



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

**FY 2020-2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020  
6:00 PM**

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 Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 6:00 PM. This meeting is the third 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
	Councilwoman Linda Salafia

**Absent:** Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.

**Also Present:** Hon. Benjamin D. Florsheim, Mayor  
Carl Erlacher, CPA, Finance Director  
Kenneth McClellan, Council of Veterans  
Joseph Comerford, Director -- Middletown Transit District  
Dr. Joseph Havlicek, Director -- Health Department  
Kevin Elak, R.S., Health Department  
Faith Jackson, Director – Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management  
Chief Robert Kronenberger, Fire Department & Emergency Management  
Wayne Bartolotta, Director – Central Communications  
Joseph Samolis, Director – Planning, Conservation & Development  
Chief William McKenna, Police Department  
Deputy Chief Michael Timbro, Police Department  
Lt. John Lozefski, Police Department  
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council

**Members of the Public:** WebEx (4 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 6:05 PM. .

**B. PROPOSED DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

- 1. Council of Veterans**  
The proposed Budget for FY 2020-2021 was introduced and presented by Kenneth McClellan. Councilmembers asked questions as needed.
- 2. Middletown Transit District**  
Director Joseph Comerford presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 3. Health Department**  
Health Department Manager Kevin Elak presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed. Dr. Joseph Havlicek, M.D, Director, was also present.
- 4. Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management**  
Director Faith Jackson presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 5. Fire Department**  
Chief Robert Kronenberger presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**6. Emergency Management**

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

**7. Central Communications**

Director Wayne Bartolotta presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

**8. Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments**

There were no questions.

**9. Planning, Conservation & Development**

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

**10. Zoning Board of Appeals**

Director Joseph Samolis stated that there is no separate budget for this Board. There were no questions.

**11. Police Department**

Chief William McKenna presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed. .Deputy Chief Michael Timbro and Lt. John Lozefski were also present.

**9. Animal Control**

Chief William McKenna presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed. .Deputy Chief Michael Timbro and Lt. John Lozefski were also present.

**C. MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

Councilman Vincent Loffredo moves to adjourn. Councilwoman Jeannette Blackwell seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for the vote. It is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes. The Chair states the matter passes with 11 affirmative votes.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:30PM.

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED,  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

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