



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT**

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP

**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held on Monday, April 17, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM. This was a hybrid meeting, participants in-person in the Council Chamber and remotely, via WebEx. The meeting was also livestreamed on local public access cable television, on the City website, and on the City Facebook page. This meeting is the second of three (3) scheduled budget workshops for the proposed FY 2023-2024 budget.

Present:

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell	Councilman Anthony Mangiafico
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.	Councilman Michael A. Marino
Councilman Darnell Ford (arrived 6:10PM)	Councilman Edward McKeon
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.	Councilman Eugene Nocera
Councilman Vincent Loffredo	Councilman Philip Pessina
	Councilwoman Linda Salafia

Absent: Councilwoman Meghan Carta

Also Present: Linda SK Reed, Clerk of the Common Council
Officer Kurt Scrivo, Middletown Police – Sergeant-at-Arms

Hon. Benjamin D. Florsheim, Mayor
Marek Kozikowski, AICP, Director – Land Use
Joseph Comerford, Executive Director – Estuary Transit District
Cathy Lechowicz, Director – Recreation & Community Services
Chief Erik Costa – Middletown Police
Captain John Lozefski -- Middletown Police
Brianna Skowera, Director – Technology Services
Bobbie Knoll Peterson, Acting Director – Economic & Community Development
Dr. Vazquez Matos – Superintendent of Schools
Deborah Cain, Chair – Board of Education
Jennifer Cannata, Asst. Supt. of Admin.
Stacy McCann, Asst. Supt. of Teaching/Learning
Marco Gaylord, BOE Operations Director
Natalie Forbes, BOE Innovation & Grants Director
Eduardo Miranda, BOE Finance Director
Kevin Dion, BOE Facilities Director
Christopher Puorro, BOE Purchasing Agent
Cassandra Steinhilber, BOE Finance & Resource Management Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor, Councilman Vincent Loffredo is serving as Chair for this budget workshop. He calls the workshop to order at 6:00 PM. The Councilmembers join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair begins the budget workshop presentations inviting spokespersons to the podium for each of the following items.

1. Land Use

Director Marek Kozikowski, AICP presented the budget and responded to questions asked by Councilmembers, as needed.

2. Transit District

Joseph Comerford, Executive Director of Estuary Transit District, presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

3. Recreation & Community Services

Director Cathy Lechowicz presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

4. Police Department & Animal Control

Police Chief Erik Costa presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed. Police Department staff present: Captain John Lozefski.

5. Information Technology

Director Brianna Skowera presented the budget and responded to questions asked by Councilmembers, as needed

6. Economic & Community Development Department and Parking Division

Acting Director Bobbye Knoll Peterson presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

7. Board of Education

Superintendent of School Dr. Vazquez Matos presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed. BOE staff present: BOE Chair Deborah Cain; Asst. Supt. of Admin. Jennifer Cannata; Asst. Supt. of Teaching/Learning Stacey McCann; Operations Director Marco Gaylord; Innovation & Grants Director Natalie Forbes; Finance Director Eduardo Miranda; Facilities Director Kevin Dion, Purchasing Agent Christopher Puorro; Finance & Resource Management Specialist Cassandra Steinhilber;

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further discussion on the budget, the Chair closed the workshop at 10:20 PM.

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

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