



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

**FY 2021-2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 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 Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 6:00 PM. This meeting is the second of three (3) scheduled budget workshops for the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget.

**Present:**

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

**Absent:** Councilwoman Meghan Carta

**Also Present:** August DeFrance, IV, President- Old Burying Grounds Association  
Catherine Lechowicz, Director – Recreation & Community Services  
Ramona Burkey, Director – Russel Library  
Brandie Doyle, Russell Library  
David Bauer, Registrar of Voters  
Brig Smith, Esq., General Counsel  
Joseph Fazzino, Director – Water & Sewer Department  
Bryan Skowera, Director Technology Services  
William Russo, Director – Public Works  
Christopher Holden, Deputy Director – Public Works  
Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator  
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council  
Sargent-at-Arms, Officer Matthew Nettis, Middletown Police

Members of the Public: WebEx (6 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 Chair begins the budget workshop presentations inviting spokespersons to the podium for each of the following items.

- 1. Old Burying Grounds**  
President of the Old Burying Grounds Association August DeFrance IV, presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 2. Recreation & Community Services**  
Director of Recreation & Community Services Director Catherine Lechowicz presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 3. Russell Library**  
Russell Library Director Ramona Burkey presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 4. Registrar of Voters**  
Republican Registrar of Voters David Bauer presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 5. Office of General Counsel**  
General Counsel Brig Smith presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**6. Water & Sewer**

Water & Sewer Director Joseph Fazzino 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. Public Works Department**

Public Works Director William Russo presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed. Additional information was provided by Deity Director Christopher Holden and recycling Coordinator Kim O'Rourke.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further discussion on the budget, the Chair closed the workshop at 8:47 PM.

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

*K: review/ minutes/ 21 April 15 -- budget workshop -- 15 April 2021*