

Finance and Government Operations Commission Meeting Minutes
Middletown, Connecticut
September 30, 2015
Municipal Building Room 208
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilman Thomas Serra, Councilwoman Hope Kasper, Councilwoman Deb Kleckowski, Councilman David Bauer, Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta, Councilwoman Sandra Russo-Driska, Attorney Brigham Smith, Carl Erlacher, Lynda McPherson, Donna Imme, William Russo, Dr. Joseph Havlicek, Cheryl McClellan, Damon Braasch, Captain John Lofeski, ACO Gail Petras, Officer Vincent Mazzotta, Stephen DeVoto, Ed McKeon, Marco Gaylord, Elizabeth Santangelo, Janice Gionfriddo, Danielle Salafia, Deb Bagley, Barbara Melia, Sebastian Giuliano, Linda Salafia, Cheryl Wolcott, Bruce Markot, Molly Salafia, Sean Beals,

Absent: None

Councilman Serra began by asking for an approval of the minutes from the May 27, 2015 Finance & Government meeting. Councilman Bauer made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Bartolotta seconded, approved unanimously.

1. Public Comments on the Agenda:

2. Conferences and Training:

ROVAC Fall 2015 Conference for the Registrar's Office was approved.

3. The following Departments have submitted items to be discussed:

- Registrar of Voters – Appropriation Request totaling \$3200 for State mandated Registrar training
– Approved to send to Council Floor –
- Fire – Appropriation Request totaling \$33,138.46 to correct FY14/15 negative balance in shift fill in line
– Approved to send to Council Floor –
- Library – Appropriation Request totaling \$38,500 to increase annual salary of library director, beginning March 1, 2016
– Approved to send to Council Floor with the stipulation that they have gone through the proper channels and have capped the salary at \$115,000 –
- PCD – Grant Confirmation totaling \$143,970 in Federal funds for CDC planning grant to reuse brownfields, located in downtown and riverfront areas, for recreational opportunities
– Approved to send to Council Floor –
- Police/Animal Control – Appropriation Request totaling \$45,340 to fund creation of two fulltime Animal Control Officers; Resolution requesting approval for Mayor Drew to sign LoCIP application totaling \$24,600 and creation of new line item entitled Police Department HVAC Chiller Pumps; Resolution requesting approval for Mayor Drew to

sign LoCIP application totaling \$12,500 and creation of new line item entitled Police Department HVAC Control Replacement

-The Appropriation request totaling \$45,340 to fund creation of two fulltime Animal Control Officers was sent back to the General Council for further discussion. The resolution requesting Mayor Drew to sign LoCIP application totaling \$24,600 and creation of new line item entitled Police Department HVAC Chiller Pumps and the LoCIP application totaling \$12,500 for the HVAC Control Replacement, both were approved to send to the Council Floor. -

- BOE – Request to use unexpended FY14/15 CNR balance of \$137,947.50 to assess purchase and installation of air conditioning in district schools; FY15/16 CNR plan for \$250,000

-Both requests were approved to send to the Council Floor -

- Discussion on new State Motor Vehicle Tax legislation

-Discussion Only –

- City CNR

-The Police Department is requesting the purchase of three new patrol cars.

- Preliminary Discussion on the possible future effect of the “Cadillac Tax” on the Budget(s) of the City of Middletown and the long term planning for its possible future inception

-Discussion Only-

- Discussion on Emergency State budget reduction

-Discussion Only --

- Public Works – Resolution requesting approval for Mayor Drew to sign LoCIP application totaling \$30,000 and creation of new line item entitled South Green Improvements

-Approved to send to the Council Floor -

- Emergency Management – discussion on boiler replacement at 675 Randolph Road facility

-Postponed-

- Discussion on Master Plan RFP

-Postponed-

- Discussion on proposed amendment to Ordinance 223, addition of 223-25 Middletown Public Education Budget Impact Statement

-Postponed-

Regular Reports – Information Only

- Transfer of Funds/BOE Transfers
- General Fund Appropriations
- City's Investments
- Monthly Expenditure Summary Report
- Tax Collection Recap Report
- Department Over-Time Reports

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7pm in Room 208

Meeting Adjourned
Tracks:

Respectfully
Submitted by,

Tracy Vess on behalf of Carl R. Erlacher