



**SPECIAL MEETING  
COMMUNITY MEETING**

**COMMON COUNCIL  
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022  
AT 6:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown -- the Community Meeting -- was held on Thursday, January 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM. This meeting was fully remote via WebEx. The meeting was also livestreamed on the City's Facebook page.

**Present:**

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell  
Councilwoman Meghan Carta  
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.  
Councilman Edward Ford, Jr.  
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo  
Councilman Anthony Mangiafico  
Councilman Edward McKeon  
Councilman Eugene Nocera  
Councilman Philipp Pessina  
Councilwoman Linda Salafia

Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim, Chair  
Corporation Counsel Daniel Ryan, Esq.  
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council

Absent: Councilman Darnell Ford

**Also Present:**

Department of Community & Economic Development – Joseph Samolis, Director  
Office of General Counsel -- Big Smith, Esq.

Members of the Public:            WebEx 3            Facebook (unknown)

**1. Call to Order**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Benjamin Florsheim calls the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. He welcomes everyone to the Special Meeting of the Common Council. The Chair asks Councilman Philip Pessina to lead the Common Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Council Clerk Reads the *Call of the Meeting* and Chair declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting**

The Clerk of the Common Council reads the *Call of the Meeting* and the Chair declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

**2. Public Comment Opens**

The Chair opens public hearing at 6:35 PM. Any member of the public wishing to speak may either step to the podium or indicate by raising their hand using the WebEx function. When called on, they are asked to state their name and address for the record. Councilmembers are here to listen, not to engage in dialogue. The Council will not be taking any action. People having a particular issue are welcome to contact individual Council members or the Mayor's Office. Speakers are asked to limit comments to five (5) minutes. The Chair also states that, if anyone is calling by phone, they may press \*3 to indicate that they wish to speak.

**3. Public Comment Closes**

The public hearing is closed at 6:37 PM.

**4. Meeting adjourned**

Councilman Philip Pessina moves for adjournment. Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion. There being no discussion, the Chair calls for the vote. It is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes. (AYE:

Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, E. Ford, Faulkner, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman D. Ford). The matter is approved.

The meeting is adjourned at 6:38 PM

ATTEST:  
LINDA S.K. REED,  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

*K: review/ minutes/ 22 January 13 – Community meeting -- 13 January 2022*