

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

Present: Councilman Thomas Serra, Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta, Councilwoman Linda Salafia, Councilman Gerald Daley, Councilman Sebastian Giuliano, Carl Erlacher, Elizabeth Santangelo, Arthur Meyers, Janice Gionfriddo, Chris Holden, Marco Gaylord, Michiel Wackers, Guy Russo, Roger Palmer, Shawn Beals, John Hall

Absent: None

Councilman Serra began by asking for an approval of the minutes from the December 2, 2015 Finance & Government meeting. Councilman Giuliano made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Bartolotta seconded, approved unanimously.

1. Public Comments on the Agenda:

John Hall spoke in favor of the grant regarding the National Bike Trail which has the opportunity to be connected to the 2,900 mile East Coast Greenway that stretches from Maine to Florida.

2. Conferences and Training:

The CT Tree Protective Association Conference held on January 21, 2016 for \$75.00 and the Tree Wardens Membership fee for \$55.00 for Rick Romano were both approved unanimously

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

- Registrar of Voters – Appropriation Request totaling \$49,800 to cover costs associated with Presidential Primary

Janice Gionfriddo discussed the \$49,880 appropriation to cover the Presidential Primary, Moderator Training and Conference fees. Carl Erlacher suggested transferring funds between their departmental lines to cover these expenses for now then come back to F & G at a later date for an appropriation. Councilman Giuliano and Councilman Daley motioned to approve Carl's suggestion, unanimously approved by all.

– Approved to send to Council Floor –

- Library – Resolution requesting authorization for Mayor Drew to sign & submit a LoCIP application totaling \$30,000 for boiler replacement; and, create a new line entitled "Russell Library Capital Funds" Councilman Daley made the motion to approve and Councilman Giuliano seconded; unanimously approved.

– Approved to send to Council Floor –

- Public Works/Sanitation – Appropriation Request totaling \$125,000 transfer from operating budget to depreciation budget for purchase of waste removal containers; Appropriation Request totaling \$15,000 for repair of City Hall elevator; Bond Ordinance appropriating \$750,000 for design & construction of improvements to reduce noise at Dingwall-Horan Joint Firearms Training Facility

Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve the \$125,000 transfer from the operating budget to depreciation budget, Councilman Daley seconded; unanimously approved. Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve the \$15,000 city hall elevator repair, Councilwoman Salafia seconded; unanimously approved.

Councilman Daley discussed the design and construction regarding the noise reduction at the Dingwall-Horan Training Facility and asked if the agreement with the FBI could be severed. Councilwoman Bartolotta asked if the Police Chief had any input into the range regarding suitability. Councilwoman Bartolotta motioned in favor with the caveat that the City Attorney and Mayor review the contract.

- BOE/Mayor's Office – Appropriation Request totaling \$49,500 to fund unencumbered Educational Incentive Grants for FY 14/15

Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve, Councilwoman Salafia seconded; unanimously approved.

-Approved to send to Council Floor -

- BOE – WWMS Security Grant, Phase 2 totaling \$56,601.50 in City Funds

Carl Erlacher informed the committee that the Keigwin Security Bond and the WWMS Asbestos Abatement projects have been completed and due to the change in wording from inclusive to exclusive of grants they have an excess of funds in both authorizations. Carl said he would speak with the bond council regarding the authorizations and possibly transfer some of those funds that were ear marked for the BOE. Councilwoman Bartolotta motioned to approve with the Finance Directors above information, Councilman Giuliano seconded.

-Approved to send to Council Floor -

- P & Z/ECD Resolution requesting authorization from the Common Council for submission of Responsible Growth and Transit Oriented Development Grant application for Meriden-Middletown Bike Way; and, authorization for Mayor Drew to sign grant application and other documents associated with administering grant, if awarded; Resolution requesting approval for Mayor Drew to execute a Master Assistance Agreement for State Financial assistance regarding tax abatement for Old Middletown High School Affordable Senior Housing

Councilman Daley motioned to approve the Resolution regarding the bike path, Councilman Giuliano seconded; unanimously approved.

Michiel Wackers will make the necessary modifications to the Resolution and forward to the Council floor.

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

- Water & Sewer – Resolution requesting authorization for Mayor Drew to execute and deliver a (solar) power purchase agreement with Greenskies, Inc. at the Mount Higby Reservoir property; and, authorization to enter into long term access agreement for purpose of installing & maintain solar systems on City property

Councilwoman Bartolotta asked many questions:

- pricing structure, no cap
- why does the termination value increase
- are there any extra discounts
- suggested stronger contract language
- should this project go out to bid

-Referred back to Kleen Energy Task Force --

Regular Reports – Information Only

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

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7pm in Room B-19

Meeting Adjourned
Tracks:

Respectfully
Submitted by,

Tracy Vess on behalf of Carl R. Erlacher