



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

**FY 2023-2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023  
6:00 PM**

**REVISED MINUTES**

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM. This was a hybrid meeting, participants in-person in the Council Chamber and remotely, via WebEx. The meeting was also livestreamed on local public access cable television, on the City website, and on the City Facebook page. This meeting is the second of three (3) scheduled budget workshops for the proposed FY 2023-2024 budget.

**Present:**

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell  
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.  
Councilman Darnell Ford  
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.  
Councilman Vincent Loffredo

Councilman Anthony Mangiafico  
Councilman Michael A. Marino  
Councilman Edward McKeon  
Councilman Eugene Nocera  
Councilman Philip Pessina  
Councilwoman Linda Salafia

**Absent:** Councilwoman Meghan Carta

**Also Present:** Linda SK Reed, Clerk of the Common Council  
Office Steven Dimassa, Middletown Police – Sergeant-at-Arms

Hon. Benjamin D. Florsheim, Mayor  
August DeFrance, Old Burying Grounds  
Philip Cacciola, Council of Veterans  
William Curlin, Council of Veterans  
Judge Joseph Marino, Probate Court  
George Souto, Registrar of Voters (Republican)  
Patricia Alston, Registrar of Voters (Democrat)  
Faith Jackson, Director – Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management  
Ramona Burkey, Director- Russell Library  
Brandie Doyle, Russel Library  
Brig Smith, Esq., General Counsel  
Joseph Fazzino, Director – Water & Sewer  
Christopher Holden, Director – Public Works

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor, Councilman Vincent Loffredo is serving as Chair for this budget workshop. He calls the workshop to order at 6:00 PM. The Councilmembers join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair begins the budget workshop presentations inviting spokespersons to the podium for each of the following items.

**1. Old Burying Grounds**

August DeFrance presented the budget and responded to questions asked by Councilmembers, as needed.

**2. Council of Veterans**

Philip Cacciola and William Curlin presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**3. Probate**

Probate Judge Joseph Marino presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**4. Registrars of Voters**

Registrars George Souto and Patricia Alston presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**5. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management**

Director Faith Jackson presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**5. Information Technology**

The Chair announced that this presentation s postponed as the Department director was unable to attend.

**6. Office of General Counsel**

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

**7. Water & Sewer**

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

**8. Public Works**

Director Christopher Holden presented the budget and 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 9:15 PM.

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED,  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

*K: review/ minutes/ 2023 April 11 -- Budget Workshop #2 – 11 April 2023*