Middletown, New York Common Council Meeting

February 4, 2025

(Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderwoman Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Alderman Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Here.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Quorum is present.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Approval of minutes.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: So moved.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Thank you. I want to make a motion to change the agenda to accepting the minutes of December 3rd and December 17th.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: So 3.1 from January 21st and December 17.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: December 17.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Motion by Mr. Kleiner. Seconded by Alderman Wray. All in favor.

MEMBERS: Aye.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. So approval of both meetings now. Do I have a motion?

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: So moved.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Masi. Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Second.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Green. All in favor?

MEMBERS: Aye.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you. Correspondence.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: We have a standardized notice form for providing 30-day advance notice for a liquor license for Bar Boyz Properties LLC, 27A West Main Street.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Forward to the police. That's it? All right. All right. For the good of the city, our city clerk will call up the people who signed in. Jacob wants to be a sergeant-at-arms.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Our first speaker this evening is Lori Ramirez, speaking about Good Cause Eviction.

LORI RAMIREZ: Good evening. My name is Lori. I have been living here in Middletown for the last 20 years. I am here to speak in support of Good Cause Eviction. We need this law

to protect us from unfair evictions and predatory increases. It would keep housing low and it would keep families in their homes. If I follow the law and I pay my rent and I'm completing what my lease says, I shouldn't be facing an eviction or a threat to a rent increase.

I'm also asking that you please include the one portfolio size and to be able to cover as many people and tenants here in the municipality with this law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Our next speaker is Vanessa Cid, also speaking on Good Cause Eviction.

VANESSA CID: Hello, good evening everyone. Vanessa, second ward. I'm here today because I am hearing that Good Cause Eviction is in the works and the legislation is currently being written up, but I do want to emphasize that it's really crucial and important to make sure that we can include the most protection for our communities being one portfolio size because, unfortunately, there are LLC loopholes where landlords can easily create an LLC for each

property and increase the rent as they wish.

We actually have someone joining us tonight but he is running late from work. He actually came and spoke at the last couple meetings and he had mentioned how his rent had increased by $500. Well, he just received a notice two weeks ago that he has to vacate the house that he's living in in 30 days. Thankfully, we were able to connect him with lawyers where legally he has 90 days because of the amount of years that he's lived there for a notice to evict. And he's been paying his rent so now he's worried because he can't find anywhere to live. He can't find anything under 1800 and that's unfortunately something that everyone in Middletown and all over the Hudson Valley are going through right now. But if we can do that in Middletown, we should do it.

The other thing I wanted to bring up was a concern and a lot of issues that are going on with the fearmongering of ICE. I've been getting calls left and right all times of the day, including 5 a.m. because our communities are afraid to send their kids to school or wait at the bus stop with them because they're afraid

that ICE will pick them up. Now that this new administration has issued an executive order saying that they will now go into churches, schools, it's been a really big worry for a lot of us. So we do have some parents that are going to be showing up to the school board on the 13th to introduce legislation so that schools can protect those students. But just hoping that something can be said tonight to reassure our community that you are all there for them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Our next speaker is Delfina Escobar, Good Cause Eviction.

DEFLINA ESCOBAR GONZALEZ: Testimonial. My name is Delphine Escobar Gonzalez. I'm a tenant that's living at 95 East Main Street in the city of Middletown. I'm here to speak in favor of Good Cause Eviction. I think that it's an injustice what I've been living through for the last 23 years since I've arrived, paying taxes. It makes it -- it's very unjust that I now no longer have anywhere that I can live. The rent is too high. I'm looking for an apartment.

They tell me anywhere between 1500, 1600 plus bills. I'm working in a hotel. The hotel managers are from India. They, unfortunately, are having me work more than what they're paying me for. They have taken days away from me and I only work two days. So imagine where we are left where we can't even afford our rent if nobody's drawn to their attention and holding them accountable.

The salary is not enough. It hasn't gone up. I'm getting paid the same that I was getting paid two years ago. My groceries are getting smaller and more expensive. Where are we going to be able to pay our rent, water, and foods? We also have to pay for doctor visits, medication and everything that's there. It's not enough with what we're paying for rent.

Please put yourselves in my shoes if it would be enough for you. So I would really like if you guys could approve this law so that we can get some kind of relief. I would really like that, and that's the biggest favor I'm asking you all. Just a little more relief on the rent because it's already too expensive, $1,500, 1000 ((indiscernible). I was looking and the

apartments are much more expensive here than they are in New York City, something really upsetting. That's all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: There are no other speakers signed up. Okay, remarks to the mayor.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: Good evening. First I'd like to just address, briefly, the good cause because I think Alderman Johnson as committee chairman is going to address it. And Rick, does the video portion of our meetings get translated too? Is there availability to translate the video portion?

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: I can look into that. I have to double check that.

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO: If you could. I know the forms and everything that's on there has translated, but we are going to -- Paul's going to announce the public hearing process that we're going to begin to go through this. But I want to make sure that the people here also understand that this rent program is not something that's going to reduce your rents or

even control them to the point where you're not going to get increases. The minimum increase under this current law is 5 percent per year that they -- or the maximum other than showing capital costs or other criteria to increase your rent. So it's not going to be the solution to the high rents in the area that many believe it may be.

What's going to be part of the solution is the fact that Middletown is a pro-housing community under the state definition now. That we have built hundreds of units of subsidized housing going from County Route 78, the Mandelbaum project to the Mill Project. That we also have a -- we're meeting with the Middletown Housing Authority about an expansion of their projects or project up at Summitfield on some of their property there.

So we do have the ability to increase the housing stock and that will, in itself, assist people in controlling the rent but also the expansion of Section 8 housing, which is necessary, the Section 8 certificates, but I just don't want people to come to these local meetings believing that passing Good Cause Eviction is a panacea to their rent issues moving forward.

Number one, your rent is not going down. Your rent will increase probably at a 5 percent minimum per year because every landlord is going to automatically go to the bare minimum rent increase, a base that they can do, but the governor, Governor Hochul has spoken numerous times about the need to increase the housing stock in New York State, and that is the only solution which is the supply-demand theory.

And we are qualified under those programs. We're adding a lot more units and a lot more subsidized units. And I think a lot of the efforts that are here should be directed towards the state leaders to see what incentives can be given to local developers or to communities to expand the affordable housing within their communities.

We do it here. We have a housing authority. We've supported -- we have probably more subsidized units than any community that I know of and probably the Hudson Valley here in the city of Middletown, different forms of subsidies.

So it's not the cure all answer and I hope that it gets translated that way to the many

who have been here in the last few meetings speaking in regards to good cause, but there are different answers or maybe a combination of different things that need to be addressed. And one of them is increasing the housing stock in many communities that are not welcoming affordable housing.

For example, Legoland in Goshen. Their workforce is very much targeted towards communities like Middletown because of the pay scale. I think the lady that spoke talked about being employed in one of the hotels, which I'm sure is doing business, a lot of business for Legoland.

Legoland or Goshen provides basically no affordable housing. So again, this is the same argument that I've had with the Ceasefire people is you're here speaking to communities that are supportive and have demonstrated over the years that we have not only demonstrated that we've support affordable housing projects, we created a housing authority, not us, people way, way before us created the Middletown Housing Authority. We have supported these types of projects. We're supporting expansion of these

projects. You need to start focusing your direction on communities that are benefiting by the workforce that exists in communities like Middletown and start encouraging those communities like Goshen, Chester, and others to develop affordable housing and not only portraying that this Good Cause Eviction is the answer to everyone's problems, because it's not. That's one issue.

The other issues are the issue of the -- since January 20th, I guess it's going to be a subjective term, but many people are living through hell. I know Jerry Kleiner is. He'll tell you himself. But in understanding, locally here though, understanding the impact of immigration laws and the actions that took place since January 20th on our community, the immigration raids in communities throughout our country, throughout our region and locally also. So we need to get a better grasp on it and better grasp on what our community members are saying.

So I do understand that the recent federal legislation enforcement actions have raised concerns and uncertainties within our community. Maria Bruni and I took a walk down

North Street within the last two weeks, stopping in to visit business owners, especially those who focus on a population, Latino population, trying to get from them feedback about what they're hearing in the community, what the fears are, and what their concerns are.

So as local leaders, I think we have a responsibility and I personally want to reaffirm my commitment. And if you so choose you as a council, if you do so as a board or as individually to public safety, due process, and protection of all residents' rights regardless of immigration status.

There is an impact on our community beyond all those little things. There is a fear and distrust. Today ICE notified us that they were in Middletown. They did notify our police department. They're not required to. But the Middletown Police were not requested to assist them in any way. I realize that immigration raids such as this or whatever was planned can and are creating an atmosphere of fear among immigrant families and others. It's discouraging individuals from seeking essential services, including health care, education and law

enforcement assistance.

Many may look at them and say that's their problem. But the fears are legitimate because the indiscriminate approach that is being used and that we see reflected in many news sources, is concerning.

Let me be clear. If there are criminal warrants for a person living or visiting in Middletown, we are willing to cooperate in any way to enforce those warrants. All members of our community support this, I believe. These words must be heard loud and clear by those who are supporting the efforts by President Trump and the team of ICE.

What's an important distinction though is what classifies someone as a criminal? And the missing, not paying a parking ticket 5 years ago, does that make you a criminal? I don't think so. But if there's a criminal warrant for a category that fits into the violent crimes categories of New York State Department of Justice, then of course not only would we be willing to assist ICE, but we would be foolish not to because that is the type of person that we do not want in Middletown whether an immigrant or

not.

So we need to be clear that we are supportive of enforcement of criminal warrants, especially those that are really criminal warrants, not detainee warrants. That's not our job. Our job here in Middletown is not to be the immigration officer. Our job is to protect the public that live and visit here.

And as I said, many in our community have varying opinions on the solutions, and I certainly can respect that. The election, you know, it's almost a fifty-fifty country and it was obvious that immigration was one of the prime issues, if not the prime issue in the presidential campaign.

But what we must also keep in mind is we're dealing with people, many of them here for years, even though the first Trump term in office because of our government and big business wanted them to be here for a variety of reasons going back 40, 50 years. Many are legal under the system they came in under, working, paying taxes with employee identification numbers, another fallacy that everyone is being paid cash and they're not paying taxes. Many people that are

working in our community and in our county are paying taxes, not receiving benefits from the payment of those taxes, but are paying taxes under a government plan to create employee identification numbers. So there is a payment that is being made by them.

Many are under DACA or other forms of immigration status given to them to be here legally. And what is happening to them being grouped in with a criminal element is not right in my mind or my opinion. All are being broadcast or portrayed as criminals justifying or trying to skew public opinion to the fact that if someone in your community is undocumented, they are automatically a criminal. That's not true.

We will feel though here in Middletown, the economic consequences in many ways from food prices to the availability of workforce. We're seeing it now. Our city benefits from the contributions of the immigrants in various sectors. Our downtown revitalization application in 2016 focused heavily on the immigrants in our community and rebuilding of our communities. You saw it, you've been witnessing it firsthand, the role that immigrants play in our community,

especially in our center city where we're opening up businesses.

You know this concept goes back many, many decades here in Middletown, first the German settlers' settlements here, then the Irish, then the Italians and now a variety of Latino countries. The removal of individuals from their workplaces disrupts businesses and weakens our local economy just like it would have done when these ethnic groups that I mentioned settled here. I grew up in such a neighborhood, so I understand it clearly.

So the question becomes what can we do? We could all help our neighbors who are suffering. Immigrant-owned businesses are suffering. Their employees are suffering. Most cities where immigrants usually gather to live or work are suffering. We collectively can do our share by patronizing them. That is the form of protest that we can do as residents of this community or people who care about this issue. Patronize those businesses that are being impacted by these decisions out of Washington DC.

We collectively can do our share by patronizing them as I mentioned. If you went

once a week, maybe do it twice a week for a while. Something my father placed in my head at a very young age that when the system impacts your friends and neighbors in a negative way, take that extra step and do whatever you can to assist them. And that's what I'm asking the greater Middletown community to do, is assist these business people who are providing employment, legal employment to tax-paying people in our community that are fearful to leave their houses, that are not able to pay, to collect their salaries, then will not be able to pay the rent, will then be forced to evict, and the snowball will just keep getting bigger and bigger.

Another important part is family separation. Many of those affected by these raids are parents, siblings, and caregivers. The sudden detainment or deportation of loved ones can cause emotional and financial hardship for families.

Concerns about school attendance, ICE and any outside agency, including the Middletown Police Department, not the SRO but the police department as a whole, cannot just freely enter

our schools beyond the office area without a request or some type of documentation because -- just because they demand to do so or want to do so. The school buildings are secured for any group, not just ICE, but any type of group from entering these schools because for obvious reasons, security reasons.

So I've been advised by the school district that this policy is in effect. They want kids to come to school, that any organization such as ICE that entered the district or entered the school would be advised that they need to contact the superintendent's office, the central office. And they would then be referred to the district legal counsel, and that would be handled on that level. So ICE coming in to the school would be addressed that way.

It's unclear if they came in with specific warrants. As you know, under President Biden, I think schools and churches were off limits for these types of raids. I believe President Trump has done away with that, but I think there are still a lot of legal issues that need to be addressed. But I believe and I can,

you know, I understand your fears, but I believe your kids will be very safe going to school.

I do understand also that the district is trying to reassure parents that they will do everything they can, of course, within the law to protect their children while at school from anyone coming in and removing them. We want kids to go to school regardless of their status or their parents' status, but we also must recognize that they have legitimate fears and concerns not only on the parent level but on the kids' level and just imagine what a 10-year-old kid is going through in school wondering when they get off the school bus whether their undocumented parent would be home even though they, the kid themselves, is a citizen.

All of this obviously puts a strain on public resources. Increased enforcement actions place additional burdens on local agencies, not-for-profits and faith-based organizations. And they're working to support affected individuals and families. And they need to work, they need to step forward, organizations such as Catholic Charities, ReCAP and others who service the immigrant community. I'm sure they will step up.

My commitment personally to the community is I will continue to uphold our city's values of inclusion and ensure that local services remain accessible to all residents regardless of immigration status. But I want to reinforce again, please send your kids to school. If you are a victim of a crime, report it. If you need health care, seek it. Hiding in your homes, although legitimate, is not the best way, I believe, to approach this.

Our law enforcement agencies are focused on keeping all of our communities, people in all of our communities safe. And we remain committed to policies that do not use local resources for federal immigration enforcement.

We follow the guidance issued by Attorney General Letitia James. It's available online on the Attorney General's website. We have distributed it to some organizations as recently as prior to this meeting. We urge those affected to know their rights, to seek legal assistance from trusted organizations. We will try and put together a list of trusted groups, such as groups that I know historically have worked with the immigrant community such as

Catholic Charities and post those online and try to be a resource for people to access information. We will continue to work alongside advocacy groups and community organizations and legal aid services to provide resources and support for impacted families.

Many in the community have asked, how can they help? Residents who are not directly impacted by these laws but have concerns over where the federal government is reacting. And my recommendations to them is to stay inform, make sure you share accurate information and dispel rumors that may cause unnecessary panic, such as happened last week on social media with the posting of ICE vehicles on Route 211. And if you look closely at the picture, the trees were green and there was no snow on the ground. But I didn't notice it myself when I saw it. It was pointed out to me by a few people. So imagine being one of those potential people just seeing that on your social media, the fear that it put into them and but it was pointed out to me that no, there's no snow. This is not a current picture.

So these social media posts that are

unverified are very damaging. I encourage people to know their rights. If you or someone you know is affected, understanding your legal rights is crucial. Local organizations will provide assistance and information on what to do if approached by immigration authorities.

I believe I'm saying this accurately and maybe the chief will reinforce it, is that the Middletown Police Department will not ask you your immigration status. That is not the business of the Middletown Police Department. I will let him speak to that himself though.

Also to support your neighbors. Extend support to those in need, whether through legal aid, housing assistance, or emotional support. Engage with local officials as we're seeing this evening. Advocate for fair policies and communicate your concerns to elected representatives. Know what's going to come forward. I believe a lot of detainees will be housed at the Orange County jail because the jail is more than half empty. And I understand that there is some type of agreement in the works. Contact your county officials regarding that and get their feelings on what's going on.

We have county legislative people here that represent the city of Middletown, Newburgh, Port Jervis communities with the Town of Wallkill, communities with high Latino populations.

We will stand with all members of our community and remain committed to fostering a city where everyone feels safe and valued as much as they can. Please reach out to my office for resources or assistance, and I will do my best to assist and so will my office. I will also reinforce about the local business part because it's key. It's key to allowing people to get out of their homes, go to work, pay their bills because without that, it will be just a tremendous snowball that will not be a good one.

And I will once again state that if you have a criminal warrant, and I think this is the message that every time we talk about immigration we need to let our residents know that we are not supportive of people being in our community that have a criminal warrant that meets the Department of Justice standards. Not a phony criminal warrant for someone who didn't pay a parking ticket, but a real criminal warrant. We will

assist law enforcement on any level when they're looking for someone who has committed a violent crime, whether it be here, in New York City, or anywhere.

So this is not about criminals. If they are here, we want them out. And we'll offer any assistance that we need to do so. This is about community. It's about families. It's about our friends and neighbors. It's about people who you just heard from that have been here for 10, 20, 30 years that are part of this community, have volunteered in many capacities in our community, that pay taxes in our community, that pay bills in our community, that shop in our community, and have helped rebuild our downtown. And that's the type of people we want in our community. Hopefully the federal government will work out some path forward, but in the meantime, we need to address it on a local level and do what we can do and provide as much information as possible. And that's all I have. If you have any questions, I'd be willing to address it.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the mayor?

MAYOR JOSEPH DESTEFANO. Okay.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you. Remarks of department heads, economic development. That's for you, Maria.

MARIA BRUNI: Good evening. I don't have anything this evening unless anybody has any questions for me.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for economic development? Thank you, Maria.

MARIA BRUNI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: DPW Commissioner.

JACOB TAWIL: Good evening all. Water level in our reservoirs, 93 percent. For Alderman Masi, last December '24, we had very low precipitation and so in January. Just to give you an idea, in December we had 0.9 inches. Average monthly for December is 4.3 inches. In January this year, just last month, we had 0.6 inches. Our average monthly for January is 2.84.

The point I'm trying to make is we are still, you know, we're off the severe drought, but there is a drought going on. We're still doing good. Usually our reservoirs at this time of the year we would have been 100 percent full,

but we'll be okay. We're doing okay. And we have the measures in there to keep us going okay, just to keep in mind that we do have very low precipitation, you know, since October.

There was some kind of news about freezing the federal grants and so on and so forth, but then, I was hoping the mayor will touch on that, but with the court order, there is no freeze. You know they put a stop on the freeze on federal spending for the grants, so our raw water line design is progressing. Our finished water line design is progressing, most of which are funded by or some of which are funded by federal grants.

Tonight before you, there's a resolution for the compost. We used to, we collect the leaves every year. In the past, the city used to ship them over to Organic Renewal and pay money to get rid of them. Now we are saving them. We mix them. We make compost out of them.

However, they're quite, they're not very clean. So we made a deal. We contacted some landscapers around us, McCarey Landscape, he came with a very good deal for us we believe, and

there is a resolution before you tonight. They will take seven loads of our compost material and they will give us back one load full of 20-yard DOT-approved topsoil, which we believe it's an excellent deal. And we are requesting that you approve it. Other contractors like Boyce, they were not interested at all in making an offer.

The water department, as you have seen in your messages, it's been very busy dealing with the water main breaks, and they're on top of it. We have lost quite a bit of water, but we are doing well. And the guys are catching all the water main breaks as they happen now.

Just a quick question, a quick remark for the public. You know, the city invested almost -- our project, the traffic operation -- about $30 million in there. And part of it is safety and ADA accessibility for our crosswalks and intersections. So what I'm requesting for the public is to start making use of this technology, meaning when you are at an intersection, do not cross the red light before or any light until you have the pedestrian green light before you asking you to cross safely. That's when you can cross safely. Otherwise, do

not just if it's red, don't cross. Do not cross, please, because accidents happen and you should be at the designated area where you want to cross the intersection. So please be very careful. Use it. The green light for pedestrian is not going to activate itself. You have to push the button for it to activate. And the reason behind this is we don't want to waste time if there is nobody, if there is no pedestrians trying to cross the road to hold back all the vehicle traffic. And that's the reason behind it. So if you need to, if you intend to cross, please be at an intersection where it is designated for pedestrian crossing. Activate, push the light and wait for the green light for you to allow you to walk across and this will be much safer for you and for the vehicles around you.

We also submitted, just an update, WSP and us submitted together a grant for the $20 million for upgrading most of our remaining sidewalks and adding other traffic safety devices throughout the city on as-need basis after doing a thorough study of that. So that's $20 million. We just submitted that. With that, I will conclude. Any questions?

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for Jacob? All right. Thank you, Jacob. Police Chief.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Good evening. To follow up on what the mayor mentioned about immigration status, he's 100 percent correct. The Middletown Police does not need to know anyone's immigration status. There's no purpose for our local process. It doesn't impact it in any way. And I hope over the last many years, that our Latino community realizes that we're here to support them and to provide their service as we would to anyone else in our community.

And also to expand on what -- or to follow up on what Commissioner Tawil had just mentioned as well, as far as the crosswalks, as we all see, it's a great project, a huge investment in our community. And over the last about three months, we've had the unfortunate issues of having three fatal pedestrian-vehicle accidents. And all three of them, the individual that was struck by the vehicle was not in one of the crosswalks. They were crossing at an area that had no crosswalk. I can't say that that

would have been the ultimate cause or prevention, but it would be nice to be able to utilize the crosswalks that were put in place with the flashing lights. They're better lit areas and I'm hopeful that people will start using them and hopefully we eliminate any future tragic events,

Going also back to the immigration status, just also, as the mayor was mentioning, we, the Middletown Police, we do enforce court orders and judicial warrants. So if we are provided with a warrant for an arrest or a court order we do act upon them. Again that doesn't matter what the immigration status is. That's an order from a judge that tells us that we have to take someone into the custody. That's our standard practice. That's standard practice within policing. It's nothing different from us to any other police department.

Other than that, I have nothing else unless you have questions for me.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Any questions for the police chief? Alderman Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Chief, if you want to just mention about the upcoming police exam.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Are you

waiting for your phones to ring?

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Yes. Hopefully it'll come in earlier instead of waiting till the last minute, but I know you're looking forward to it.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Yes, I am looking forward to it. We're definitely in need of additional police officers. We have some vacancies and through civil service and Mr. Masi, we have a police officer exam scheduled for May 3rd of this year. So once again, May 3rd of this year will be our next police officer exam. It's been about four years since our last one. The announcements have not come out as of yet, but they should be coming out in the near future. Once the announcements are out, they will have the requirements, the minimum requirements to become a police officer with us, and it'll explain the process. And they'll be able to be online?

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: It will be online, yes, Chief.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Online we'll have them in the police department. I believe they'll be in Mr. Masi's office.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: I'd say within the next two weeks.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN EWANCIW: Very good. We look forward to that and we're hoping that we have many people, especially our local people, that want to come out and take the test to join our force. So thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right, thank you, Chief. City clerk.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Good evening. I just want to take this opportunity. Earlier today, myself and Selena Rodriguez from Parks and Rec, took a number of our mayor's youth council students to Albany where they met with Assemblywoman Paula Kay and State Senator James Skoufis to advocate for youth funding and talk about the importance of youth programs in our community. So we want to thank both of them for taking the time to meet with us today.

On this evening's agenda is a resolution declaring, announcing that April 26th will be our annual citywide cleanup day. I see our friend Sue Depuy in the back. We have not forgotten this year, Sue. We're looking forward to that. And we're launching a contest with the

Recreation and Parks Department this week. We're looking for a new design for our t-shirts this year. So if any of our students are listening at home, check out the Recreation and Parks Department's Facebook page and website for information on how you can submit your design to be put on the t-shirts for this year's annual event. And with that, that's it for me.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: All right. Alderman Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Sure. I attended the Martin Luther King Junior celebration. It's one of my favorite of the year. There's dancing, singing, poetry. It was definitely an excellent event. I was glad I could make it. And then putting on my labor leader hat, you know, Martin Luther King died in Memphis, Tennessee for striking sanitation workers. They were fighting for a living wage and there's signs that read "I am man," because, you know, the people down south are trying to dehumanize their workers.

Just like we see today, the dehumanizing people, trying to paint everybody as criminals. And so we have to resist those stereotypes and those tactics.

In the AFL-CIO we have "Know Your Rights" pamphlets we're passing out to our members. We're also, my teachers unions, AFT and NEA working to protect our kids. I sent a sample school board resolution to Vanessa today that would affirm schools as safe havens and welcoming places for learning for all students. And so as the teachers unions, we're committed to protecting our students, that our schools should be safe zones as well as our courts and our churches. I know we had years ago there was an ICE raid. Someone was arrested downstairs, right?

So if our schools and our courts are not safe zones, people won't go to court. They won't report crimes. The kids won't go to school. We can't have that, or go to church, so these have to be safe zones. And shame on Trump if he did take that away.

And so I'd like to thank for the many, you know, very similar to the 1900 progressive aid societies and settlement houses, you have to help your own community. If you look above the bar down the street there, it say "Sons of Italy." You know, the Polish did it, the

Italians did it. Every immigrant group has to -- you know, we're here to help you too, but you have to help yourself too. So I'm glad to see that that tradition is continuing, just a new generation of folks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes. Good evening. Unfortunately, I had to miss the MLK celebration due to a family member's funeral. And I promise, you know, it's one of my favorite celebrations also every year, and it was kind of hurtful that I missed it this year because an unfortunate family member had passed away.

You know what? We're living in a hard time right now, but the way I look at it is it's a storm that's going on right now. It's a bad storm. But by the grace of God, we're going to weather that storm sooner than later. Just try not to stress about everything that you heard, you know? It's just something that we're going through right now but we're going to get through it by the grace of God. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Thank you. Once again, with respect to good cause, we're scheduling a public hearing for the first meeting in March. Mr. Clerk, are there any documents posted on the website now, and are they both in English and Spanish?

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: The documents related to the good cause will be uploaded in the coming days.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Thank you. So yes, we're aware of the portfolio issue, the LLC issue. The mayor has devoted a lot of time in the last two or three months to this issue, and we're looking forward to taking action.

With respect to the mayor's remarks about ICE. The recent demographics of our school system say that 70 percent of our students are Latino in origin. There was a thing in the news recently, of course, that in a particular school district in Texas, 600 students were kept out of school because of concerns of ramifications of being out in public.

In my veterinary practice in the last two months, I've met people from Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Colombia, Dominican

Republic, and Mexico. So to say that our community is made up of a variety of people is not an exaggeration. And I certainly am pleased that the mayor has put forth a reassurance that we, as a community, will do the very best to protect our residents. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Alderman Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Good evening. I agree wholeheartedly with Good Cause Eviction. I've said it repeatedly and I will say it again. I am a single mom of four kids and I do it by myself. And I am so lucky that I have a mortgage and not a landlord because if I lived with the kind of -- I already live in the kind of fear like what if something big breaks? How am I going to fix it? But if I had to live out of the fear of in two weeks my landlord's going to tell me you better find another $500 a month or you and your kids are homeless is horrific. And no one should live with that level of anxiety if you go to work and you pay your rent on time and you do the right thing, you should not have this incredible fear that you will be turned out into the street. I find that horrific. I'm in fully

in support of doing this legislation and doing it the right way and protecting everyone.

I agree with the mayor. It's definitely not going to force landlords to lower their rents, which are insane, but it will protect people from having the rug ripped out from them. I'm fully in support.

I'm going to get a little emotional because when we get to ICE, we're talking about the kids that I work with at Presidential. And I feel very strongly about my students. And you can ask them if you know them about Miss Katie. I love those kids. And we have had empty tables at lunch with kids who are like, oh they didn't come in because they're afraid that if they're here that there would be a problem, so they just stayed home.

So we do have kids who are not coming to school from fear. We have kids who are expressing their own fear about what's going to happen to my parents or my grandmother? And that's awful stuff to watch them go through because they're too young. They shouldn't be carrying that burden and they are. For me working in the school, no one's taking your kids

from those schools. No one gets in the building without our permission. They're very secure and they always have adults with them, so we will keep them safe in the school.

City business. For the water main breaks, Jacob, I have to say we've had them like almost every day if anyone else gets the announcements from Nick from the reporting thing, but every day. And I've seen them. They've been at my corner years back sitting in a hole of water in five-degree weather. And these guys are out every hour, any condition. And I just really kudos to them to keeping our infrastructure in one piece in awful weather conditions. So my many thanks to them.

It looks like we're looking at some snow coming our way, so just a reminder to shovel your hydrants. That's it.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Get the car off the street.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank you. Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Thank you. Wow. I also went to the MLK celebration. I couldn't stay for all of it, but the mayor made some

excellent remarks at the celebration, represented us well. And I want to thank the mayor for his remarks tonight. You're really spot on and very supportive of our community and that's what we need to be. MLK talked about the triple evils of racism, materialism, and militarism, particularly in his speech at Riverside Church, Beyond Vietnam. So, yes, he was shot helping the Memphis garbage workers, sanitation workers tried to unionize, but he was shot for a lot of reasons. And we need to honor that legacy even though that Mr. Hegseth has now removed that honoring from the military and removed Black History Month from the military. It's becoming more like Florida.

I want to thank the people in Middletown Warming Station, because it really has been cold, and the volunteers. And they still need volunteers and you can look on the Middletownwarmingstation.com to see what nights they need volunteers, but they just have done an amazing job and they have to turn away people every night because they're over capacity. So I thank them for all they're doing. It's just unimaginable people having this sleep outside on

nights like we've had.

I want to thank (indiscernible) and the community for the Chinese New Year's Celebration that they had at New Middletown, the Lunar New Year. It was a really fun event.

Good Cause Eviction. We're going to vote tonight on the public hearing, but I want to find out where that material for the public hearing will be. I hope it will be prominently displayed on the website so people can see exactly what's involved and when they come to the public hearing, can know exactly what they're talking about.

I don't know anymore what taking an oath of office means. I mean in this council we take an oath of office to support the Constitution of New York and of the United States and does that amount to anything? I mean is it enforceable? Because on January 20th, you had Donald Trump take an oath to preserve, protect, and defend the United States Constitution, and the next day he tried to throw out the 14th Amendment by signing an executive order.

And you know the other thing that the Article II of the Constitution assigns to the

president is to see that the laws be faithfully executed and not summarily disregarded and thrown out. So, you know, I did mention months ago, I considered Elon Musk to be the biggest coward in this country and I think maybe people are seeing why I said that now. To give him access with no security clearance and these kids no security clearance, to give them access to critical information that affects all of us, affects Middletown residents, anyone with a Social Security number, anyone, you know, your information is now out there for whatever Musk and his cohorts want to do with it.

So the freezing grants, it just throws, well, our economic development, all our block grant programs, all those things. What do you do? Are they frozen? Are they not frozen? How do you move on with all the things that Middletown tries to do for its citizens? It just was so ridiculous and so scary. And the idea, again, see that the laws be faithfully executed of firing the attorneys, the inspectors general from every department, these are the people who root out corruption who make sure that the department is on the up and up. So you can't

fire them. They're, you know, appointed by Congress and basically they didn't care. They don't care.

Immigration and demonizing immigrants and so much disinformation, we're the only country that has birthright citizenship. That's what was claimed. That's ridiculous. There's at least 33 countries. And probably more that grant birthright citizenship. So not only is that an outright lie to join 40 or 50,000 other outright lies, but it wasn't fact-checked. I mean where's the press to say that's ridiculous?

So on immigration, I urge people to listen to a Woody Guthrie song, I think he wrote it in 1948 and Cisco Houston has a good version of it, but it's called Deportee or Plane Wreck over Los Gatos Canyon. And it just talks about the people who were flown out on a deportation raid and he wrote it because he was so angry because when that plane blew up -- and I don't remember how many people were killed -- but they didn't have any names, they were just deportees. So you should listen to it; you should understand it.

Getting rid of US aid, our agency for

international development, it's such crucial assistance and medical assistance for countries in Africa and just, you know, Kennedy's creation, John F. Kennedy's creation. To just say you're going to get rid of that, I just don't get it. I know grocery prices were going to come way down on day one. Have you been in the grocery store lately? Are he prices going down? No, they're not. And when you add tariffs, prices will all go up.

So I don't know. There just so much going on and so much that affects Middletown, but, I thank Mr. Masi and the police exam, but we have civil service for a reason. And it's to protect those jobs from the political whims of whoever happens to be in power. That's what you really mean by the deep state. It's protecting government agencies from undue political interference and we've stripped that away completely.

So there was another country where loyalty became the test for nominees for heads of departments, for heads of the military, loyalty became the only test as 1933 Germany, Deutschland Uber Alles. So if you don't know the history,

you really ought to study it because a lot of what's going on now is borrowed from those times.

So, again, I thank the people coming in and standing up for Good Cause and no, it won't bring rents down, but it hopefully will keep landlords from jacking your rent up $500 and saying you have to get out in 20 days. That's what the goal is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Alderman Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Thank you. First off, just on a city business note, Alderman Kleiner and I are going to be forgoing our February constituents meeting. Again, it's a short month and it seems like it's going to be a cold month. So we're going to forego that. We'll look forward to March and spring and hopefully some warmer and better news weather.

There's not much more that can be said about everything going on here and in our country and the deep uncertainty and fear that I think everyone has. And if they don't have, they probably should have a little bit of fear and uncertainty.

Mouth service is kind of what I think a

lot of people were fed and given for a vote only to find out that, you know, it's not in your best interest. And there really was not a plan all along if you listen to any news in the morning. Maybe it's Project 2025. Maybe it's we're going to just wake up and see what we feel like doing this morning and then maybe reverse it tomorrow. Either way, it's a deeply unsettling time for everyone. And, you know, Alderman Wray, you hit the nail on the head. I sit here. I listen every day. And I drop my son off at Presidential in the morning. I hear him talk about his friends and I see him walk out hand in hand. They don't care what race, what color. Who's documented, undocumented, who was born here, who was born -- you know, his big news the other day was that his friend was the lucky one to get the tooth necklace because their tooth fell out in the middle of school. That child does not have to be sitting there or sitting at home worried that someone's coming in to take them away.

That's not an America that I want to live in. That's not America whether your parents are going to be home when you get home. Again, I understand and I agree, Mayor, thank you for just

putting it all out there, you know, in black and white that you know there's a criminal side of things, but then there's the other side where it's just wrong. And it's immoral and it's dehumanizing from just the idea of it. And it breaks my heart to think that, you know, my son's sitting there knowing that he's going to come home to his dog, his sister every night. And yet he doesn't know, you know, that the kid next to him might just be thinking, you know, is this the day that I don't even get to get on the bus?

I don't know. I'm not a very emotional person, but that just hits me hard and it should hit every person regardless of your political party, regardless of your religious affiliation, non-religious affiliation, regardless of your race, sex, age.

Be human, you know, look to our neighbors. We're a good community because of everyone in in it. And we need to protect that that good and protect our community and protect the members of our community because we deserve protecting them. So that's all I'm going to say tonight thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Alderman Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Thank you very much. This is a lot tonight. It's a lot. And I appreciate the words of everyone here saying it about both topics tonight. And I guess I just want to say that I appreciate the mayor putting this out here about ICE and letting everybody know how it's going to be here. You know, you can see and social media, we all see it and that was a perfect example that you used. But this is how it's going to be here. The police chief just got up and said this is how it's going to be here. And I think that that's very important. I think people in our city need to know that and that if there are criminals who need to not be here, then that's how our police department is going to act. That's a good thing.

And I mean everything else has been said. And I'm in favor of what the mayor said about this being a safe place. And I'm, you know, I'm sorry to hear the stories about children not going to school. And I think if you have questions, please call your school and ask them. I work for the school district. I'm in communications. I am not at a place where I can

comment on what any official policy is, but I believe, and I say that because people probably know that I do work for the school district, but the mayor is saying that he spoke with the superintendent and I would believe him at his word on that. So anyway, that's my thoughts on that, so I support like everyone else does here.

Two things on a positive note also too is high school graduation is going to be this Friday at 6 o'clock. There will be 26 people, I think, walking across the stage, not across Fowler Field. It would be very cold out there at the stadium. So they certainly should be commended. These folks, some of them are leaving early and some of them need a little extra time, but, you know, we have very large classes and very large opportunities at Middletown. And I'm excited for these 26 kids.

And with the snow coming, likely Wednesday night into Thursday, please, please stay off the roads. The mayor had addressed this on social media I think -- and please somebody can correct me if I'm wrong here. I think there needed to be 135 tickets given out because people were parking on the road. And yet people saying

that well, you know, more money in their pocket. And I can assure folks with everything that we talked about in all these meetings, it never came up that this was a money making initiative. This was about trying to be convenient for our residents. But at the same time, we have an obligation to our DPW folks and our police folks. People have to follow these rules. And this comes up again for a review and it's based on, I mean nobody wants to write tickets or anything. And people are getting caught up, well, if it's 2-1/2 inches, you know it's going to snow. Just please, please help us out here and don't park on the street. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Alderman Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Good evening. Jacob, first of all, thank you and your department for the tremendous job you've done both with the water main breaks and certainly with keeping the streets plowed and cleaned for our motorists.

Chief, I'm hoping that the test on May 3rd will produce a lot of candidates and you can call our office or it'll be online probably

within the next two weeks. But if you give our office a call, we'll be happy to walk you through anything.

Now on ICE and immigration, I'm sorry for what many of you people are going through, your families. It just disgusts the hell out of me that you have to do that. And unfortunately, Mr. Trump happened to be elected and he's turning out to be just a piece of garbage that we thought he might be. And it's not fair to you, but as the mayor was saying, we can all help out by frequenting the businesses that many of you run. That's a part of the protest and to do whatever we can. As a council, as a city, we're welcoming to you. We thank you for being here. And I know each and every one of us are sorry that you have to go through any of this. And hopefully at some point in the future, near future, this will all be behind us and your children will be able to walk into school. You'll be able to go to work, earn a living, and not have fear. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: I want to thank the mayor, the police chief for what they said tonight and our leaders in our city departments. It's touching and you know I have a

counter on my phone for 1,443 days, 22 hours, 21 minutes and 42 seconds. That's until somebody's out of office. And I look at it every day, but what do we need to do? In 2 years, blue states, red states, hit him where it counts. Support the -- where it's red, you support the blue. You got to hit them where it counts. A lot of people in here, I even know family members that didn't go out and vote who didn't support politicians who didn't do it. And now look at where we're at. It's a storm. It's a disaster. It's everything.

1983, I crossed that border. 1988 my brother was born. We were told to go back to the country. We came back, we did everything, and now my brother might be in trouble because he was born here to immigrant parents. You know, going back and forth. I was like damn, we do everything right, we try to do everything right and now we constantly see it.

So talk to each other. It's $5. If you could donate $5, $5 goes a long way if it's everybody. Texas, all those states in the south, hit them where it counts. Talk to each other.

And here in Middletown, you're always going to be safe and the leadership is going to

protect you and we're going to do the right thing all the time. But, you know it took, you know, I'm not going to go out and vote. He's not going to get in office. He's not going to -- it's not going to happen. It did happen. And now we're paying for it.

In two years, Congress is up, not four years. We don't have to wait 1400 days. In two years now, people are going to say we're going to run. Now is the time to go get those people elected so things can change for the better.

Middletown was Dutch. It was then Irish, Italian, it was everything. None of us were here. We're not Native Americans. None of us are Native Americans. So we're here to protect our community. But please, please, please look at each other, get involved. Listen to Vanessa, she can get you involved, but it has to be to the point where it has to hit the pockets, yes. Instead of going to McDonald's, take that $25 and donate it to somebody. New York is blue. Let's go for the red and turn those around. Thank you. New business.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Good evening. We have a resolution sponsored by

Alderman Green appointing Anthony Cantoli to the police commission.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alman Green, seconded by Alderman Masi. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing the removal of an accessible parking space in front of 79 Montgomery Street.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi. Seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson authorizing a public hearing on Good Cause Eviction legislation.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing the approval to transfer of scholarships to special programs.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing a transfer of $37,000 in the Community Development Fund for small business loans.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Kleiner. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing a proposal for Middletown and New Jersey Railway Train Station from Clark Patterson Lee.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing a proposal from Stratagem Security for additional security upgrades at the city courthouse.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner authorizing a proposal from McCarey's Landscaping Inc. for top soil trade of city's stockpiled leaves.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES:

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner, seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Wray

authorizing the annual citywide cleanup event to be held on April 26, 2025.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Wray, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing the renaming of a section of roadway as Dr. J. Sexter Way.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: The resolution is sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Any discussion? Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Yeah. What part of the roadway is this and which roadway is it?

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: The ring, the loop.

MAN 1: It's the loop at Touro College, but there's a small part as you go up Myrtle, the corner on the right is part of Ridge Street. Ridge Street will still remain on the left, so you make a left at the top of the hill. You're on Ridge. You make a right going around that loop, you'll be on Dr. J. Sexter way.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: We're not obligated to pave it, right? All right. Anyone else? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-

Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Mr. President --

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Dr. Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: I have two items I'd like to offer from the floor. The first, whereas the mayor is recommending that the

planning board be given further discretion regarding renewals of permits for temporary business movable structures, I'd like to make a motion that we hold a public hearing on February 18th to discuss the matter.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: The resolution is sponsored by Alderman Johnson to hold a public hearing. Seconded by Alderman Green. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye. It carries.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: I'm going to take a shot at another resolution in keeping with the tenor of this evening's meeting and the mayor's remarks. And we'll see how it goes. Resolve that the common council in collaboration with the administration enact and reinforce practices and policies that ensure the safety, well-being, and legal rights of all of our residents.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: A motion by Alderman Johnson. Do I have a second? Alderman Jean-Francois. Any discussion? Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Audit.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Mr. President, I move the accounts be audited, the claims be adjusted, and the city treasurer be authorized to issue a warrant for their payment.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Motion by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Roll.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. SPARROW TOBIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JUDE JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Wray.

ALD. KATIE WRAY: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. GERALD KLEINER: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. ANDREW GREEN: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. KEVIN WITT: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. JOSEPH MASI: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: President Rodriguez.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Aye.

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: It carries. PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: For the good of the city, Round Two, do we have anybody?

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: There's nobody signed up this evening.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Juan

didn't sign up?

CITY CLERK RICHARD MCCORMACK: No.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: No? All right.

MAN 2: (indiscernible).

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: If you want to come up, you come up.

MAN 2: Thank you for the opportunity. My sentiment is with the immigrant community because myself, I was an immigrant as a young child, was brought into this country by my both of my parents. I grew up in the school district of Middletown and I'm really happy to be here after almost 40 years. And I really think that we have a council such as yourselves and a mayor that supports the community, and the ever growing community as diverse as it is today. And we thank you for looking at the scope of our society and how integrated it is into its economic base that all of us are tied to this town and to make it better. And I really am thankful that myself and others are putting their energy and effort to make a statement to our current president that we need to stop the evil as I heard today because this is what it is. It's an evil for the United

States of America, which I truly call my country. I might be of a different color skin but we all have different shades, but we are all humans and we are all citizens of this great country. And we're all here to contribute to it in a good manner. And I say if you're not here to do good, get out. And as we see, our current president is not doing good to our country because he's destroying the economies of scale. He's destroying our businesses. I am a business owner. I live in fear of how tomorrow is going to be, whether I'm going to pay my gas bill tomorrow, whether my mortgage is going to be on time. Whether it is on time or not, I signed up with the bank that it it's taken out on the first of every month, as we all know of auto pay. Whether being on a Saturday, it it's being withdrawn on Friday whether I made the money or not.

As a small business owner, I think that our economic system should focus on the backbone of this infrastructure of ours, which is the great United States of America. And I call us the United States of America because we should be united. And thank you to all that made this

statement regarding our immigrant community because we need this. We need this unity to overcome this evil that has come upon us, that we don't want to recall the Holocaust, the Hitler movement that he utilized the poor innocent, Jewish community to point the finger and say those are merchants, those merchants are above the German people. And that's how he became powerful. That's when he became the ruthless and evil that happened in the 1940s. In 1945, the liberation day, I really think and look back at history.

And many of you are educated individuals. And many of you educate our children because I have two children, two daughters in our school system, that I really am grateful to because I look at the technology that we have available in the school system that is far beyond what I had when I was a kid. And I really thank you all for remaining in a positive manner to unite us all and to be there for us, not only for myself but for all those without opportunities. Thank you so much. And thank you, Mayor.

PRESIDENT J. MIGUEL RODRIGUES: Thank

you. Okay. Move for adjournment.

GROUP: So moved.

ALD. PAUL JOHNSON: Second.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Sonya Ledanski Hyde, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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Veritext Legal Solutions

330 Old Country Road

Suite 300

Mineola, NY 11501

Date: February 13, 2025

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 4, 2025

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   - 3.1. Accept the Minutes of December 17, 2024
   - 3.2. Accept Minutes of December 3, 2024
4. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS
   - 4.1. Standardized Notice Form for Providing 30 Day Advance Notice for a Liquor License: Bar Boyz Properties LLC, 27 A West Main Street
5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY (AGENDA ITEMS & CITY BUSINESS ONLY)
6. REMARKS OF THE MAYOR
7. REMARKS OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND GRIEVANCES
9. PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS
10. REMARKS OF THE ALDERMAN AND REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
    - 51-25 Appointment of Anthony Cantoli to the Police Commission
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57-25 Authorizes a Proposal from Stratagem Security for Additional Security Upgrades at the City Court House

58-25 Authorizes a Proposal from McCarey's Landscaping Inc. for Topsoil trade of City-stockpiled Leaves

59-25 Authorization to Hold the Annual City-Wide Clean Up Event on April 26, 2025

60-25 **A Resolution Authorizing the Renaming of a Section of Roadway as "Dr. Jay Sexter Way"**

61-25 Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on Amending Section 475-30 of City Zoning Code to Provide the Planning Board with Additional Discretion in Permitting Temporary Moveable Structures

62-25 Resolution Calling on the City Administration to Enact and Reinforce Practices and Policies that Protect all Residents' Safety, Well-being, and Legal Rights

13. LOCAL LAWS

14. AUDIT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

14.1. Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

15. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY (OPEN ITEMS, LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES)

16. ADJOURNMENT

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NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY | State Liquor Authority

OFFICE USE ONLY
○ Original ○ Amended Date _____

Standardized NOTICE FORM for Providing 30-Day Advance Notice to a Local Municipality or Community Board

1. Date Notice Sent: 12/17/2024

1a. Delivered by: Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RECEIVED
JAN 29 2025
CITY CLERK
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

2. Select the type of Application that will be filed with the Authority for an On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage License:

For premises outside the City of New York:

◉ New Application ○ Removal ○ Class Change

For premises in the City of New York:

○ New Application ○ New Application and Temporary Retail Permit ○ Temporary Retail Permit ○ Removal

○ Class Change ○ Method of Operation ○ Corporate Change ○ Renewal ○ Alteration

For **New** and Temporary Retail Permit applicants, answer each question below using all information known to date
For **Renewal** applicants, answer all questions
For **Alteration** applicants, attach a complete written description and diagrams depicting the proposed alteration(s)
For **Corporate Change** applicants, attach a list of the current and proposed corporate principals
For **Removal** applicants, attach a statement of your current and proposed addresses with the reason(s) for the relocation
For **Class Change** applicants, attach a statement detailing your current license type and your proposed license type
For **Method of Operation Change** applicants, although not required, if you choose to submit, attach an explanation detailing those changes

Please include all documents as noted above. Failure to do so may result in disapproval of the application.

This 30-Day Advance Notice is Being Provided to the Clerk of the Following Local Municipality or Community Board:

3. Name of Municipality or Community Board: City of Middletown

Applicant/Licensee Information:

4. Licensee Serial Number (if applicable): _____ Expiration Date (if applicable): _____

5. Applicant or Licensee Name: Bar Boyz Properties LLC

6. Trade Name (if any): TBD

7. Street Address of Establishment: 27A West Main Street

8. City, Town or Village: Middletown , NY Zip Code: 10940

9. Business Telephone Number of applicant/ Licensee: (845) 453-6276

10. Business E-mail of Applicant/Licensee: tripp20@gmail.com

11. Type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: ○ Beer & cider ○ Wine, Beer & Cider ◉ Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

12. Extent of Food Service: ◉ Full Food menu; full kitchen run by a chef/cook ○ Menu meets legal minimum food requirements; food prep area required

13. Type of Establishment: Restaurant (full kitchen and full menu required)

14. Method of Operation: (check all that apply)
☐ Seasonal Establishment ☐ Juke Box ☐ Disc Jockey ☒ Recorded Music ☐ Karaoke
☒ Live Music (give details i.e., rock bands, acoustic, jazz, etc.): Acoustic
☐ Patron Dancing ☐ Employee Dancing ☐ Exotic Dancing ☐ Topless Entertainment
☐ Video/Arcade Games ☐ Third Party Promoters ☐ Security Personnel
☐ Other (specify): _____

15. Licensed Outdoor Area: (check all that apply)
☑ None ☐ Patio or Deck ☐ Rooftop ☐ Garden/Grounds ☐ Freestanding Covered Structure
☐ Sidewalk Cafe ☐ Other (specify): _____

OFFICE USE ONLY
○ Original ○ Amended Date _____

16. List the floor(s) of the building that the establishment is located on: 1st and basement

17. List the room number(s) the establishment is located in within the building, if appropriate: N/A

18. Is the premises located within 500 feet of three or more on-premises liquor establishments? ◉ Yes ○ No

19. Will the license holder or a manager be physically present within the establishment during all hours of operation? ◉ Yes ○ No

20. If this is a transfer application (an existing licensed business is being purchased) provide the name and serial number of the licensee:

Name _____ Serial Number _____

21. Does the applicant or licensee own the building in which the establishment is located? ○ Yes (if YES, SKIP 23-26) ◉ No

Owner of the Building in Which the Licensed Establishment is Located

22. Building Owner's Full Name: KB Developers LLC

23. Building Owner's Street Address: 6 Forest Avenue, Sutie 205

24. City, Town or Village: Paramus State: NJ Zip Code: 07652

25. Business Telephone Number of Building Owner: 201-300-8088

Representative or Attorney Representing the Applicant in Connection with the Application for a License to Traffic in Alcohol at the Establishment Identified in this Notice

26. Representative/Attorney's Full Name: Patrick DeLuca

27. Representative/Attorney's Street Address: 8 West Oak Street

28. City, Town or Village: Amityville State: NY Zip Code: 11701

29. Business Telephone Number of Representative/Attorney: (631) 264-2700

30. Business E-mail Address of Representative/Attorney: liquorlicense@yahoo.com

I am the applicant or licensee holder or a principal of the legal entity that holds or is applying for the license. Representations in this form are in conformity with representations made in submitted documents relied upon by the Authority when granting the license. I understand that representations made in this form will also be relied upon, and that false representations may result in disapproval of the application or revocation of the license.

By my signature, I affirm - under **Penalty of Perjury** - that the representations made in this form are true.

31. Printed Principal Name: Patrick DeLuca Title: Representative

Principal Signature: _____

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Green
Seconded by: Alderman Masi
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 51-25

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

2/6/25
Date

Appointment of Anthony Cantoli to the Police Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's appointment of Anthony Cantoli to the Middletown Police Commission, for a four-year term expiring on December 31, 2028.

Prepared by:
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 52-25

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Authorization to Remove an Accessible Parking Space in front of 79 Montgomery Street

Whereas the Common Council had previously authorized an accessible parking space in front of 79 Montgomery Street at the owner's request; and
Whereas said owner has since moved; and
Whereas the new owner has requested the removal of the accessible parking space;
NOW Therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes the repeal of legislation authorizing the accessible parking space in front of 79 Montgomery Street.

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 53-25

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on Good Cause Eviction Legislation

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes a public hearing on Good Cause Eviction Legislation to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 on or as near to 7PM as possible in the Common Council Chambers, 16 James Street, Middletown, NY.

Prepared by:
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Witt
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 54-25

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Authorization to approve a transfer of Scholarships to Special Programs

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $125, in the following manner, to fund program scholarships.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A.2705.07 Scholarships	A.2029 Special Programs	$125.00
Volleyball Clinic $50 Scholarship		
Boxing Clinic $75 Scholarship		

Prepared by:
Raelynn Bertholf, Supt of Recreation and Parks

Attachments:

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi
Seconded by: Alderman Kleiner
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 55-25

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor — Date 2/6/25

Authorization to Transfer $37,000 in the Community Development Fund for Small Business Loans

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $37,000 in the following manner,

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
CD Fund Balance	CD.8686.457 SBL Public Service	$37,000

This funding transfer will be applied to the Small Business Loan Program. This is Community Development funding that comes back in the form of Small Business Loan Repayments.

Prepared by:
Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development

Attachments:

1.	CDBG 2025 Budget Transfer - Adjustment

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
Office of Economic & Community Development

January 29, 2025

City of Middletown
Board of Estimate
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940

RE: Office of Community Development/Dept 8686

Dear Members:

I am requesting budget transfer/budget adjustment within the Community Development Department.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
CD Fund Balance	$37,000.00	8686.457 SBL Public Service

This funding transfer will be applied to the Small Business Loan Program. This is Community Development funding that comes back to us from Small Business Loan Repayments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria Bruni, Director
Economic & Community Development

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Jean-Francois
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 56-25

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Authorization to Accept a Proposal for Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station from Clark Patterson Lee

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes a proposal from Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) for the Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station on 140 East Main Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the proposal.

Funding will come from Capital Project line H.7989.201

Prepared by:
Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	Middletown Train Station ProposalCPL 20241125 (4)

November 25, 2024

Jacob Tawil, P.E.
Commissioner
Department of Public Works
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Re: 140 East Main Street – Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station

Dear Mr. Tawil,

In accordance with our discussions, we are pleased to submit a proposal for the Middletown & New Jersey Railway Train Station project for the City of Middletown. Our understanding of this project is the City of Middletown plans to purchase this property and renovate the existing building by re-working the interior into a 500 sq. ft. visitor's center, exterior access ADA gender neutral toilet room, and leave the remaining space renovated as a "shell" for a future tenant to occupy.

Scope of Services

Our services would include the following tasks:

TASK 1: Existing Conditions
CPL will conduct a site visit to document the existing conditions by matterport scanning the interior of the building. CPL will use the matterport scan to create an existing floor plan.

TASK 2: Plan Study & Cost Estimate
CPL will provide a basic proposed floor plan reflecting the design described during a site meeting on Wednesday 9/11:

- 500 sq. ft. visitor's center.
- New exterior access ADA bathroom.
- Remaining space to be vacant for future tenant.

CPL will also provide a rough cost estimate to make these interior alterations described above.

Compensation

Our fee proposal breakdown on a task basis to complete the work described above is as follows:

Task 1: Existing Conditions	$ 3,000.00 Lump Sum
Task 2: Plan Study & Cost Estimate	$ 3,800.00 Lump Sum
LUMP SUM TOTAL	$ 6,800.00 Lump Sum

Not included in this proposal:

- Boundary survey. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Topographical survey. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Underground utility mapping. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Construction documents. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Bid. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Hazardous material testing is not included. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- Construction Administration services. CPL will provide a separate proposal for this upon request.
- *Reimbursable expenses.

*Schedule of Reimbursable Expenses: Article 11.8 Compensation For Reimbursable Expenses of AIA Document B101 is very specific on what is considered a reimbursable expense. These include, but may not be limited to, reproductions, transportation, etc.

We will submit invoices monthly, as the work progresses.

This proposal is based on a lump sum fee. Please provide an authorized signature in the designated space below and return one copy or provide an executed purchase order.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require any additional information. We look forward to this opportunity to be of service to the City of Middletown.

Very truly yours,

CPL

Timothy J. Moot, PG
Vice President

Jonathan DiRocco, AIA
Senior Architectural Project Manager

Proposal Accepted By:

Signature: _____ Date: 2/6/25
City of Middletown

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 57-25

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Authorizes a Proposal from Stratagem Security for Additional Security Upgrades at the City Court House

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the attached proposal from Stratagem Security for additional security upgrades at the City Court House.

Be it further resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer $3,558.68, in the following manner, to cover the cost of the proposal.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
H.0766.900 Industrial Park Infrastructure Expense	$3,558.68	H.1997.202 Security System Upgrade City Wide

Prepared by:
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:

1.	City of Middletown - Additional Courtroom Panic Buttons Proposal

STRATAGEM Security

2 Westchester Plaza
Elmsford, New York 10523

Phone: 914-777-5700
Fax: 914-777-1857

Proposal

Proposal #	Customer #	Proposal Date
11580	1856	01/27/2025

Customer:
City of Middletown Office of City Treasurer
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Site Location:
City of Middletown Office of City Treasurer
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Contact Information:

Customer Contact: Leanora Liz
Cell Phone:
System Type: Security System

Stratagem Contact: Morales, Basil
Phone: (845) 656-2289
Email: basil@nycctv.us

Stratagem Security is pleased to present you with the following proposal for your location. Based on your input and our evaluation of your needs, we have prepared a scope of work which details the equipment recommended for your facility.

The solution proposed represents Stratagem Security's most versatile, flexible and reliable system solution. The proposed system comes recommended to you only after extensive analysis of your business and security needs and requirements. As such, we believe the proposed solution offers the most cost-effective method of satisfying your initial requirements while supplying a strong base which can be expanded to accommodate future needs.

We will remain at your service to provide any clarification, definition, or further description of any portions of this proposal as you may require. We are confident you will be pleased with the pricing options available to you.

This proposal pricing is based on OGS Group 77201- Intelligent Facility & Security Systems and Solutions Award PT68864. All labor rates are prevailing wage and are based on fixed rate/lump sum agreement.

The below is a line from OGS on How to use the contract:

https://ogs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/04/23150attachment16.pdf

Authorized Users MUST obtain a separate Prevailing Rate Case Number (PRC#) for each purchase from this contract where prevailing wage rates apply. The PRC # provided in this Bid is for information and evaluation purposes of the Centralized Contract only. When an Authorized User submits the request for the applicable prevailing wages, the Department of Labor will send the Authorized User an email with a link to the PRC information for the particular service agreement requested. For access to the Department of Labor (DOL) PRC # request page, use the following link (please copy and paste into internet browser address bar as direct link does not work):

https://applications.labor.ny.gov/wpp/showPublicNewProject.do?method=showIt

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Proposal

Brief Description:

City Hall - Panic System - Additional Panic Buttons in Main Courtroom and Front Window

Scope of Work

Stratagem will provide the following:

Security System – Panic Buttons:
•Two (2) Panic Buttons:
□Main Courtroom
□Front Court Window

•One (1) Repeater – May Require Outlet for Power
•One (1) System Relay
•Tie Into Spare Input on HSM2208
•Misc. Hardware and Fittings
System to be tied into existing Mass Notification System

*Price includes all labor and programming required to complete installation
*Power is to be provided at repeater locations and consist of 110vac power outlet and or disconnect. We will coordinate with the Electrical Contractor once the proposal is accepted.
*Permits if required are not included and the responsibility of the customer to pay directly.

Item/Part Code	Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
PW-RA Project/Pgm Manager	Project/Program Manager - All Regions	1.00	$224.47	$224.47
PW-R4 Electrician- O/R	Electrician/Electrical Installer Onsite Region 4 Entire Counties - Orange and Rockland	16.00	$181.62	$2,905.92
PG9945	Wireless Door / Window Contact With Auxiliary Input - MSRP $68.60	2.00	$61.74	$123.48
269R	Honeywell Home 269R Hold-Up Switch, Double-Pole Double -Throw Contacts, Stainless Steel - MSRP - $27.97	2.00	$25.17	$50.34
PG9920	POWERG 915MHZ WIRELESS REPEATER - MSRP - $244.12	1.00	$219.71	$219.71
RM-1C	Relay Module, 9 to 14 Volt DC, 5 Ampere at 30 Volt DC Contact, 33.3 Milliampere at 12 Volt DC Coil, With Terminal - MSRP - $19.31	2.00	$17.38	$34.76

Total Charges : $3,558.68
Sales Tax : $0.00
Grand Total : $3,558.68

Deposit Required to schedule work $0.00

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EXCLUDED:

- Any Material or labor not specifically listed as part of this proposal .
- Drawings.
- After normal hours, weekends, or holidays.
- Patching and painting.
- Pricing established using fixed rate contract basis.
- If using existing wiring, Wire is assumed to be usable. If wire needs to be replaced an additional proposal will be forwarded for wire replacement.
- All work to be performed on straight time - overtime will be provided at additional cost
- Stratagem Security, Inc. is not responsible for problems caused by existing wire and does not warranty existing wires, equipment or 3rd party wire installation.
- Permit fees, Engineered Plans & Design not included unless listed.
- No core drilling or penetrations are included unless noted in the scope of work described above. Available chases, conduits and wire runs will be used. Additional core drilling will be provided at additional cost.
- No conduit or molding included unless noted in the scope of work described above.
- Customer is responsible for providing 110V electrical power required at required locations to be installed throughout property.
- Customer is responsible for all charges due to access related delays.
- Any additional materials or labor requested by customer that is not specified in this proposal will result in a Change Order that must be reviewed by Stratagem Security, Inc. account executive and signed for by customer prior to start date of installation.
- If remote access configuration is required, customer must provide complete IP configuration information to Stratagem Security, Inc. prior to start of installation. If complete IP information is not received by completion of installation, return visits will be provided at additional cost.
- If remote access is required, customer must provide a network connection within 25 feet of equipment. Any network wiring will be subject to additional charges based on time & materials.
- Stratagem Security, Inc. is not responsible for remote access issues caused by network or firewall issues. Any network connectivity support beyond setting up the system for remote access will be subject to additional charges
- Customer must provide power and data connections for security equipment as required.
- Customer contact must be present at end of installation to approve job completion. Any error in service or a new installation of the system must be called to the attention of Stratagem Security, Inc. in writing within five (5) days after completion of the installation or the installation shall be deemed totally satisfactory to and accepted by the customer.
- will be subject to additional charges
- Customer must provide power and data connections for security equipment as required.
- Customer contact must be present at end of installation to approve job completion. Any error in service or a new installation of the system must be called to the attention of Stratagem Security, Inc. in writing within five (5) days after completion of the installation or the installation shall be deemed totally satisfactory to and accepted by the customer.

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Proposal

X _____ _____ _____

Agreed To By | Print Name | Date

Recurring Services - Not Included In Above Pricing

Description	Monthly Amount	Amount

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Kleiner
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 58-25

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Authorizes a Proposal from McCarey's Landscaping Inc. for Topsoil trade of City-stockpiled Leaves

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes a proposal from McCarey's Landscaping Inc. for Topsoil trade: The proposal is to trade our city-stockpiled leaves compost for Topsoil at a rate of seven (7) Truckloads of said compost in exchange for 20 Yards of NYS DOT-approved Topsoil. Boyce Excavation, another local Topsoil producer, was not interested in our Compost Pile.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Prepared by:

Jacob Tawil

Attachments:

1.	City of Middletown Leaf Removal Fancher Davidge Park Middletown NY

McCarey's
LANDSCAPING, INC.

P: 845.355.7500
F: 845.956.7010
www.mccareylandscaping.com
80 Tower Drive, Middletown, NY 10941

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November 5, 2024

Brian Smith
City of Middletown
16 James Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Dear Mr. Smith,

McCarey Landscaping, Inc., will load, haul, and remove pile of composted leaves from Fancher Davidge Park in Middletown, NY.

We will take 7 loads of composted leaves in exchange for 20 yards of New York DOT topsoil when they need it.

McCarey will keep log of all loads.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tim McCarey
Vice President

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderwoman Wray
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 59-25

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Authorization to Hold the Annual City-Wide Clean Up Event on April 26, 2025

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes the Annual City-Wide Clean-Up Event on April 26, 2025, beginning at 8 AM at Erie Way Park.

Prepared by:
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Masi
Seconded by: Alderman Johnson
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 60-25

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a Resolution and/or Local Law adopted by the City of Middletown Common Council.

Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

A Resolution Authorizing the Renaming of a Section of Roadway as "Dr. Jay Sexter Way"

WHEREAS, Touro University is celebrating its 10th anniversary as an esteemed institution of higher learning in the City of Middletown; and
WHEREAS, as part of their anniversary festivities, Touro University wishes to honor individuals who were instrumental in the establishment and success of the institution; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Jay Sexter played a significant and influential role in the development of Touro University's presence in Middletown and was a dedicated advocate for educational excellence; and
WHEREAS, the City of Middletown mourns the passing of Dr. Jay Sexter, who left a lasting legacy in the community; and
WHEREAS, Touro University has proposed to rename the circle in front of their main entrance as "Dr. Jay Sexter Way" to honor his invaluable contributions; and
WHEREAS, while the majority of this circle is situated on Touro University's property, a small portion at the intersection is owned and maintained by the City of Middletown; and is currently

known as Ridge Street;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the renaming of the portion of Ridge Street, which is part of the Circle in front of Touro College, as "Dr. Jay Sexter Way" in recognition of Dr. Sexter's dedication and contributions to education and the community.

This is only a small portion of Ridge Street. The left side of Myrtle Avenue will still be Ridge Street. When you make a right off Myrtle this will be part of Dr. Jay Sexter Way.

Prepared by:
Rick McCormack, City Clerk

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderman Green
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 61-25

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Richard P. McCormack
Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

2/6/25
Date

Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on Amending Section 475-30 of City Zoning Code to Provide the Planning Board with Additional Discretion in Permitting Temporary Moveable Structures

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes a public hearing on amending Section 475-30 of the City Zoning Code to provide the Planning Board with additional discretion in permitting temporary moveable structures on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, on or as near to 7:30 PM as possible in the Common Council Chambers, 16 James Street, Middletown, NY.

Prepared by:
Paul Johnson, Alderman

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: Alderman Johnson
Seconded by: Alderman Jean-Francois
Date of Adoption: February 4, 2025
Index No: 62-25

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Clerk to the Common Council

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Resolution Calling on the City Administration to Enact and Reinforce Practices and Policies that Protect all Residents' Safety, Well-being, and Legal Rights

Be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, in collaboration with the City Administration, will enact and reinforce practices and policies that protect all our residents' safety, well-being, and legal rights.

Prepared by:
Paul Johnson, Alderman

Attachments:
None

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By: None
Seconded by: None
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Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Wray	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
Total	9			

I hereby approve the attached Resolution/Local Law.

Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

Date 2/6/25

Resolution Authorizing the Accounts be Audited, Claims Adjusted, and the Treasurer be Authorized to Issue Warrants for their Payment

Prepared by:

Attachments:
None