



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

**FY 2021-2022 BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown, the FY 2021-2022 Budget Adoption Meeting, was held live in the Common Council Chamber, remotely via WebEx, and livestreamed on the City of Middletown's Facebook page on Monday, June 14, 2021.

**Present:**

Councilwoman Meghan Carta	Councilman Vincent Loffredo
Councilwoman 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

Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim, Chair  
Daniel Ryan, Esq. Corporation Counsel  
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council  
Officer Steven DiMassa, Middletown Police – Sergeant-at-Arms

Absent: Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell

Members of the Public: WebEx (15) and Facebook livestream (unknown number of viewers)

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Benjamin Florsheim calls the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. He welcomes everyone to the Regular Meeting of the Common Council. The Chair asks Councilman Philip Pessina to lead the Common Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Pessina notes that, on this date, Congress designated this day in 1777 as Flag Day. The Mayor wishes everyone a happy Flag Day.

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 Hearing on Agenda Items**

The Chair opens public hearing at 7:10 PM. The Chair invites any member of the public looking to speak can do so, addressing the Council on the proposed FY21-22 City budget. He notes that there are no members of the public in the Chamber. The Chair invites anyone participating remotely, may use the WebEx hand raise function. Each speaker will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to state their name and address for the record. Speakers in the queue will be unmuted in chronological order. The public hearing is limited to 30 minutes. If, at that time, there are additional speakers, the Council may consider extending the public hearing portion of the meeting. He reminds the public that the hand raise function.

**3. Public Hearing Closes**

There being no public comment, the Chair closes the public hearing at 7:11 PM.

**4. Resolution**

**A. Adopting the General Fund Budget  
APPROVED, AS SUBSTITUTED**

Councilman Vincent Loffredo offers a substitute resolution, replacing the document on file with the agenda in the Town Clerk's Office. He moves the following changes to the General Fund Budget. In particular, on page 2, there is section 12000 would be added contractual services 12000-551950-000-0000-0000-000 contractual services \$50,000 increase. Also on page 6, under City

debt on page 6, it would be a net decrease of \$17,857, net decrease \$17,857. Here would be a net increase to revenue by \$50,000 so the new number is \$298,389. The next section dealing with revenues, Council adjustment the first line 1000-03000-41110-0033-0000-0000-000 collection of taxes, real estate would change by \$50,000 so the new number would be -\$1,281,485. Then, for the next total, the net increase in the general Fund would be \$50,424. He moves these changes for approval. Councilman Eugene Nocera seconds the motion.

The Chair ask for there is any discussion on the substitute motion. There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on the motion to substitute the proposed resolution. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

The Chair calls on Councilman Edward McKeon, Chair of Finance & Government Operations to read the resolution for the FY21-22 General Fund

**General Fund Budget Resolution**

**APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION No: 79-21; K: review/ resolution/ CC general fund FY21-22 – RES 79-21 – 14 June 2021**

**Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:** That the City of Middletown General Fund Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as prepared by the Mayor and as advertised in the Hartford Courant on April 15, 2021, is hereby approved and adopted, as amended:  
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN - PERSONAL SERVICES

COUNCIL ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 2022

Account	Account	Description	Position	Position Description	Change
1000-01000-51110-0010-00000-0000-000		MAYOR: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	01000-23500-01	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	5,990
1000-05000-51110-0170-00000-0000-000		HUMRES: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	17000-10920-01	HR SPECIALIST	65,042
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-00400-01	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY II	-51,106
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-00460-01	LAND USE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST	56,056
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-03900-01	CITY PLANNER	-108,035
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-03910-01	ASSISTANT PLANNER	64,688
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-07560-01	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALI	-97,427
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-08600-01	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, CONSERVA	-135,782
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-08650-01	DIRECTOR OF LAND USE	121,805
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-09000-01	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIS	-80,267
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-14500-01	PCD SECRETARY II	-60,897
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-14850-01	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER	54,236
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-14900-01	PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL SPECI	-56,911
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	14000-99998-01	SALARY RESERVE	17,394
1000-14000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		LAND USE: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PE	65000-24400-01	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES SPECIA	-54,236
1000-18500-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		ECON&COMM DEV: SALARIES & WAGES,	18500-00500-02	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY III	56,930
1000-18500-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		ECON&COMM DEV: SALARIES & WAGES,	18500-07560-01	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALI	97,427
1000-18500-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		ECON&COMM DEV: SALARIES & WAGES,	18500-08350-01	DIRECTOR OF PARKING AUTHORITY	-87,006
1000-18500-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		ECON&COMM DEV: SALARIES & WAGES,	18500-08610-01	DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMU	135,782
1000-18500-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		ECON&COMM DEV: SALARIES & WAGES,	18500-09000-01	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIS	80,267
1000-18500-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		ECON&COMM DEV: SALARIES & WAGES,	18500-15400-01	PROGRAM / BUDGET ANALYST	65,720
1000-18500-51110-0000-00000-0000-000		ECON&COMM DEV: SALARIES & WAGES,	18500-99998-01	SALARY RESERVE	-17,456
1000-22000-51110-0320-00000-0000-000		PARKS: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	32000-13500-04	PARK MAINTAINER I	42,578
1000-32000-51110-0321-00000-0000-000		RECR: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	32100-02600-01	BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT II-POO	25,792
TOTAL NET INCREASE IN FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND					140,584

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN - EXPENDITURES  
COUNCIL ADJUSTMENTS TO BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 2022

03500 COMPUTERS/TELECOMMUNICATIONS

55810 GENERAL TECH. MAINT. AND IMPRO

1000-03500-55810-0000-00000-0000-000 IT: GENERAL TECH. MAINT. AND IM  
59 SWM: MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION ..... 33,000

NET INCREASE - GENERAL TECH. MAINT. AND IMPR 33,000

NET INCREASE - COMPUTERS/TELECOMMUNICATIONS 33,000

11000 OFFICE OF EQUAL OPP & DIV MNGM

55185 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

1000-11000-55185-0000-00000-0000-000 EODM: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
4 ..... 20,000

NET INCREASE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES 20,000

NET INCREASE - OFFICE OF EQUAL OPP & DIV MNG 20,000

12000 COMMON COUNCIL

55185 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
 1000-12000-55185-0000-00000-0000-000 COMMON: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
 1 ..... 50,000

NET INCREASE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES 50,000

NET INCREASE - COMMON COUNCIL 50,000

14000 PLANNING, CONSERVATION, DEVELO

51340 OVERTIME  
 1000-14000-51340-0000-00000-0000-000 LAND USE: OVERTIME  
 1 ..... -999

NET DECREASE - OVERTIME -999

52110 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
 1000-14000-52110-0000-00000-0000-000 LAND USE: GENERAL ADMINISTRATIV  
 5 MISCELLANEOUS ..... -1,000  
 6 COPY PAPER & MAP PRINTING ..... 550

NET DECREASE - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE -450

53185 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
 1000-14000-53185-0000-00000-0000-000 LAND USE: PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
 1 REMINGTON RAND PROPERTY MANG ..... -250,000

NET DECREASE - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT -250,000

54120 CELL PHONE  
 1000-14000-54120-0000-00000-0000-000 LAND USE: CELL PHONE  
 1 ..... -500

NET DECREASE - CELL PHONE -500

55185 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
 1000-14000-55185-0000-00000-0000-000 LAND USE: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
 1 COPIER MAINTANCE AGREEMENT ..... -375

NET DECREASE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES -375

NET DECREASE - PLANNING, CONSERVATION, DEVELO -252,324

18500 PARKING DEPT

52110 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
 1000-18500-52110-0000-00000-0000-000 ECON&COMM DEV: GENERAL ADMINIST  
 3 RESIDENTIAL AND MONTHLY PARKING PERMITS ..... -1  
 4 OFFICE SUPPLIES ..... 2,000  
 17 LEGAL NOTICES/MARKETING ..... 2,500  
 18 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT ..... 500  
 19 MISCELLANEOUS ..... 1,000

NET INCREASE - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE 5,999

53185 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
 1000-18500-53185-0000-00000-0000-000 ECON&COMM DEV: PROPERTY MANAGEM  
 1 REMINGTON RAND PROPERTY MANG ..... 250,000

NET INCREASE - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 250,000

NET INCREASE - PARKING DEPT 255,999

22000 PUBLIC WORKS

55475 TREE SERVICE  
 1000-22000-55475-0226-00000-0000-000 HWAY: TREE SERVICE  
 1 TREE MAINTENANCE ..... 100,000

NET INCREASE - TREE SERVICE 100,000

NET INCREASE - PUBLIC WORKS 100,000

27000 SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

57030 MISC EXPENSE  
 1000-27000-57030-0708-00000-0000-000 COMMTY: MISC EXPENSE  
 20 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM ODDFELLOWS ..... 60,000

NET INCREASE - MISC EXPENSE 60,000

NET INCREASE - SPECIAL ACCOUNTS 60,000

32000 REC & COMMUNITY SERVICES

51230 SALARIES, PT SEASONAL

1000-32000-51230-0321-00000-0000-000 RECR: SALARIES & WAGES, PT SEAS  
 33 ADDITIONAL RECREATION PROGRAMS ..... 20,000

NET INCREASE - SALARIES, PT SEASONAL 20,000

NET INCREASE - REC & COMMUNITY SERVICES 20,000

38000 CITY INTEREST

57210 EDUC/CITY INTEREST

1000-38000-57210-0000-00819-0000-000 CSO PROJECT 207-CSL: CITY INTER  
 1 ..... -21,512

1000-38000-57210-0000-00821-0000-000 CSO PROJECT 371-C: CITY INTERES  
 1 ..... -241

1000-38000-57210-0000-00826-0000-000 CSO PROJECT 362-C: CITY INTERES  
 1 ..... -5,575

1000-38000-57210-0000-00830-0000-000 CSO PROJECT 362-CD1: CITY INTER  
 1 ..... -8,269

1000-38000-57210-0000-00900-0000-000 2021 BOND ISSUE: CITY INTEREST-  
 1 ..... 51,168

NET INCREASE - EDUC/CITY INTEREST 15,571

NET INCREASE - CITY INTEREST 15,571

38500 CITY DEBT

57305 CITY/EDUC PRINCIPAL

1000-38500-57305-0000-00819-0000-000 CSO PROG 207CSL: CITY PRINCIPAL  
 1 ..... -99,666

1000-38500-57305-0000-00852-0000-000 CSO PROJECT 371-C: CITY PRINCIP  
 1 ..... -57,752

1000-38500-57305-0000-00857-0000-000 CSO PROJECT 362-C: CITY PRINCIP  
 1 ..... -78,701

1000-38500-57305-0000-00863-0000-000 CSO PROJECT 362-CD1: CITY PRINC  
 1 ..... -116,738

1000-38500-57305-0000-00901-0000-000 2021 BOND ISSUE GENE: CITY PRIN  
 1 ..... 335,000

NET DECREASE - CITY/EDUC PRINCIPAL -17,857

NET DECREASE - CITY DEBT -17,857

TOTAL NET INCREASE IN FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND 284,389

1000-03000-41110-0033-00000-0000-000	COLL: TAXES-REAL ESTATE/MOTOR VEH	-1,281,485
1000-03000-43101-0030-00000-0000-000	FIN: GRNTS FOR MUNICIPAL PROJECTS	957,654
1000-03000-43110-0030-00000-0000-000	FIN: PILOT-COLLEGES & HOSPITALS	790,017
1000-03000-43145-0030-00000-0000-000	FIN: PILOT-STATE PROPERTY	158,787
1000-03000-49030-0030-00000-0000-000	FIN: FUND BAL BUDGET CONTRIB	-200,000
1000-14000-44460-0000-00000-0000-000	LAND USE: REMINGTON RAND RENT INC	-250,000
1000-14000-44461-0000-00000-0000-000	LAND USE: REMINGTON RAND-PILOT	-20,000
1000-18500-44460-0000-00000-0000-000	ECON&COMM DEV: REMINGTON RAND REN	250,000
1000-18500-44461-0000-00000-0000-000	ECON&COMM DEV: REMINGTON RAND-PIL	20,000
TOTAL NET INCREASE IN FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND		424,973

**Be it further resolved:** That the mill rate be set as 35.7 to cover this budget, and said rate shall be due and payable in two (2) equal installments on July 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022, in accordance with the *Charter of the City of Middletown*, Chapter VI; and

**Be it further resolved:** That the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to collect said taxes.

Councilman Edward McKeon reads the resolution and moves for approval, noting that this resolution is sponsored by Councilman Eugene Nocera. Councilman Vincent Loffredo seconds the motion.

Councilman McKeon defers to majority Leader Eugene Nocera for comments.

Councilman Eugene Nocera thanks Councilman McKeon for an excellent job reading this resolution into the record. He realizes that this is the beginning of the budget addition, the lion share of the work they are doing this evening was just presented by Councilman McKeon. Councilman Nocera thanks the Common Councilmembers, who have worked so hard for the past 6 to 8 months on all of the initiatives. Councilman Nocera thanks the Mayor, Department Heads, and City staff. Most importantly, in this budget we rely on the Finance Department with Director Carl Erlacher and staff to develop this budget. They arrived tonight at what he believes to be an excellent budget in light of the many challenges that the City has faced, the Mayor has done an outstanding job managing all of these variables. We all know how difficult it had been, To name a few issues: the worldwide pandemic, which was a crisis that we only now moving out of; a major downturn in our local economy statewide and in the nation, which has resulted in a decline in middle class

wages and a slight increase in poverty. Employment is up considerably. This budget represents our best effort not to cut essential services and staff, but to move the City into the future. It is a blueprint for the City and government moving progressively into the future. It has not been easy. Additionally, it is important to note that we believe, as the Council, that perhaps there has never been a more important time to give taxpayers some relief. This budget represents in total a 10% of a mill decrease in taxes. The overall budget increase was just under two (2) percent, but by careful insertion of grants and State money we were able to bring in a budget that is a reduction from last year. The Council knows that local, State, and Federal government must work together to get the community back on its feet. We have seen what the State and Federal governments have done, adding that local governments must do the same to help pull out of this. He wholeheartedly supports this budget and asks his colleagues to do the same.

The Chair calls on Councilman Edward McKeon.

Councilman Edward McKeon offers special thanks to the Finance Director and his entire department for helping the Council arrive at this tax cut. Without their hard work managing dollars and searching for grants and premiums on bonding, it would not be possible. The City is grateful that we have people with this concern looking out for our dollars.

The Chair calls on Councilwoman Linda Salafia.

Councilwoman Linda Salafia asks if the additional staff person for Director Faith Jackson (Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management) in this resolution. She asks if someone can direct her to it as she cannot find it.

Unidentified speaker (*inaudible*)

Councilwoman Salafia states that she sees Planning & Zoning, Parking.

Unidentified speaker states, "Page 4."

Councilwoman Salafia looks to page 4 and replies that she does not see it in the resolution document.

The Chair replies that it is on page 3 of the substitute resolution: \$20,000 in contractual services.

Councilwoman Salafia asks if that money is for Director Jackson to hire staff in her office. She notes that is normally not how it is done. On the parking, \$5,599 is additional administrative costs to the Parking Department, adding that they already have \$3,000 budgeted. Basically, we are doubling office supplies, adding legal notices and mileage. She asks if she is reading this correctly.

Unidentified speaker (*inaudible*).

The Chair states that a number of these changes are not strictly speaking . . . they are not changes to the budget, but the result of the department reorganization. He believes that this is replacing funds. He does not think it reflects (*inaudible*)

Councilwoman Salafia understands that this budget is about \$3M more than last year and that most of the money goes to the Board of Education. She states that her preference would have been not to give the Board of Education another \$3M as we have now raised the bar. Next year, we automatically start at \$92M whereas this year we were at \$87M. Technically, we have given them \$5M more than they got last year. This makes the overall budget go up \$3M; however, she went to the doctor. She will more than likely vote for the budget but she is not happy. They have done a good job, but she believes that they could have done better. They could have gone on even more considering that the City is getting more PILOT money, Federal funding. We could have cut it more, but something is better than nothing. Unless she changes her mind before roll call, she will likely vote in favor of this budget, albeit reluctantly.

The Chair calls on Councilman Philip Pessina.

Councilman Pessina thanks Director Erlacher and his staff for shepherding them through the budget process after a very difficult time. It is nice to see a mill rate decrease. He thanks the mayor for putting out a responsible road map for the budget, which made it easy for them to navigate it to where they are tonight. As Minority Leader, although he has differences from his members on the Board of Education, he will wholeheartedly support this budget. It shows collaboration of work getting to this point. He adds that during this next fiscal year, they need to be astute as to how they spend money so they can achieve a reduction again next year. It takes blood, sweat, and tears, but with the additional Federal funding, with responsible budgeting, we can attain this goal for the FY22-23 budget year. Thank you. This is what makes our community special: that we support education, our departments, and public services. The Middletown economy is getting a boost.

The Chair calls on Councilman Vincent Loffredo.

Councilman Loffredo has a couple of points of clarification. He recalls that the budget submitted by the Mayor to the Council includes a \$2M increase for the Board of Education.

The Chair states that he does not have the exact number, but it was about that amount.

Councilman Loffredo does not recall an increase of \$3M for the Board of Education. He also does not see in the documents that this Council is adding \$1M to the Board of Education. He heard the comments about the \$3M in the City side. It is his understanding that they are not modifying the budget.

The Chair call son Councilwoman Linda Salafia

Councilwoman Salafia states that she wants to clarify: on page 49 of the original budget document, it has 2020 actual Board of Education was \$87,591,972. The Mayor’s proposed budget was \$92,149,489. That is a \$5M increase. The actual increase general fund budget bottom line budget increase is \$3M, which is mostly the Board of Education \$5M. It is on the bottom of the revenue page: grand total for the budget.

Councilman Loffredo asks that the Council have Finance Director Erlacher clarify the numbers.

The Chair states that Director Erlacher is available. He adds that the numbers being cited may be the budget from two (2) years ago.

Councilwoman Salafia asks if they think that she is reading the numbers incorrectly.

Councilwoman Loffredo replies, “Yes, you are reading it incorrectly.”

Finance Director Erlacher states that the bottom line for the year ending 2020 was \$87,591,972. He adds that for last year, it was \$90.149 M and what was proposed by the Mayor was \$92.149M. That was for their operating budget, which was \$5M over two (2) years.

Councilwoman Salafia replies that she stands corrected; however, she thinks it is still a lot of money.

Councilman Loffredo replies, “Thank you,”

The Chair states that there are additional increases in State funding to the Board of Education and to the City, noting that it does nest change this proposal.

The chair asks if there is any further discussion. There being none, the Chair adds his thanks for the Finance Department for their great work as well as to the Council working in a bipartisan manner to deliver this budget. The Chair notes that that this is an historic budget, reducing the tax rate for the second year in a row and achieving changes at the State level to ensure that the City gets the funding that it needs to move forward. He reiterate thanks to Finance and the Council. The Chair calls on Councilman Edward Ford.

Councilman Edward Ford states that he would be remiss if, in the middle of this pandemic, he did not acknowledge the work done by Finance and by this Council in a bipartisan manner. He acknowledges the mayor and Director Erlacher for developing a responsible budget proposal. He is proud to support it, adding that it fully funds education and does not increase taxes. This is admirable what we have accomplished. He wanted to make this know. It is budget we should be proud of.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a roll call vote on the FY 21-22 general fund budget as set forth in the substitute resolution:

- Councilman Mangiafico aye
- Councilman Edward Ford aye
- Councilman Pessina aye
- Councilman McKeon aye
- Councilman Loffredo aye
- Councilwoman Carta aye
- Councilman Nocera aye
- Councilwoman Blackwell absent
- Councilman Darnell Ford aye
- Councilman Gennaro aye
- Councilwoman Salafia aye
- Councilman Faulkner (remote) aye

The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 11-0 (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

**B. Adopting the Middletown Fire District Budget**

**APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION No: K: review/ resolution/ CC fire budget FY 2021-2022 – RES 80-21 – 14 June 2021**

**Be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:** That the Middletown Fire District Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as prepared by the Mayor and advertised in the Hartford Courant on April 15, 2021, is hereby approved and adopted, as amended:

2010-50000-41110-0500-00000-0000-000	FIRE: TAXES-REAL ESTATE/MOTOR VEH	-144,326
2010-50000-43110-0500-00000-0000-000	FIRE: PILOT-COLLEGES & HOSPITALS	139,415
2010-50000-43145-0500-00000-0000-000	FIRE: PILOT-STATE PROPERTY	4,911

TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 2010 FIRE

**Be It Further Resolved:** That the mill rate be set as 8.3 to cover this budget and said rate shall be due and payable in two (2) equal installments on July 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Middletown, Chapter VI; and

**Be It Further Resolved:** That the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to collect said taxes.

Councilman Darnell Ford reads the proposed resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on the motion. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

**C. Adopting Sanitation Collection District Budget  
 APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION NO: 81-21; K: review/ resolution/ CC sanitation FY21-22 – RES 81-21 – 14 June 2021**

**Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:** That the budget of the Sanitation Collection district for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 as presented by the Mayor and advertised in the Hartford Courant on April 15, 2021 is hereby approved and adopted.

Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. reads the proposed resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on the motion. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

**D. Adopting Water Pollution Control Authority Budget for the Sewer Department  
 APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION No: 82-21; K; approved/ resolution/CC sewer budget FY21-22–RES 82-21–14 June 2021**

**Be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:** That the budget prepared and adopted by the Water Pollution Control Authority for the Sewer Department of the City of Middletown for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 as advertised in the Hartford Courant on April 15, 2021 is hereby approved and adopted, as amended:

2050-65000-44715-0000-00000-0000-000	SEWER: SERVICE CHARGES	-1
2050-65000-49030-0000-00000-0000-000	SEWER: FUND BALANCE CONTRIBUTION	-65,785

TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 2050 SEWER -65,786

65000 SEWER		
57230 SEWER INTEREST		
2050-65000-57230-0000-00000-0000-000	SEWER: SEWER INTEREST	
11 2016 696-C (MATTBASSETT FORCE MAIN)	.....	-219,897
15 220-CSL OLD MILL RD	.....	-19,266
16 2021 BOND ISSUE-CWF REFINANCE	.....	284,760
	NET INCREASE - SEWER INTEREST	45,597
57315 SEWER PRINCIPAL		
2050-65000-57315-0000-00000-0000-000	SEWER: SEWER PRINCIPAL	
9 2016 696-C (MATTABASSETT FORCE MAIN)	.....	-778,398
12 220-CSL OLD MILL RD	.....	-2,985
13 2021 BOND ISSUE-CWF REFINANCE	.....	670,000
	NET DECREASE - SEWER PRINCIPAL	-111,383
	NET DECREASE - SEWER	-65,786
	TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 2050 SEWER	-65,786

2050-65000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000	SEWER: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	14000-14850-01 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER	27,118
2050-65000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000	SEWER: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	65000-24400-01 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES SPECIA	-27,118
TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 2050 SEWER			

**Be It Further Resolved:** That the rate of sewer use charges as adopted by the Water Pollution Control shall be due and payable effective July 1, 2021; and

**Be It Further Resolved:** that the Tax Collector, be, and she is hereby authorized to collect said sewer charges.

Councilwoman Meghan Carta reads the proposed resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on the motion. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

**E. Adopting Water Pollution Control Authority Budget for the Water Department  
 APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION NO: 83-21; K: review/ resolution/ CC water budget FY21-22 – RES 83-21 – 14 June 2021**

**Be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:** That the budget prepared and adopted by the Water Pollution Control Authority for the Water Department of the City of Middletown for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, as advertised in the Hartford Courant on May 7, 2021 is hereby approved and adopted, as amended:

5000-60000-44715-0000-00000-0000-000	WATER: SERVICE CHARGES	1
5000-60000-49030-0000-00000-0000-000	WATER: FUND BALANCE CONTRIBUTION	-154,245
	TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 5000 WATER	-154,244



60000 WATER		
57240 WATER INTEREST		
5000-60000-57240-0000-00000-0000-000	WATER: WATER INTEREST	
27 220-CSL OLD MILL RD .....		-55,275
	NET DECREASE - WATER INTEREST	-55,275
57320 WATER PRINCIPAL		
5000-60000-57320-0000-00000-0000-000	WATER: WATER PRINCIPAL	
26 2021 BOND ISSUE .....		-98,969
	NET DECREASE - WATER PRINCIPAL	-98,969
	NET DECREASE - WATER	-154,244
	TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 5000 WATER	-154,244

5000-60000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000	WATER: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	14000-14850-01 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER	27,118
5000-60000-51110-0000-00000-0000-000	WATER: SALARIES & WAGES, FT PERM	65000-24400-01 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES SPECIA	-27,118
	TOTAL NET DECREASE IN FUND 5000 WATER		

**Be It Further Resolved:** That the rate of water use charges as adopted by the Water Pollution Control Authority and approved by the Common Council on May 6, 2021 shall be due and payable effective July 1, 2021; and

**Be It Further Resolved:** that the Tax Collector, be and she is hereby authorized to collect said water charges.

Councilman Philip Pessina reads the proposed resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Vincent Loffredo seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on the motion. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

**F. Adopting the Special Business District Budget**  
**APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION No: 84-21; K:review/ resolution/CC business district FY21-22 –RES 84-21 –14 June 2021**

**Whereas,** the Business Improvement District Board of Commissioners has met and in accordance with the ordinance, Sec. 272-14, Subparagraph G, has set the budget and proposed a mill rate on the assessed value of taxable real estate property within the district for fiscal year 2021-2022.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:** That the mill rate be set as 2.18 mills to cover this budget, and said rate shall be due and payable in two (2) equal installments on July 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022, in accordance with the Ordinance Section 272-14 Subparagraph G, 2 (a) of the City of Middletown; and

**Be it further resolved:** That the Tax Collector, be and she is hereby authorized to collect said taxes.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo reads the proposed resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

**G. Approving that the unexpended balance of the 2020-2021 Board of Education budget be placed in a non-lapsing account, provided such amount does not exceed two percent (2.0%) of the total budgeted appropriation for execution for such prior fiscal year, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-248a (Tabled at June 7, 2021 regular meeting to June 14, 2021 special meeting)**

**APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION No: 71-21; K: review/resolution/ BOE FY20-21 unexpended balance RES 71-21 – 14 June 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:** That the unexpended balance of the 2020-2021 Board of Education budget be placed in a non-lapsing account, provided such

amount does not exceed two percent (2.0%) of the total budgeted appropriation for execution for such prior fiscal year, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-248a.

Councilman Eugene Nocera reads the proposed resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

Councilman Nocera thanks the Board of Education for their collaborative work with the Common Council, the Mayor, and the Finance Department. They are a full partner in these difficult times. We appreciate them coming in with a budget that recognizes where we are and where we want to be. Their increases prevent layoffs and prevent class size increases. They cover contractual obligations as well as increased health insurance costs and busing costs. They understand that we have to work together and build the schools together. He is confident that we will progress in a way that we are all proud,

The chair calls on Councilwoman Linda Salafia.

Councilwoman Salafia states that she has a question. She ask if there needs to be amount to take this item off the table or is that not needed sincerity is on the agenda.

Councilman Nocera replies that this item was on the Couric's last agenda and was tabled to be voted on tonight.

Councilwoman Salafia replies that she understands that. She is asking s they need to take a vote to make it live.

The Chair replies that Corporation Counsel Dan Ryan has indicated that they do. They can continue the discussion after taking the item off the table.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo moves to move the item off the table. Councilman Edward McKeon seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

Discussion resumes, the Chair calling on Councilman Edward McKeon.

Councilman McKeon takes this opportunity to commend the Board of Education, central office, the teacher, the staff, and students, who showed resilience and flexibility, showing their ability to pivot when needed. They fed the community for the entire pandemic. This is anecdotal. He was at graduation and saw magnificent presentations by the valedictorian and the class president, which are testimony to the education that our City provides. The short list includes students into the workforce; some starting their own businesses; the armed forces; and great colleges including Smith, Northeastern, Northwestern, UConn, CCSC, Southern Connecticut, Middlebury, USC, Drexel, and Tufts. If that is not proof that our schools educating students to the highest degree possible, he does not know what is. This is money well spent.

The Chair thanks the Board of Education for their great work, keeping kids safe and doing everything possible to give them the best quality education, noting the evidence cited by Councilman McKeon. It is better to work collaboratively and this budget is an outcome of that.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

## 5. Mayor's Appointments

The Chair offers the following appointment:

### South Fire District Building Committee:

- Michael Howley (D): appoint as an individual with experience in renovation and/or construction

He notes that Chief Howley is recently retired after 40 years at South Fire District. The current building project is his brain child, his baby, so we recommend that he be included in completion of this project.

Councilman Philip Pessina moves to approved. Councilman Edward McKeon seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes. (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

**6. Meeting Adjourned**

Councilman Vincent Loffredo moves to adjourn. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 11-0 (AYE: Councilmembers Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilwoman Blackwell.) The matter is approved.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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

*K: review/ minutes/ 21 June 14 – minutes special meeting FY21-22 budget adoption – 14 June 2021*