



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

**TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held live in the Common Council Chamber and remotely, via WebEx, on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

**Present:**

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell	Councilman Vincent Loffredo
Councilwoman Meghan Carta	Councilman Anthony Mangiafico (remote)
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. (remote)	Councilman Edward McKeon
Councilman Darnell Ford	Councilman Eugene Nocera
Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. (remote; arrived 6:07PM)	Councilwoman Linda Salafia
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.	

Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim, Chair  
Brig Smith, Esq., General Counsel  
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council (remote)  
Officer Jonathan Gagne, Middletown Police – Sergeant-at-Arms

Absent: Councilman Philip Pessina

**Also Present:**

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq., Ciulla & Donofrio, LLP

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

Mayor Benjamin Florsheim calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He welcomes everyone to the Special Meeting of the Common Council. The Chair asks Councilwoman Meghan Carta to lead the Common Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Motions to Convene Executive Session and to Invite Non-Councilmembers to Attend**

- A. Approving that an Executive Session of the Common Council be held pursuant to the exception of the Freedom of Information Act for the purpose of discussing the proposed settlement of the Mattabassett Pipeline Litigation (*Northeast Remsco v. City of Middletown, et al.*, HHD-CV-18-6107645-S)**
- B. Approving that the following individuals attend the Common Council Executive Session for the purpose of offering information regarding the proposed settlement of the Mattabassett Pipeline Litigation (*Northeast Remsco v. City of Middletown, et al.*, HHD-CV-18-6107645-S): (1) Hon. Benjamin Florsheim, Mayor; (2) Brig Smith, Esq. General Counsel; and (3) Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq, Legal Counsel for the Plaintiff**

The Chair states that he will entertain a motion to enter into executive session.

Councilman Nocera moves to enter into executive session. Councilman Vincent Loffredo seconds the motion.

For purposes of this motion, the Chair asks that a non-Councilmember attend, noting that is Attorney Jeffrey Donofrio.

The Chair confirms that Councilman Nocera and Councilman Loffredo. The Chair also notes that the motion includes inviting General Counsel Brig Smith and Attorney Donofrio into the executive session.

The Council Clerk asks to confirm if the two agenda motions are merged.

The Chair replies, "Yes."

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on entering into executive session, including the invitees. The Chair states that the motion is approved unanimously with 10 aye votes (AYE: Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner (remote), D. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico (remote), McKeon, Nocera, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilmembers E. Ford and Pessina) The matter is approved

The Common Council and the invited individuals enter into executive session at 6:05 PM

**3. Executive Session Convenes (NOTE: Council Chamber is cleared; WebEx remote access is locker to all others)**

Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. joins the executive session remotely at 6:07 PM

**4. Common Council Reconvenes**

The Common Council reconvenes in public session at 6:45 PM.

**5. Meeting Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilman Vincent Loffredo moves to adjourn. Councilman Edward McKeon 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 Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner (remote), D. Ford, E. Ford (remote), Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico (remote), McKeon, Nocera, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman Pessina.) The matter is approved

The meeting is adjourned at 6:46 PM.

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

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