



**COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT**

**SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT
OF THE 6:30 PM COMMUNITY MEETING**

A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held as a hybrid meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021, beginning immediately following adjournment of the 6:30 PM Community Meeting. In-person participation was held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, and remote participation was held via WebEx. The meeting was also livestreamed on the City of Middletown webpage and the City's Facebook page.

Present:

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell	Councilman Vincent Loffredo
Councilwoman Meghan Carta	Councilman Anthony Mangiafico
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.	Councilman Edward McKeon
Councilman Edward Ford, Jr.	Councilman Eugene Nocera
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.	Councilman Philipp Pessina
	Councilwoman Linda Salafia

Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim, Chair
Corporation Counsel Daniel Ryan, Esq.
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council
Officer Kurt Scrivo, Middletown Police – Sargent-At-Arms

Absent: Councilman Darnell Ford

Also Present:

Joseph Fazzino, Director – Water & Sewer
Barbara Knoll Peterson, Mayor's Administrative Assistant
Justin Richardson, Director – Human Resources
Big Smith, Esq., General Counsel
Fire Chief John Woron, Middletown Fire Department

1. Call to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Benjamin Florsheim calls the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. He welcomes everyone to the Special Meeting of the Common Council. The Chair asks Councilman Philip Pessina to lead the Common Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Council Clerk Reads the *Call of the Meeting* and Chair declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting

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.

The Chair calls on Councilman Eugene Nocera for some housekeeping matters.

Councilman Nocera states that the Council Clerk found that the budget lines listed in Resolution Items A, B, C, and D are incorrect. He reads into the record the correct budget code: 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000.

Motion to Change Order of Agenda Items, Making Item 4F the First Business Item

The Chair calls on Councilman Vincent Loffredo.

Councilman Loffredo moves to move agenda item 4F, approving the appointment of David Albert as Deputy Fire Chief to the first item to be considered under Section 4. 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 Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman D. Ford.) The matter is approved

2. Public Hearing on Agenda Items – Opens

The Chair opens public hearing at 7:08 PM. The Chair explains that public comment is limited to items on the agenda. Any member of the public looking to speak, may do so. For those in the Chamber, members of the public may come to the podium. Those participating remotely may use the WebEx hand raise function to alert that Chair that they wish to speak. The Chair will alternate between speakers in the Chamber and remote speakers during the course of this public hearing. Each speaker will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to state their name and address for the record. The public hearing is limited to 30 minutes. If, at that time, there are additional speakers, the Council may vote to extend the public hearing portion of the meeting.

3. Public Comment Closes

There being no public comment, the Chair closes the public hearing at 7:09 PM.

4. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.

- F. Approving the appointment of David Albert to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, Salary Grade 17 - Step 6 (\$62.07), 40 hours, Defined Executive Non-Bargaining; and that this appointment shall take effect upon adoption.**

APPROVED AS SUBSTITUTED

RESOLUTION 138-21; K: review/ resolution/ HR Dep Fire Chief Albert res 138-21 – 14 Oct 2021

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That it confirms the appointment of David Albert to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, Salary Grade 17 – Step 6 (\$62.07), 40 hours, Defined Executive Non-Bargaining; and that this appointment shall take effect upon adoption.

Fiscal Impact: None

The Chair calls on Councilman Darnell Ford. In his absence, the Chair calls on Councilman Philip Pessina.

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

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That it confirms the appointment of David Albert to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, Salary Grade 17 – Step 4 (\$54.01), 40 hours, Defined Executive Non-Bargaining; and that this appointment shall take effect upon adoption.

The Chair invites Deputy Chief Candidate/ Battalion Chief David Albert to the podium for comments and questions.

Candidate Albert thanks the Mayor and Chief Woron for this appointment, adding it is an honor. He thanks the members of the firehouse for being present as well.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo makes a point of order, stating that this nomination requires a confirmation process, giving the Common Council the opportunity ask questions of the Candidate.

The Chair states that if there are any questions for Candidate Albert, this is the time to ask. The Chair calls on Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. followed by Councilman Eugene Nocera.

Councilman Faulkner asks if the substitute resolution was read into the record in making the motion, noting that it was changed to Grade 17, Step 6.

Councilman Pessina replies that he read the resolution from the agenda with the Grade 17, Step 4 appointment.

Councilman Faulkner replies that this appointment is now listed Step 6.

The Chair indicates that there was a substitute resolution that should read Grade 17, Step 6.

Councilman Pessina replies that he did not have that material.

Councilman Loffredo interjects, adding that there is also a salary difference with an appointment at \$62.07, not \$54.01.

The Chair asks Councilman Faulkner to read the resolution, as substituted.

Councilman Faulkner states that the proposed appointment is (*inaudible*) Salary Grade 17 – Step 6 (\$62.07), 40 hours, Defined Executive Non-Bargaining; and that this appointment shall take effect upon adoption.

The Council Clerk explains that there seems to be an audio issue.

The Chair asks Councilman Faulkner to read the resolution for the record.

Councilman Faulkner reads the resolution in its entirety.

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That it confirms the appointment of David Albert to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, Salary Grade 17 – Step 6 (\$62.07), 40 hours, Defined Executive Non-Bargaining; and that this appointment shall take effect upon adoption.

The Chair calls on Councilman Eugene Nocera.

Councilman Nocera states that he is glad that the correct resolution is now in the record. He congratulated Candidate Albert and the new Fire Chief Woron. The City is proud of the men and women, who serve this great City. He believes that Candidate Albert will do a great job.

The Chair calls on Councilman Vincent Loffredo.

Councilman Loffredo congratulates Candidate Albert. He has a few questions. Looking at the appointment process. Candidate Albert was appointed as a Lieutenant in 2015 and, subsequently, to Battalion Chief. He ask the candidate to explain the difference between a Lieutenant and a Battalion Chief.

Candidate Albert replies that a Lieutenant is the first level of leadership in the Fire Department and is assigned to an engine, he has an engine team of 3 or 4 people. A Battalion Chief is the shift commander, in charge of the entire shift or platoon working that day.

Councilman Loffredo states that the Candidate was appointed Battalion Chief just this year.

Candidate Albert replies, "Yes," indicating the promotional appointment was made in January 2021.

Councilman Loffredo restates that Candidate Albert learned well, putting together an extensive booklet. It is well laid out, adding there are some outstanding recommendations. Councilman Loffredo states that a concern that has been expressed for the various City department is workforce diversity and recruiting. He did see that specifically listed in the projects that Candidate Albert is to engage in. He asks the Candidate if he has any thoughts he might share.

Candidate Albert replies that he does. He states that his wife and children are present today. He comes from a diverse family. Talking to Chief Woron we know the importance of diversity. Both know how important it is to have a department that reflects the City, They used to have a really good amount of diversity in the department, but it was lost due to retirement. He and Chief Woron have the shared mission to get that diversity back up. They will start actively recruiting in the community. He recounts that before the meeting, in talking with Councilman Loffredo, they will start at Middletown High and Vinal Tech. They will be more active and recruit more.

The Chair calls on Councilman Philip Pessina.

Councilman Pessina states that it is a far cry from when the Candidate was in the mailroom. He adds that they recognized his leadership at that time. In reading through the Candidate's career, he was a team leader early on. Look where he stands today with his experience. The City has a great Fire department and great personnel. The City just appointed a great Chief and they will make a great team. To Councilman Loffredo's point, the candidate is right on target. He looks forward to great things to come and wishes the candidate safety and professionalism for his officers. It is please to support him.

The Chair calls on Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell.

Councilwoman Blackwell thanks soon to be Deputy Chief. She appreciates his flexibility, adding that they spoke yesterday. Some areas they discussed have been addressed by Councilman Loffredo and she will not belabor that. It is important to her to recruit more women firefighters. With his appointment as Deputy Chief will create a domino effect as well. Being in the Department, it was important to hear about his vision and wanted to be sure that it aligns with the Chief Woron's vision. It is evident to her that the two of them will make an awesome team. She looks forward to casting her vote for him tonight. Another area is mentorship. She knows that he coaches young folks. She asks that the Candidate briefly share some of his ideas around recruitment for women and mentorship.

Candidate Albert states that he will start with recruitment. He and Councilwoman Blackwell had a good discussion last night. One question was how to recruit more women he notes that his daughter is not here tonight, but she wants to be a Middletown cop. Knowing the environment as he does, he has a soft spot and wants to be sure that she has every opportunity awarded to her as male counterparts. It is important to him. We all have different abilities and tasks, but we are all a team at the end of the day. We are not the same person and that is what makes us great. We all have different abilities to make a great team. It is on the radar that we need to recruit more female firefighters and that we need to accommodate them, be sure that they have a fair and equitable workplace. As for mentorship, being a coach and a young dad, mentorship came easy to him. He did write the department Acting Program. When he went to the Fire Academy, to finish the program, you had to do a capstone project. His project was Professional Development. That allowed him, as a Lieutenant, and firefighters wanting to be Lieutenants, an opportunity to act up one step: Firefighter to Lieutenant and Lieutenant to Battalion Chief. Over two (2) years, there have been about 20 members, who got actual acting experience. Before they raised their right hand and took the job, they actually had some experience before they sat in the seat: they made decisions, they saw incidents, and they learned report writing, a vast amount of knowledge over those two (2) years. That is

something that he and Chief Woron are looking at. They want a professional development handbook for the Department. It is an all-encompassing book from recruit to Chief, adding that there will be pathways on how to get there. If you want to be a Lieutenant, here is the path. If you want to be a Battalion Chief, here is the path. If you just want to be a great fireman and not a leader, here is the path. Mentorship is very important to him and this is the future when we do leave one day.

Councilwoman Blackwell replies, "Excellent," adding that it was great for him to share his aspirations and that he looks forward to being a Fire Chief one day. She will support his appointment this evening.

The Chair asks if there are any additional comments or questions. There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 11-0 (AYE: Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman D. Ford.) The matter is approved

- A. Approving that, as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority, \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000 is hereby appropriated for the planning, preliminary and final Engineering design, and construction of the replacement and/or rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer mains required in coordination with the Public Works Road Bond Project. This work may include the replacement and/or the rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer mains, as needed, to replace failing infrastructure in coordination with various Public Works Bond Funds as well as the acquisition of easements and others interests in property, associated utility, street, and draining improvements, repair and relocation, appurtenances related thereto, licenses and permits, equipment, testing, surveying, paving, engineering, administration, inspecting, advertising, printing, legal, and financing costs.**

APPROVED, AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 134-21; K: review/ resolution/ WS Sewer & Road Bond – Am Rescue Plan RES 134-21 – 14 Oct 2021

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021 the Common Council of the City of Middletown accepted the American Rescue Plan Grant Funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government recommends that the American Recovery Plan Grant Funding incorporate water and sewer infrastructure improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Pollution Control Authority recommended the use of American Rescue Plan Grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That it approves, as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority, \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000 is hereby appropriated for the planning, preliminary and final Engineering design, and construction of the replacement and/or rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer mains required in coordination with the Public Works Road Bond Project. This work may include the replacement and/or the rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer mains, as needed, to replace failing infrastructure in coordination with various Public Works Bond Funds as well as the acquisition of easements and others interests in property, associated utility, street, and draining improvements, repair and relocation, appurtenances related thereto, licenses and permits, equipment, testing, surveying, paving, engineering, administration, inspecting, advertising, printing, legal, and financing costs.

Fiscal Impact: \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000

Councilman Eugene Nocera reads the resolution, as amended, and moves to approve. Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr seconds the motion.

Councilman Nocera states that, as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, he fully supports this item and the next three requests for design funds from the American Rescue Plan grant. This has been a much discussed item. It is essential. It requires immediate attention. It has been an incredibly wet summer and we have seen the issues that need to be addressed, particularly in the basins that we want to start work on first. These projects request for American Rescue Plan funds have been unanimously approved by the American Rescue Plan Task Force, which was assembled. It met recently and fully discussed and vetted the requests.

This is just for design work. They will be looking to find the funds for actual construction costs as they move forward.

The Council Clerk asks, for the record, what is the date of the American Rescue Plan Task Force meeting

The Chair replies that the Task Force met on October 13, 2021.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo asks for a point of information. He asks if all Councilmembers are present this evening.

The Chair replies that, with the exception of Councilman Darnell Ford, all members are present.

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

- B. Approving that, as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority, \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000 is hereby appropriated for the planning, preliminary and final engineering design, and construction of the replacement and/or rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer mains as noted in the CDR Inflow and Infiltration Report Problem Area Basin #25, 26, 27 including, without limitation Cured in Place Pipe, manhole sealing and rehabilitation as need to reduce the amount of clean water entering the sanitary sewer system as well as the acquisition of easements and other interests in property, associated utility, street and draining improvements, repair and relocation, appurtenances related thereto, licenses and permits, equipment, testing, surveying, paving, engineering, administration, inspecting, advertising, printing, legal, and financing costs.**

APPROVED, AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION No. 135-21; K: review/ resolution/ WS inflow infiltration Am Rescue Plan RES 135-21 – 14 Oct 2021

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021 the Common Council of the City of Middletown accepted the American Rescue Plan Grant Funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government recommends that the American Recovery Plan Grant Funding incorporate water and sewer infrastructure improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Pollution Control Authority recommended the use of American Rescue Plan Grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

That, as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority, \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000 is hereby appropriated for the planning, preliminary and final engineering design, and construction of the replacement and/or rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer mains as noted in the CDR Inflow and Infiltration Report Problem Area Basin #25, 26, 27 including, without limitation Cured in Place Pipe, manhole sealing and rehabilitation as need to reduce the amount of clean water entering the sanitary sewer system as well as the acquisition of easements and other interests in property, associated utility, street and draining improvements, repair and relocation, appurtenances related thereto, licenses and permits, equipment, testing, surveying, paving, engineering, administration, inspecting, advertising, printing, legal, and financing costs.

Fiscal Impact: \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000

Councilman Philip Pessina reads the resolution, as amended, and moves to approve. Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr seconds the motion.

Councilman Pessina states that he, too serves on the Water Pollution Control Authority. The rainwater situation affects the new sewer plant. It has other effects at the Mattabasset plant in Cromwell. As with Councilman Nocera, it for all these reasons that he is supporting this resolution. It is a positive step for the Water & Sewer Department. They will support this as these projects take place.

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

- C. Approving that , as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority, \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000 is hereby appropriated for the planning, preliminary and final Engineering design, and construction of the replacement and/or rehabilitation of potable water infrastructure as noted in the Capital Efficiency Plan on the streets included in the Department of Public Works (A) Oakridge Roadway Reconstruction Project and Water Main Improvements, and (B) Glenwood Area Streets, including, without limitation, new 8-inch ductile water lines, valves site work and hydrants acquisition of easements and other interests in property, associated utility, street and draining improvements, repair and relocation, appurtenances related thereto, licenses and permits, equipment, testing utility, street and draining improvements, repair and relocation, appurtenances related thereto, licenses and permits, equipment, testing, surveying, paving, engineering, administration, inspecting, advertising, printing, legal, and financing costs.**

APPROVED, AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION No 136-21; K: review/ resolution/ WS Potable Water Am Rescue Plan RES 136-21 – 14 Oct 2021

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021 the Common Council of the City of Middletown accepted the American Rescue Plan Grant Funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government recommends that the American Recovery Plan Grant Funding incorporate water and sewer infrastructure improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Pollution Control Authority recommended the use of American Rescue Plan Grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

That, as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority, \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000 is hereby appropriated for the planning, preliminary and final

Engineering design, and construction of the replacement and/or rehabilitation of potable water infrastructure as noted in the Capital Efficiency Plan on the streets included in the Department of Public Works (A) Oakridge Roadway Reconstruction Project and Water Main Improvements, and (B) Glenwood Area Streets, including, without limitation, new 8-inch ductile water lines, valves site work and hydrants acquisition of easements and other interests in property, associated utility, street and draining improvements, repair and relocation, appurtenances related thereto, licenses and permits, equipment, testing utility, street and draining improvements, repair and relocation, appurtenances related thereto, licenses and permits, equipment, testing, surveying, paving, engineering, administration, inspecting, advertising, printing, legal, and financing costs.

Fiscal Impact: \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000

Councilman Anthony Mangiafico reads the resolution, as amended, and moves to approve. 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 Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman D. Ford.) The matter is approved

D. Approving that, as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority, \$500,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line 3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000 for the Water Main Improvements to Saybrook Road, replacing a vintage 1925 Cast Iron Water Main to New Ductile Iron Pipe between East Main Street and Clew Drive in Association with the Public Works within the same general area.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION No 137-21; K: review/ resolution/ WS Saybrook Rd Am Rescue Plan RES 137-21 – 14 Oct 2021

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021 the Common Council of the City of Middletown accepted the American Rescue Plan Grant Funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government recommends that the American Recovery Plan Grant Funding incorporate water and sewer infrastructure improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Pollution Control Authority recommended the use of American Rescue Plan Grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: Approving that, as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority, \$500,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line **3045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000** for the Water Main Improvements to Saybrook Road, replacing a vintage 1925 Cast Iron Water Main to New Ductile Iron Pipe between East Main Street and Clew Drive in Association with the Public Works within the same general area.

Fiscal Impact: \$500,000 from the American Rescue Plan Grant Line **33045-01000-59200-0000-00000-2021-000**

Councilman Edward McKeon reads the resolution, as amended, and moves to approve. 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 Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman D. Ford.) The matter is approved

E. Approving the proposed 20-year Energy Services Agreement between the City and Symbiont Energy LLC, as facilitated by Agility Financial, LLC; and authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents and/or agreements necessary to effectuate that agreement subject to review and approval by the Office of General Counsel as to form and content.

MOVED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AGENDA

RESOLUTION 139-21; K: review/ resolution/ PW bid waiver rec center – RES 139-21 – 14 Oct 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown is redeveloping the remaining portion of the former Woodrow Wilson Middle School into the Middletown Recreation Center.

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown has identified an approach to provide sustainable, efficient and renewable energy services for the building; and

WHEREAS, this process will eliminate the capital costs associated with these improvements and reduce the operating costs, reduce the carbon footprint, and provide emergency power during electrical outages; and

WHEREAS, the size of this project requires a specialized energy services company capable of providing engineering analysis, design, implementation, and project financing; and

WHEREAS, would like to hire Symbiont Energy, LLC, as facilitated by Agility Financial, LLC which can provide all the above services as a complete package including competitive bidding for the various trades and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the granting of this bid waiver allows the City of Middletown to develop an Energy Services Agreement, that meets our desired performance standards for efficiency and cost, which will be presented to the Common Council for approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That a bid waiver of the *City of Middletown Code of Ordinances* Section 78-8, defining formal contract procedures, and Section 7-10, governing contracts for professional services be approved to develop an Energy Services Agreement, that meets the City's desired performance standards for efficiency and cost, which will be presented to the Common Council for approval to hire Symbiont Energy, LLC, as facilitated by Agility Financial, LLC, to provide Energy Services to the City of Middletown for the Recreation Center, and to authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Intent evidencing such intention, as approved as to content and form by the Office of the General Counsel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: To be determined based on contract negotiations.

Councilman Eugene Nocera reads the proposed resolution and moves this resolution be placed on the next regular meeting agenda on November 1, 2021. The contract is under review and not yet complete. They do not want to rush this because there are important elements that need to be worked out with the companies involved and the Office of General Counsel. 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 Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman D. Ford.) The matter is approved

5. Mayor's Appointments

Housing Citation Hearing Officer:

- **Benjamin Schimelman:** appoint to fill the balance of 2-year unexpired term of Joseph Vecchitto (D) to October 31, 2021 and to a new 2-year year term, ending October 31, 2023.

Councilman Philip Pessina moves to approve the proposed appointments. Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. 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, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman D. Ford.) The matter is approved

6. Meeting adjourned

There being no further business, the Chair calls for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo moves to adjourn. Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. 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, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia; ABSENT: Councilman D. Ford.) The matter is approved

The meeting is adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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