



**COMMON COUNCIL
COMMUNITY MEETING**

**MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT
JANUARY 8, 2026
6:00 PM**

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A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown -- the Community Meeting -- was held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with in-person participation in the Chamber and remote participation via WebEx. In addition, the meeting was livestreamed on Facebook and on the City website and was broadcast on local cable access television.

Present:

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell, President	Councilman Vincent Loffredo
Councilman Darnell Ford	Councilman Anthony Mangiafico
Councilwoman Shanay Fulton	Councilman Jonathan Pulino
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.	Councilwoman Linda Salafia
Councilwoman Ava M. Hart	Councilwoman Leslie Spatola
	Councilwoman Kelly Sweeney

Absent: Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.

Also Present: Hon. Eugene Nocera, Mayor
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council
Sgt-at-Arms, Middletown Police Sgt. Finney

Public: Chamber – 1 WebEx – 0 Facebook -- unknown

1. Call to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eugene Nocera, Chair, calls the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. He welcomes everyone to the Special Meeting of the Common Council. The Chair asks the Common Councilmembers to join in reciting 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.

2. Public Comment Opens

The Chair opens public hearing at 6:05 PM. Any member of the public wishing to speak may either step to the podium or indicate by raising their hand using the WebEx function. When called on, they are asked to state their name and address for the record. Councilmembers are here to listen, not to engage in dialogue. The Council will not be taking any action. People having a particular issue are welcome to contact individual Council members or the Mayor's Office. Speakers are asked to limit comments to 10 minutes. The Chair also states that, if anyone is calling by phone, they may press *3 to indicate that they wish to speak.

3. Public Comment Closes

There being no public comment, the Chair closes the public hearing at 6:06 PM.

4. Meeting adjourned

There being no further business, Councilman Vincent Loffredo moves to adjourn. Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The matter is unanimously approved with 11 AYE votes. (AYE: Councilmembers Blackwell, Ford, Fulton, Gennaro, Hart, Loffredo, Mangiafico, Pulino, Salafia, Spatola, and Sweeney; ABSENT: Councilman Faulkner.)

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED,
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK