) scheduled budget workshops for the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget.

Present:

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

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Also Present: Hon. Benjamin D. Florsheim, Mayor
Keisha Michael, Arts & Culture Coordinator
Carl Erlacher, CPA, Finance Director
Hon. Joseph Marino, Probate Judge
Justin Carbonella, Youth Services Coordinator
Ashley Flynn-Natale, City & Town Clerk
Damon Braasch, CCMA II, Tax Assessor
Dr. Michael Conner, Superintendent of School
Christine Bourne, Board of Education
Natalie Forbes, Board of Education
Cheryl Walcott, Board of Education
Marco Gaylord, Board of Education
Michael Skott, Board of Education
Magda Parvey, Board of Education
Daniel Ryan, Esq., Corporation Counsel
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council

Members of the Public: WebEx (7 attendees) and Facebook livestream (unknown number of viewers)

A. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Vincent Loffredo is serving as Chair for this budget workshop. He calls the workshop to order at 6:00 PM. The Councilmembers and participants recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PROPOSED DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

- 1. Mayor**
The proposed Budget for FY 2020-2021 was introduced and presented by Mayor Benjamin Florsheim, including details for the Mayor's office. Councilmembers asked questions as needed.
- 2. Arts & Culture**
Arts & Culture Coordinator Keisha Michael presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 3. Treasurer**
Finance Director Carl Erlacher, CPA presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed. City Treasurer Steven Kovach was also present.
- 4. Finance Department**
Finance Director Carl Erlacher, CPA, presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 5. Tax Collector**
Finance Director Carl Erlacher, CPA presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

- 6. Probate**
Hon. Joseph Marino, Esq. presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 7. Youth Services**
Youth Services Coordinator Justin Carbonella presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 8. Town Clerk**
City/Town Clerk Ashley Flynn-Natale presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 9. Tax Assessor and Board of Tax Review**
Tax Assessor Damon Braasch presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 10. Board of Education**
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Conner presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed. Dr. Conner was assisted by Christine Bourne, Natalie Forbes, Marco Gaylord, Magda Parvey, Cheryl Walcott, and Michael Skott.

C. MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further discussion on the budget, the Chair states that he will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Eugene Nocera moves to adjourn. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for the vote. It is approved unanimously with 12 aye votes. The Chair states the matter passes with 12 affirmative votes.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:50 PM.

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED,
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

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