



REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023
7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER

-and-

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Council Clerk Reads the *Call of the Meeting* and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting
2. **Accept/Amend the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Common Council Special Meeting – Questions to Directors, at 6:00 PM, dated February 6, 2023
 - B. Common Council Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM, dated February 6, 2023
4. **Public Hearing on Agenda Items**
 - A. **Public Hearing on All Other Agenda Items -- Opens**
 - B. **Public Hearing on All Other Agenda Items – Closes**
5. **Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance**
 - A. Human Resources: \$25,000 -- Acct. No. 1000-05000-55480-0170, 52115; funds for Police Accountability Act (\$22,000) and advertising (\$3,000)

6. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval

- A. City Clerk's Certificate
- B. Monthly Reports -- Finance Department: Transfer Report to February 22, 2023
- C. Health Department – Acct. No. 3220-31000-52215-x-03387-2023 & 53115; State grant for Medical Reserve Corps to purchase additional supplies, educational materials, and advertisements: \$10,000
- D. Board of Education – Acct. No. 2450-33000-59400-x-03030-x; fresh fruit & vegetable grant reduction: (\$198.62)
- E. Police Department: Acct. No. 3039-18000-59200-0180-x-2023; Federal U.S. Customs & Border Protection/ Homeland Security grant for 100% reimbursement for Police assistance in local investigations: \$15,000
- F. Board of Education: Acct. No.2450-33000-59405-x-03025; miscellaneous grants:\$869,617.75
- G. Board of Education – Acct. No. 2450-33000-52183-x-x; cafeteria/food services grant: \$782,184.87
- H. Police Department -- Acct. No. 3038-18000-59200-0180-x-2023; Federal organized crime task force grant for 100% reimbursement for Police assistance in local investigations: \$6,000
- I. Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Management: City of Middletown 2nd Quarter Employment Activity Report
- J. City of Middletown Retirement System, Actuarial Valuation Report, July 1, 2022
- K. Russell Library – Emergency Purchase, dated January 31, 2023

7. Mayor's Report to the Common Council

- A. American Rescue Plan
- B. Riverfront

8. Payment of all City bills when properly approved**9. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.**

- A. Approving, following consultation with the Office of General Counsel, as required by the Charter of the City of Middletown, that the Common Council, as the City's legislative body: (a) retain Michael Harrington, Esq. to represent the Common Council's interests before the Freedom of Information Commission (FIOC) in the two (2) pending matters, as remanded to FOIC by the Connecticut Appellate Court for consideration and decision under a specific 4-part test, as described by the Court; and (b) Common Council leadership -- Majority Leader Councilman Eugene Nocera and Minority Leader Councilwoman Linda Salafia – are authorized to execute a retainer agreement with Attorney Harrington for this matter with estimated costs not to exceed \$10,000, using available funds in the Common Council's current FY 22-23 budget.
- B. Approving the proposed 5-year lease with Fair Weather Growers, LLC to farm 19 acres of land located at East Street & Plumb Road, Map-lots, 07-0334 (portion of) & 07-0516 (portion of) and authorizes the Mayor to execute the lease, subject to review and approval as to content and form by the Office of the General Counsel.

- C. Approving that \$450,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds be transferred from the Sewer Rehabilitation line (3045-65000-59200-0000-95878-2021-000) and added to the Saybrook Road Water Main Replacement line (3045-60000-59200-0000-95602-2021-000).
- D. Approving the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force's recommendation to re-allocate the previously approved \$110,000 for the Middlesex Coalition for Children to the Youth Services Bureau for use in its Middletown Resilience Project; and that the Mayor is authorized to prepare and execute any documents necessary to effectuate this American Rescue Plan Act grant funding, subject to approval as to content and form by the Office of the General Counsel.
- E. Approving the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force's recommendation and approves the following project in the following amount based on the application submitted to the Task Force:
- Traffic Signal Upgrades
 - Applicant: City of Middletown – Public Works Department
 - Description: The City maintains and owns 32 traffic signals, which are 25 years of age or older. A full inventory with condition assessment is needed to evaluate each signal with respect to its functional operations and structural integrity. Full signal replacements would be implemented where required, with other locations receiving upgrades to signal heads, controllers, and pedestrian enhancements, as required.
 - Amount: \$260,000.00
- And that the Mayor is authorized to prepare and execute any documents necessary to effectuate this American Rescue Plan Act grant funding, subject to approval as to content and form by the Office of the General Counsel.
- F. Approving that the Common Council hereby adopts the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force's recommendation and approves the following project in the following amount based on the application submitted to the Task Force:
- Detention Basin Cleaning
 - Applicant: City of Middletown – Public Works Department
 - Description: Maintenance of detention basins across the City of Middletown. It will include mowing, trimming, and keeping vegetation under control, along with removal of excess sediments.
 - Amount: \$585,000.00
- And that the Mayor is authorized to prepare and execute any documents necessary to effectuate this American Rescue Plan Act grant funding, subject to approval as to content and form by the Office of the General Counsel.
- G. Approving the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force's recommendation and approves the following project in the following amount based on the application submitted to the Task Force:
- Sidewalk Repair
 - Applicant: City of Middletown – Public Works Department
 - Description: Citywide replacement, repair, and installations of new sidewalks at critical locations for pedestrian safety.
 - Amount: \$700,000.00

And that the Mayor is authorized to prepare and execute any documents necessary to effectuate this American Rescue Plan Act grant funding, subject to approval as to content and form by the Office of the General Counsel.

H. Approving the Recreation & Community Services Department adopt the following pool fee schedule:

DAILY FEES	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
UNDER 18	\$4	\$8
18 - 59	\$6	\$10
SENIOR	\$4	\$10
MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY/ VETERAN	Free	Free

PASSES	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
INDIVIDUAL 18+	\$50	\$100
SENIOR 60+	\$25	\$100
FAMILY	\$75	\$150
VETERAN ACTIVE DUTY/ VETERAN	Free	Free

10. Mayor's Appointments

11. Adjournment

K: review/ agenda – 23 March 06 – regular meeting – 6 March 2023