



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

**FY 2019-2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP
APRIL 15, 2019
6:00 PM**

DRAFT MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown as held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 6:00 PM. This meeting is the first of three (3) scheduled budget workshops for the proposed FY 2019-2020 budget.

Present: Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta Councilman Sebastian Giuliano
Councilman Robert Blanchard Councilman Eugene Nocera
Councilman Carl Chisem Councilman Philip Pessina
Councilman W. Vance Cotton Councilwoman Linda Salafia
Councilman Gerald Daley Councilman Robert Santangelo
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.

Absent: Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski

Also Present: Hon. Daniel Drew -- Mayor
Keisha Michael -- Arts & Culture Coordinator
Carl Erlacher, CPA -- Finance Director
Ashley Flynn -- City & Town Clerk
Damon Braasch, CCMA II -- Tax Assessor
Ramona Burke, Director -- Russell Library
Chief Robert Kronenberger, Fire Chief -- Emergency Management
Wayne Bartolotta, Director -- Central Communications
Robert Grauer, Deputy Director -- Central Communications
Chief William McKenna Police Chief -- Police Department
Captain John Leveski -- Police Department
Sara Mendillo -- Mayor's Administrative Assistant
Sergeant-at-Arms -- Middletown Police Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Robert Santangelo is serving as Chair for this budget workshop. He calls the workshop to order at 6:00 PM. The Councilmember and members of the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PROPOSED DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

- 1. Mayor**
The proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020 was introduced and presented by Mayor Daniel Drew, including details for the Mayor's office. Councilmembers asked questions as needed.
- 2. Arts & Culture**
Arts & Culture Coordinator Keisha Michael presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 3. Treasurer**
Finance Director Carl Erlacher, CPA presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 4. Finance Department**
Finance Director Carl Erlacher, CPA, presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 5. Tax Collector**
Finance Director Carl Erlacher, CPA presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
- 6. Town Clerk**
City/Town Clerk Ashley Flynn presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

7. **Tax Assessor and Board of Tax Review**
Tax Assessor Damon Braasch presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
8. **Russell Library**
Russell Library Director Ramona Burkey presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
9. **Fire Department**
Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
10. **Emergency Management**
Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
11. **Central Communications**
Central Communications Director Wayne Bartolotta presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
12. **Police Department; Animal Control**
Police Chief William McKenna presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.
13. **Water & Sewer Department**
Water & Sewer Department Director Joseph Fazzino presented the budget and responded to questions asked by the Councilmembers, as needed.

C. MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further discussion on the budget, the Chair states that he will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Robert Blanchard moves to adjourn. Councilman Sebastian Giuliano seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for the vote. It is approved unanimously with 11 aye votes. The Chair states the matter passes with 11 affirmative votes.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED,
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK