



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

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held as a hybrid meeting, participants in-person in the Council Chamber and remotely, via WebEx. The meeting was also livestreamed on the City of Middletown's Facebook page on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6:00 PM. This meeting is the first of three (3) scheduled budget workshops for the proposed FY 2021-2022 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

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
Brig Smith, Esq., General Counsel
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council

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 6:05 PM.

Councilman Philip Pessina calls for a point of order. He shares sad news that former Councilman William Pillerella has passed. He recounts some of former Councilman Pillerella's accomplishments. The Common Council pauses for a moment of silence.

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

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.

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 Court

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. Fire Department

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

11. Emergency Management

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

12. Central Communications

Central Communications Director Wayne Bartolotta 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 7:47 PM.

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED,
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

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