



**Common Council Meeting
November 1, 2022
City Hall
16 James Street
Middletown, New York 10940**

PRESENT:

J. Miguel Rodrigues, President
Ald. Jude Jean-Francois
Ald. Andrew Green
Ald. Paul Johnson
Ald. Gerald Kleiner
Ald. Joseph Masi
Ald. Kate Ramkissoo
Ald. Sparrow Tobin
Ald. Kevin Witt

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard McCormack, Clerk
Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

2. Roll Call

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderwoman Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Alderman Masi.

ALD. MASI: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: A quorum is present.

3. Approval of Minutes

(None this evening.)

4. Correspondence, Communications, and Reports

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Correspondence.

MR. MCCORMACK: Nothing this evening.

5. For the Good of the City

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: For the Good of the City. Anyone that would like to address the council, please step forward.

All right, remarks of the Mayor

6. Remarks of the Mayor

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right, Mayor's remarks.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: Okay, just a reminder, and I'm sure Gerry will go into it, that Tuesday, a week from today, is Election Day. We, in the City, are once again hosting early voting. The early voting is available to any voter in Orange County at the Middletown site or at any of the sites within the County.

And also, there are some limited hours that we are providing, once again, free rides to the polls for early voting. So, those hours are posted daily and are also on our website. We are trying to increase the hours. Right now, I think it's mostly mornings, weekday mornings. You can call the Senior Center. You don't have to be a senior to get a ride. It is apolitical. We don't ask you who you are voting for, what party you are. Just as long as you are a Middletown resident and you need a ride to the polls, we will pick you up and bring you to vote and then you can go home and wait and see who won on Election Day.

So, we are just trying to encourage everyone to get out. The community

needs to send a message that we have people here that are interested in what is happening in Albany and in Washington. And whatever side of the aisle you are on, we need to get out and vote. So, hopefully, you will exercise that.

Tonight, we are just going to touch on the budget. The proposed budget is not yet posted on our city website but will be shortly, but I'm going to go through it briefly with you folks here.

We do have a public hearing that is planned to be held on Wednesday, November 9th, at 4:30 and that will be -- the budget will be posted much prior to that for public review. And the approval and adoption of the budget will be on Tuesday, November 15th, hopefully, approved and adopted that night.

Going through it, you can see the '22 and '23 numbers. Our operations, we've had an increase in operations from 6,500 to 7.1 million. Special items are: personal services are up slightly, employee benefits are up slightly, debt service is being converted from BANs -- this is BANs Bond Anticipation Notes -- and long-term debt.

The pension cost, as you can see, have reduced slightly, are a smaller part of our budget this year.

And workman's comp is also going down. And that, primarily, is due to some of the changes that we've made over the years in A) in how we handle claims, and B) although we don't have the analysis in, but I can tell you I believe the sanitation trucks, over the last few years, have been very helpful. If you recall, the sanitation was 50 percent of our workman's comp claims, at one point. And we don't see the claims on that level.

Health insurance has gone up almost a million dollars. I can tell you that we are working with our unions to give other options. We've had some very favorable

discussions with some of the unions and that will, hopefully bring those long-term costs down -- our short-term and long-term costs down on health insurance.

Payroll taxes are up slightly. So, the total of employee benefits has a slight increase.

We are at the tax cap for the tenth or eleventh year in a row. The water and sewer rates will go up about 34 cents from \$17.17 combined to \$17.51. And it appears the average, if I am looking at this correctly, Leonora, the average home would have a \$62.00 increase in property taxes for 2023.

So, overall, we have a six percent increase in expenses. Current inflation is 8.2 so, we're below the current inflation rate.

Areas of increase are the health insurance, as I mentioned. It has increased at over a ten percent rate.

Supply and demand on materials and supplies has really impacted us tremendously. Our Parks and Recreation programs have expanded, for example, pool maintenance. Our cost of energy has gone up huge, as everyone else in the world but, we expect about a \$350,000 a year increase in electric kilowatt hour expense, based on our contract with M&R Energy, the bids, at least, that are coming in.

The debt service payment is we used \$350,000 of the debt service fund balance. There is no other trickery in the budget. There is no money being transferred from fund balance into the general fund or from water fund.

The tax levy is below the tax cap set by New York State. And on the plus side, we are expecting an increase in New York States sales tax for the three quarters of 2023, based on the future contract extension between Orange County and the three cities.

So, we will get this out to you and we will also get it posted. And if there

are any questions from the public, we certainly would respond prior to the public hearing and also to you folks but the public hearing is scheduled, as I said, for the 15th and, hopefully, we'll get some feedback.

We do not have any additional employees added into the -- either for police or for fire. We are working on some creative ways to increase service without increasing police or firemen but that is not a budget issue. That will be actually a budget-saving issue but we can't put it into the plan, at this point.

So, if you have any questions, I'd take them now or you can study it and come back. And feel free to email me or give me a call.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the Mayor?

Okay, thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: I want to thank the Council President and the Finance Chairman, Mr. Masi, for their hard work, and also Leonora and her staff for all the hours that we put in putting the budget together.

You didn't think I would say thank you, did you?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: You're a good man --

MAYOR DESTEFANO: Yeah, thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: -- sometimes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why did you thank him?

7. Remarks of Department Heads

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Remarks of Department Heads.

DPW Commissioner.

MR. TAWIL: Good evening. So, our reservoirs, Alderman Masi, 84.3 percent capacity. So, we're in good shape but still, we haven't had that much rain. So,

hopefully, we will have so much more rain to fill it up -- fill the reservoirs up.

Today, we had -- we advised the public last time and you that we have a project out for bid for upgrading the three dams for Shawangunk Reservoir. Today, we had the pre-bid meeting, which all the contractors will come out, ask questions, understand what the project is all about. So, we had like eight contractors today, which is great for us. Hopefully, we will get favorable numbers, when we open the bids in November -- well November 22nd, I believe is the bid opening but it is on our website.

With that being said, we have, with our water-taking permit from the DEC we had conditions in there as part of the water-taking permit, which is to install flow meters at different places. Two of them, we have installed by October 28th, which is the date given to us by the DEC and that is for Indigot Creek and for Mill Pond. So, the flow meters are there and functioning. We are supposed to use them only when we are pumping. And we are not pumping, obviously, because we still have plenty of water and we are in good shape.

So, another condition of the water-taking permit is to install flow meters, two of them at Kinch Reservoir and one of them at Shawangunk. And those are an extensive operation that we have to do. It is not an easy construction or easy installation like we did with the other two. So, they are being incorporated into the dam upgrade projects.

The dam upgrade project is for Shawangunk and another one for Kinch. Right now, we have the Shawangunk upgrade out for bid right now. We are hoping, in another week, we will get out the plans to bid the improvement for Kinch Reservoir, after which -- during which, the installation of the flow meter required by the DEC will be done.

So, the DEC is not -- they are saying well, you haven't met your deadlines but they understand. It was their idea to incorporate the flow meters in the dam upgrade construction for Kinch and for Shawangunk. So, it is a long story to say that we are working with the DEC to meet their target dates for the installation of the flow meters but they are being incorporated -- they are incorporated into the dam upgrade projects, which means it's going to take a little bit more time. So, we are hoping towards November next year the flow meters will be functioning and the DEC will be happy with that. We are hoping they will be happy with that.

Before you tonight there is a resolution to increase the compensation for the contract for water treatment plant operator. That's a private operator in there. Part of the increase will be to cover retired operator from the City of Middletown that we cannot fill that position. We have been looking for water treatment plant operators for a few years with the help of the Civil Service Office, Alderman Masi.

And we are having the same issue with the waste water treatment plant and that is an issue throughout New York State. It is not only specific to us with the lack of certified operators and qualified operators.

So, before you, is that increase. The increase looks huge but, when you break it down into providing -- supplementing the hours for an operator, a licensed operator and then you go back and increase their annual contract with us by 35 percent, you know it will make some sense the increase. It still looks high. They asked for a much higher number. They asked for \$376,000. After negotiating with them, we cut it down to \$288,000 per year.

We have to remember that this company, it was a family-owned company. The father or the founder of the company just retired. He has been working with us since

2011. He never asked for a penny in increase in his contract and he did a great job for us. And now he retired.

And so, his company got purchased by a Canadian company and now everybody has to get paid the fair market price and he showed us the numbers and how much they are paying people and how much compensation they are asking for. And the numbers make sense of what they are providing for us.

So, that does not preclude us from looking for other operators in the future and so on and so forth. You know they might be the best operators for us in the future, as well. But the City is still looking and we will be looking in the future but, for now, we ask for your support to support the increase in this contract.

Another issue is the leaves -- because I don't want to just talk too much here -- the leaves, please, many people are not listening to us. We don't want to start issuing violations. Hold back the leaves. Keep the leaves in the front of your yard until you see the date of when we are going to pick up the leaves in your ward. Again, don't put it all at once because November 7th or whatever the date is -- I believe it is November 7th, right, Gerry?

ALD. KLEINER: Yes.

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, November 7th when you are allowed to put the leaves in the street. Just hold it back. Don't put it all in the street because it provides hazardous conditions, especially if we have some snow or ice, or something like that in November. You don't know. So, just keep it in front of your -- in your front yard as much as you can, please, and don't put it in the street until after November 7th. We appreciate that very much.

Any questions?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for Jacob?

Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes, Commissioner, can you tell us what is the purpose for the flow meters?

MR. TAWIL: For the flow meters, it will help us and it will help the DEC, as well, to monitor how much flow is going from one reservoir to another reservoir, to transfer water from one reservoir to another and also, how much water we are discharging or allowing to go into the stream to support aquatic life in the stream, downstream.

Of course, the City has been functioning like this for a hundred years. It never had the flow meters. This is the first time we are going to be installing them as a condition of the DEC to give us the water-taking permit and allowing us to expand our water district, supply the Psychiatric Center out of 17M in Goshen with water and sewer, and Amy's Kitchen, to give them water and all that stuff. That's part -- it's all evolution with our water-taking permit by the DEC to get to that point, which is -- we support it. We are not against it. We agreed with it. You know it's going to take some money and some effort and it's going to be valuable data for us even to collection -- more than the DEC but the DEC is the one who asked for it.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Thank you.

MR. TAWIL: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: I just have a question for the Commissioner. Is there other operators that, if this company does not work out, we can find? I mean I know I'm not really in favor of privatization but I did vote the last time because we're in a rock and a

hard place, there was a health and safety issue. But like it bothers me that a company from Canada is now in charge of our waste water treatment. I mean --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Water and sewer.

ALD. TOBIN: Water and sewer. Are there other operations that could take over, that we could get if it doesn't work out with this company?

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, we'll be looking. Eventually, we will have to advertise this project for public bidding --

ALD. TOBIN: Okay.

MR. TAWIL: -- for those private positions and I will talk to you offline, the Mayor and I about what other things we -- because we are in conversation with the unions as well.

ALD. TOBIN: Okay.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: We've been giving the test and no one is taking it.

ALD. TOBIN: Yeah, I know. That's unfortunate.

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, we've been advertising in the paper.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: That's why we're here. Yeah, let me just -- I just want to finish my point.

MR. TAWIL: Yup.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: The reason why we're here with a private company is because, as Jacob said, there's only 33 operators statewide, licensed for this. But we've been giving the test and no one has been giving it -- or taking it. So, we don't have the ability to hire an employee, which forces us to go to the private sector. And these companies, you know these are not eight-hour a day contracts. These are

companies that are overseeing the licensing. They have that special license that is required for a water treatment plant of our size.

So, we're between a rock and a hard place but, once we are able to work out things with the union, then we can bid things, either long distance, or there were discussions the other day about trying to get somebody internally. But, unfortunately, no one has taken a test.

So, if anyone is listening and they want a nice career, I mean, water treatment operator, these licenses are -- they are very valuable. People are making a big buck on it but it is out of our control regarding city employees.

We have given every opportunity to the staffing at both water and waste water to give them the education and necessary time to become licensed. But it's not only here, it's all over the state. So, that's the position we're in and that is why we are -- the numbers look big but, when you consider taking the other position out and the fact that there hasn't been increase in so many years, it seems almost reasonable. But we will bid it, at some point.

ALD. TOBIN: Thank you.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: You're welcome.

MR. TAWIL: Also, one more thing. The Mayor is 100 percent right. We put even ads in the paper. We put ads in Indeed, the civil services advertising to come and take the test, and the usual channels and there are no takers.

But also, what is in important is, it doesn't mean just to have the license. We have people who have licenses and they can operate. They are qualified. The license will allow them to operate the plant but, unfortunately, they are not -- they can't do it. So, it is not only getting the license it is also being -- having the talent and the capability to

run it. You know you have good doctors; you have bad doctors. You know it doesn't mean every doctor can run their own business.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Do we know when the next test is taking place?

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, it's been Alderman Masi's work. Civil Service will advertise that and they advertised it a couple of times already. We've been through this iteration a couple of times.

To finish what the Mayor was saying, we had one operator in there. He just finished his licensing. Without even obtaining his license, we hired him immediately, when a letter from the Department of Health saying that this guy, he met all the requirements. We hired him on the spot and he is part of the union right now. He's working for us.

So, if we find them, we'll get them in there. It doesn't mean they can become chief operator but they can become operator -- shift operators. And shift operators, it's okay, they can manage. But the chief operator is a whole different level, although you may have the license for it.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you.

Jacob, I just want to reemphasize the point that we've hired these people for the past 11 years and they have not raised their contract price ever to us.

MR. TAWIL: Absolutely. Since 2011, absolutely.

ALD. KLEINER: Yeah, how he was able to do that, I'm not sure but now it has caught up with us.

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, it's basically like you said, Gerry -- Alderman. Because it's a family-owned business. The guy, he owned the business so, he took pride of running Middletown. He literally did.

ALD. KLEINER: Yeah.

MR. TAWIL: And he wasn't going to get rich of us but now, the new company, now they have to pay salaries for different people. He owned the company. He was making good money. He was happy.

So, now a different regime and --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, thank you very much for bringing that up, too.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you, Jacob.

MR. TAWIL: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: City Treasurer.

MS. LIZ: Good evening. I have no remarks for tonight.

Do you have any questions for me?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions?

Thank you.

Police Chief.

CHIEF EWANCIW: Good evening.

Last -- two weeks ago, I had Detective Charles Nyland retire from the Department after 20 years. So, I just want to publicly recognize him and thank him for his 20 years of service to Middletown.

Before he became a police officer with us, he was actually a teacher at the Middletown High School.

And I just want to wish him luck in the next chapters of his life. He was a great asset and he will definitely be missed.

In regards to our Police Commission meeting, this month's meeting has been rescheduled from the 17th to the 21st, due to a scheduling issue on my behalf.

And lastly, I would just like to -- I know I did share an email with all of the council members but just publicly address that Police Officer Evan Barone has been awarded the 2020 New York State Police Officer of the Year award. It is such an honor. It does not bring Officer Barone back. It does not take away his injuries. It does not address any of that. However, it is an honor that he has been recognized by New York State as the Police Officer of the Year for 2020.

So, I just wanted to put that out there.

And just recently, we just had the sentencing of the individual that shot Officer Barone. And we are pleased, being that it was not just an attack on here, on our own police officer but police in general, and the individual that was responsible for shooting Officer Barone was sentenced to 58 and a half years in prison.

So, we appreciate the Court's findings in that matter.

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

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the Police Chief?

Thank you, Chief.

Superintendent of Recreations.

MS. BERTHOLF: Good evening, everyone.

I would just like to thank everyone who donated candy for our numerous Halloween events that we had. I do love October but I am very glad that Halloween and all these Trunk or Treats are over.

We did have a very successful dog costume contest at the Dog Park. If you went by on Saturday, that parking lot was jam-packed with people with the Dog Park Halloween costume. Thanks to the City Clerk's Office, who was there registering some of the City of Middletown residents' dogs there, also.

Also, thank you to the Middletown Fire Department and Police Department, who did come to a lot of our Halloween events, especially the Little Wreckers Toddler Program that we have that they came and gave out candy. And the Fire Department, who also came, and showed the kids the trucks and did the whole fire safety unit with the kids.

We have a Thanksgiving food drive that the Mayor's Youth Council is currently working on. You'll see boxes in City Hall and also in our department, as well. So, we are taking canned goods and any nonperishable things to pack Thanksgiving baskets.

November 19th, we are going to have a skateboard contest, obviously, at the Skate Park. We are in the process of securing the prizes and the giveaways for the contest, and starting registration very shortly from little kids all the way up through adults, and their own women and girls' bracket, also, for the contest.

We are starting to plan our winter events, our winter sports clinics, our winter recreation activities, and also, most importantly, our free rec fitness programs that are going to continue throughout the winter.

We are very happy that our college kids are coming home for Thanksgiving. We are going to have a meeting with, I would probably say, 80 percent of our college kids that worked for us over the summer that do an amazing job, and start planning winter activities for that long break that they are home. A lot of them are

college athletes and they play specialty sports. So, we're looking to either do a few nights a week, or one night, two nights, two-week, three-week programs while they are home. And like I said, specialty programs for specialty sports that our college athletes are very good at.

And most importantly, mid-November we are looking forward to having our ice-skating rink set up. Mid-November it will be here, set up, and we just ordered all the supplies needed for it. So, that should be here also, hopefully, by mid-November to get that up and running.

Any questions?

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for Raelynn?

Okay, thank you.

Corporation Counsel.

MR. SMITH: I don't have anything tonight, unless somebody has got some questions for me.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for our Corporation Counsel?
Thank you, Alex.

City Clerk.

MR. MCCORMACK: I just wanted to thank Parks and Rec and Raelynn for inviting us out to the Dog Park this weekend. We've been trying to expand some of our City Clerk services outside normal working hours. We partnered with the school district last week and we offered municipal IDs at one of their events and we're going to be doing it again in two weeks. So, thank you for the opportunity of working with you guys.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the City Clerk? Okay.

8. Public Hearings and Grievances (None this evening.)**9. Petitions and Complaints (None this evening.)****10. Remarks of the Aldermen and Reports of Committees**

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Remarks of Aldermen.

Alderman Masi.

ALD. MASI: Yeah, I have two things. One, the City Clerk just finished his presentation. I just want to tell him I'm sorry I wasn't here at the last meeting and I am extremely disappointed that a former employee that was given pretty much the City and came here and tried to embarrass you and embarrass the leadership of the City of Middletown.

Everyone makes mistakes and maybe you made one, maybe you didn't. I have been here 18 years and I've made some. But for him to come here and do what he did, as just not called for. And I'm assuming he will be back again and I will be the wrath of his comments. I could care less.

But I want to tell you, I think you have been doing an outstanding job and I'm happy you are here. And I am hoping that those comments did not negatively affect you and that, under no circumstances, will you leave.)

Second, Election Day is coming up. Early voting has started and, I believe, Mr. Mayor, I was told because I did vote early myself, it was 7:00 to 3:00 Monday through Friday. That's what I was told over at the Senior Center.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: There are different times.

ALD. MASI: Okay.

MAYOR DESTEFANO: It's posted.

ALD. MASI: Okay. Anyway, if you haven't voted, please remember a

couple of things when you go in to vote, whether it is economics, whether it is the City, the one thing that is pretty constant, we have to take care of our local law enforcement. We don't want crime to take us over. We have an excellent, and I mean an excellent police force. They do their job.

When you are going to vote, please know the candidates you are going to vote for and make sure that they encourage and support our Police Department.

I happen to know of an incident where Middletown has put many hours in, the police have done their job, have had contact with an individual 147 times, arrested him 48 times. He knows the system, plays it well, and is just always back out there.

So, please support the people that support our Police Departments and do make sure you get out there to vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Witt.

ALD. WITT: Thank you very much. Just one thing I wanted to mention. Our Ward meeting will be next Wednesday, November 9th, at 5:30. It will be here in the Common Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall.

We had some questions last time about the Twin Towers renovations. That referendum passed last December but I'll have some information, some of the visual aids that we had from a year ago there, if anyone wants to see what the proposed finished product will look like.

So, I hope to see you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Thank you very much.

The only thing I have this evening is that on Monday, the 14th, will be the 2nd Ward constituents meeting here at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. So, even though it will

seem weird it is, actually, the second Monday. So, Monday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you.

We voted on Saturday and I do want to thank the people who are making that possible, all the election workers. And what's going on around the country, threats to election workers because you don't like the results, it really -- making a threat against an election worker ought to be a crime in itself and ought to be prosecutable. So, I thank them.

I remind people, yes, early voting is through Sunday, November 6th on Sunday 9:00 to 5:00 and then, next Tuesday, November 8th will be Election Day. Don't forget to flip your ballot over because on the back of it is the environmental bond and I hope everyone will vote in favor of New York being able to bond really important environmental issues to help keep our water clean, our air clean, our planet safe to live on.

So, everybody, please go vote.

Next Friday, November 11th, is Veterans Day and the American Legion Post 151 will be doing a Veterans Day recognition celebration. And that, of course, is the 11th day of the 11th month, at the 11th hour. So, no one should be confused as to the time. It's always the same. So, please come out for that.

Well, one thing, quickly. The Board of Estimate meetings, which have always been at 4:30 on Thursdays, have lately been at 3:00 on Thursdays or at 3:30. And I wanted to make sure that people know that and, if you are interested in watching a Board of Estimate meeting, make sure you look at the City calendar so that you are there

in time. I know I missed a couple of them because I didn't catch on early enough that they were doing it early to accommodate people's schedules and I understand that. So, just be aware of that.

I just want to make one comment on the difference between misinformation and disinformation. Misinformation, anybody can make a mistake; the information can be incorrect. Disinformation, which we see so much of, is intentional. And when you still claim that Donald Trump won the election, that is disinformation. And the argument against it is not that there is no proof that Biden didn't win, it's that there is overwhelming evidence that it was a free and fair election, the most free and fair election we have ever had.

This overwhelming recount after recount, court case after court case. So, it's not just the negative. It's the positive. And if you don't know how to tell fact from fiction that way, you need to go back to school for a little while. It's just unbelievable.

So, I urge people to vote like your democracy depended on it because it really does.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderwoman Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Good evening. I just wanted to make sure I said congratulations on a well-deserved for Officer Barone. So new to the force and, obviously, so highly trained to have handled that situation the way that he did. So, I'm proud of him for the award and my thoughts are with him and his family. And we keep wishing for his quick return to full health.

For the budget, I know you did a great job, Leonora. And my thanks to the Board of Estimate, and the Finance Committee, and all our Department Heads who,

somehow, manage to make those numbers work every year. You guys do a great job.

That's really all I have today. I'll just leave it at that.

Go and vote. Vote, vote, vote. Don't forget.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Thank you.

I agree; kudos to all of the people involved in the budget process. Thank you so much.

I was going to let the last meeting lie but, Mr. Masi has opened the door. I had the inadvertent opportunity to chair the meeting and I was somewhat taken unawares by the speaker's comments. And perhaps I was deferring to his status as a former chief of police but there are three items that need to be corrected.

Number one, they are for the future, not for me. Yesterday is gone. I screwed it up. I can't do it over. There is a four-minute time limit. Seven minutes is not four minutes. The speaker should have known better.

Secondly, the speaker identified himself as an ADA advocate and then proceeded to discuss, in detail, an employee's medical history and status. I'm not sure that that is accurate. I'm not sure it doesn't violate HIPAA regulations. But once again, I didn't know of such a category as an advocate for ADA.

And number three, and most importantly, I should have called a point of order. If you want to -- if anybody comes to this microphone and wants to critique a process, have at it. Once you put an employee's name into the mix -- you could have easily said the process was not followed, it was 20 days, it was 46 days but, once you put the person's name into it, I should have called a point of order and told the speaker you can proceed accordingly, according to these rules, or you can stop speaking.

It's water under the bridge but it needs to be said for the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes, good evening.

Our 4th Ward constituents meeting will be here at this Saturday, November 5th, from 10:00 to 11:00 and Sparrow and I will be here.

Alderman Masi?

ALD. MASI: Where do you plan on having it? Did you say this week?

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Correct, this weekend, this Saturday.

ALD. MASI: We have a test.

MR. MCCORMACK: We'll talk.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Okay.

ALD. MASI: Just to be clear, it won't be here --

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: We can have it in your office.

ALD. MASI: -- in this --

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Okay. We can have it in your office. Is that okay?

ALD. MASI: Oh, absolutely.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Okay.

ALD. MASI: I just -- but I don't want people -- because we have a test that day.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Okay. All right.

ALD. TOBIN: We'll have it upstairs.

ALD. MASI: Thank you.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Upstairs, from 10:00 to 11:00. Sparrow will be here. Please come join us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: I'd just like to thank Kevin Gomez from the School Board and the Mayor for supporting his resolution calling for a separate aid category -- or a separate -- yeah, aid for schools to provide security for our children. I mean we have guards in banks. We have guards at the mall. We have guards at jewelry stores, federal buildings, judges, I think it's courtrooms. I think there is nothing more precious than our students and our children in our community and they should be guarded as well. So, thank you.

Yes, go out and vote; I agree. And do your homework. I mean there is so much propaganda out there, especially if you watch YouTube. I know my children are sick of the commercials on either side. So, do your homework. You know there is a lot of propaganda. I really encourage people -- each side has websites, check it out and don't believe the fearmongering and some of the stuff you see on the negative commercials, which really turns people off to politics because you see oh, this guy is horrible, this guy is horrible, and people end up saying I hate both sides. So, really, I encourage people to do their homework and vote for what's important for them.

Thank you.

11. Unfinished Business (None This Evening)

12. New Business

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: New business.

MR. MCCORMACK: We have a resolution sponsored by Alderman

Jean-Francois declaring a SEQRA Notice Lead Agency Designation and Determination of Non-significance for a two-lot subdivision at Stub Street and Beers Drive.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin approving a two-lot subdivision lot line change for 1 Stub Street and 48 Beers Drive.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: A resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin and seconded by Alderman Green.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Here -- aye. Sorry. Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: I am here and I say aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi requesting the County of Orange to exempt properties of the City of Middletown from certain county real estate taxes.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Kleiner.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt accepting a \$169.15 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Middletown.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson declaring at 50-foot strip of land in front of 6 Manhattan Avenue as surplus and authorizing a quitclaim deed conveying said property to the owner.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Masi.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Green authorizing an increase in the Corporation Counsel's litigation rate.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Kleiner.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Ramkissoo authorizing a \$10,000 budget transfer to cover O&R expenses at the Senior Center.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderwoman Ramkissoo, seconded by Alderman Tobin.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner authorizing an agreement with New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Security Systems.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Kleiner, seconded by Alderman Green.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing waiving building permit and hookup fees for 52 Broad Street.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Kleiner.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin authorizing budget transfers totaling \$52,525 in the Police Department budget.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Jean-Francois.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois authorizing the purchase of five additional body cameras and a docking station for the Middletown Police Department.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Masi.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi authorizing Amendment #4 to the B&L contract for additional construction administration and construction observation services.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Tobin.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Green authorizing a proposal from WSP for grant application assistance.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderwoman Ramkissoon.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt authorizing a \$40,000 budget transfer to cover overtime costs at the water and waste water treatment plants.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Tobin.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye. Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, authorizing a \$136,415 budget transfer to cover fencing and paving projects at Wolfslayer Field.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Witt, seconded by Alderman Green.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Green authorizing a change order for JCO's operations at the water treatment plant.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Kleiner.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

A resolution sponsored by Alderman Johnson to support the Enlarged City School District of Middletown's resolution requesting New York State adopt an annual independent budget line for use by school districts for public safety.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman

Johnson, seconded by Alderman Kleiner.

Any discussion?

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

14. Audit of Claims and Accounts

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Audit.

ALD. MASI: Mr. President, I move the accounts be audited, the claims be

adjusted, and the City Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution sponsored by Alderman Masi, seconded by Alderman Johnson.

Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoo.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Witt.

ALD. WITT: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

ALD. MASI: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Aye.

MR. MCCORMACK: It carries.

15. ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Move for adjournment.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Motion.

(Proceeding concluded.)

CERTIFICATION

I, KIMBERLY J. ZOGBY, certify that the foregoing transcript of the November 1, 2022 Middletown City Council meeting was prepared using the required transcription equipment and is a true and accurate transcript of the recording.



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**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 243-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

Resolution Declaring SEQRA Notice Lead Agency Designation and Determination of Non Significance for a 2 lot sub-division at 1 Stub Street and 48 Beers Drive

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown Common Council has been presented with a proposal for a 2-lot subdivision for contiguous properties located at 1 Stub Street, Middletown, New York, known as Middletown tax parcel Section 42, Block 10, Lot 9, and 48 Beers Drive, Middletown, New York, known as Middletown tax parcel Section 42, Block 10, Lot 8, and

WHEREAS, the proposed subdivision constitutes an Unlisted Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is the only involved agency under SEQRA for this subdivision request, and therefore would be the Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of this action, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has received a Short Environmental Assessment Form describing this action, and

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown Common Council has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern and thoroughly considered the criteria for determining significance set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617.7 (c).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Middletown Common Council declares itself Lead Agency with respect to this subdivision request pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.6(b)(1), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council, after reviewing the Application materials, including the Short EAF, hereby determines that the application is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby declares that the proposed action will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Negative Declaration is made pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

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Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution approving a 2 lot subdivision (Lot Line Change) for
1 Stub Street and 48 Beers Drive**

WHEREAS, the applicants, Thomas Lorino and Glenn L. Boyd, have submitted a joint proposal for a 2-lot subdivision for contiguous properties located at 1 Stub Street, Middletown, New York, known as Middletown tax parcel Section 42, Block 10, Lot 9, and 48 Beers Drive, Middletown, New York, known as Middletown tax parcel Section 42, Block 10, Lot 8, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this subdivision is to straighten out the property lines of these two contiguous single family lots in a single family zoning district, and

WHEREAS, the applicants have complied with all applicable requirements for final subdivision approval, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, October 18,, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that final subdivision approval be and hereby is granted to the joint application to subdivide the contiguous properties located at Section 42, Block 10, Lot 9

and Section 42, Block 10, Lot 8, as shown on a map entitled “Lot Line Change For Lorino & Boyd” prepared by Paul Roggeman, dated September 12, 2022, and revised September 30, 2022, and filed in the Office of the Middletown Common Council Clerk, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council that the applicants are directed to submit all necessary documents to the Office of the Orange County Clerk to file and record this subdivision within 60 days of this Resolution.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 245-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution requesting the County of Orange to Exempt Properties of the City of
Middletown from certain County real estate taxes**

Whereas; the City of Middletown wishes to request the County of Orange to exempt the City of Middletown from certain real estate taxes on lands solely devoted to public use as a part of the City of Middletown watershed and related equipment thereon for fiscal year 2024.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY does hereby request the County of Orange, NY, to exempt properties of the City of Middletown, NY from certain County real estate taxes on lands solely devoted to public use as part of the City of Middletown watershed and related equipment thereon and located within the Towns of Mount Hope and Wallkill for the fiscal year 2024, respectively, as follows:

TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE

12-1-23
14-1-44.1
14-1-76
14-1-95
14-1-127
17-1-19

TOWN OF WALLKILL

999-1-21
999-1-22
999-1-23
999-1-24
999-1-25
999-1-26
999-1-27
999-1-28
999-1-29
999-1-19
999-1-20
48-1-5.1
64-1-4.1
48-1-5.2
48-1-6.1
64-1-2
69-1-15
999-1-20.1
49-1-32
49-1-62.2

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 246-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

Resolution accepting a \$169.15 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Middletown

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and accepts a donation in the amount of \$169.15 from the Kiwanis Club of Middletown and authorizes the Treasurer to deposit the donation into revenue budget line A.2705.00 Gifts & Donations and increase budget line A.7020.00 Use of Recreation Donations.

This donation was given to pay for the tree planted at the Warming Station in honor of Pastor Peter Rustico.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Masi

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 247-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution declaring a 50 foot strip of Land in front of 6 Manhattan Avenue as Surplus
and Authorizing a quitclaim deed conveying said Property
to the owner of 6 Manhattan Avenue**

WHEREAS, the property owner at 6 Manhattan Avenue (SBL 33-3-39) is requesting that the City, by quitclaim deed without consideration, convey an approximately 50-foot strip of land so that the owner's property connects with Manhattan Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the City conveyed a similar quitclaim deed without consideration to the adjoining property at 4 Manhattan Avenue by Resolution dated April 14, 2003, and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Resolution was supported by paperwork indicating that the City had previously conveyed similar small strips of land to nearby properties because it was apparent that the original subdivider did not convey a strip of land between Manhattan Avenue and the individual lots adjoining the street, and

WHEREAS, the owner of 6 Manhattan has provided a survey and metes and bound description of the strip of land to be conveyed to the City, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has confirmed that there are no water lines in the small strip of land to be conveyed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that the Council concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to declare the subject strip of land to be surplus property with no public use or value, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Common Council concurs with the Board of Estimate to authorize the Mayor to sign a quitclaim deed, without consideration, and necessary recording documents to convey the subject parcel owned by the City as per the attached survey and metes and bounds to the owner of 6 Manhattan Avenue, SBL 33-3-39.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 248-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

Resolution authorizing an increase in Corporation Counsel's Litigation Rate

WHEREAS, Travelers Insurance Company has raised the Corporation Counsel's litigation rate from \$150.00 per hour to \$200.00 per hour for City litigation handled by the Corporation Counsel which is covered by Travelers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that the Council concurs with the Board of Estimate that the Corporation Counsel's litigation rate for City litigation handled by the Corporation Counsel which is not covered by Travelers Insurance is hereby raised from \$150.00 per hour to \$200.00 per hour, effective immediately.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Ramkissoon

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 249-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution authorizing a \$10,000 Budget transfer to cover
O&R expenses at the Senior Center**

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$10,000, in the following manner, to cover unexpected O&R expenses from a faulty meter at the Senior Center.

FROM
A.6772.100
Personal Services

AMOUNT
\$10,000

TO
A.6772.415
Light & Heat

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 250-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution authorizing an agreement with
New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System**

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (“Section 119-o”) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown, New York wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown, New York wishes to assure the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Leonora Liz, Treasurer of the City of Middletown, New York is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 251-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

Resolution authorizing Waiving Building Permit and Hook Up Fees for 52 Broad Street

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes waiving the Building permit fee and hook up fee for 52 Broad Street.

This is initially in reference to resolution 54-20; the Sky Mendoza Supplemental Needs Trust purchase of the property.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 252-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

Resolution authorizing budget transfers totaling \$52,525 in the Police Department Budget

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to make \$52,525 in budget transfers, in the following manner, from within the Police Department Budget.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.400	\$25,000	A.3120.417
Contractual Services		Gas & oil
To cover unexpected shortages in fuel costs due to rising prices.		

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.400	\$979.98	A.3120.200
Contractual Services		Other Equipment
For the increase in cost for a new ballistic shield.		

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.400	\$461.73	A.3120.200
Contractual Services		Other Equipment
For the increase in budgeted cost for the network switch cable run in to JAB.		

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.400	\$3,983.91	A. 3120.200
Contractual Services		Other Equipment

For the increase in budgeted cost for the Record Hardware replacement.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.400	\$7,600	A. 3120.200
Contractual Services		Other Equipment

To cover the cost to trade-in and upgrade our outdated M4 Patrol Rifles.

The above transfer requests are being covered by the balance of the budgeted FUSUS money that is no longer being utilized.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.100	\$5,500	A.3120.200
Personnel Services		Other Equipment

For the purchase of 5 new body-worn cameras to be distributed as below.

- 1- New hire officer
- 2- Parking Enforcement officers
- 2- Spare

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
A.3120.100	\$9,000	A.3120.200
Personnel Services		Other Equipment

For the purchase of gently used office furniture and the moving costs associated with acquiring it. This furniture will replace old and broken furniture throughout the police department.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Jean-Francois

Sec'd by Ald. Masi

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 253-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution authorizing the purchase of five additional body cameras and a docking station
for the Middletown Police Department**

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the purchase of five (5) additional body cameras and a docking station to the current contract at a cost of \$5,500, covered within the 2022 budget.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 254-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution authorizing amendment #4 to B&L Contract for additional Construction
Administration and Construction Observation Services**

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes Amendment 4 to B&L Contract with the City for additional Construction Administration and Construction Observation Services as it relates to the 20" HP Watermain Replacement project in the amount of \$145,000.

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign Amendment #4.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Ramkissoon

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 255-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

Resolution authorizing a proposal from WSP for Grant Application Assistance

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes application for the following grants:

1. ATTAIN, Advanced Transportation Technology, and Innovation. This grant has the potential of a large award but requires a 20% local match.
2. SMART, Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Program. This grant does not require a local match but is segmented into two potential awards, design phase, and the construction phase.

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes a proposal from WSP for assisting the City in applying for the two (2) referenced grants at a cost of \$46,864.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to Sign said proposal.

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 \$46,864, in the following manner, to cover the above referenced costs.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
General Fund Balance	\$46,864	H.0908.03

Traffic Smart Signal Control Sys Project

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 256-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

Resolution authorizing a \$40,000 budget transfer to cover overtime costs at the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Treasurer to transfer \$40,000, in the following manner, to cover overtime costs at the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
F.8330.100	\$20,000.00	F.8330.103
Pers. Svcs. – Purification		Overtime - WWTP

This transfer is needed to cover overdrafts due to an increase in overtime at the Filter Plant to cover for retired staff.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
G.8120.100	\$20,000.00	G.8130.103
Pers. Svcs. – Storm & Sanitary Sewer		Overtime – WWTP

This transfer is needed due to the amount of overtime required for necessary operations at the WWTP and cover for retired staff.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Witt

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 257-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

Resolution authorizing a \$136,415 budget transfer to cover fencing and paving projects at Wolslayer Field

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes a proposal for the Paving of the Entrance Aprons at Wolslayer Athletic Field in the amount of \$44,875.00 in which Sullivan County Paving & Construction Inc. is using NYS OGS contract Bid pricing.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize a proposal from Ketcham Fencing in the amount of \$91,540.00 for the installation fencing around the field per the plans.

FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$136,415.00, in the following manner, to cover paving and fencing at Wolslayer Field.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
H.0751.453	\$136,415.00	H.0963.900
Paving of City Streets-ARPA		Monhagen/Davidge Expansion

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

I, Richard P. McCormack, Common Council Clerk of the City of Middletown, hereby certify that I have compared the attached resolution with the original on file in my office and adopted by the Common Council on November 1, 2022 and that the same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original resolution.

City of Middletown, NY
Richard P. McCormack,

Date

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 258-22

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution authorizing a Change Order for JCO's Operations at the
Water Treatment Plant**

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the attached Change Order to the agreement for JCO to provide Water Treatment Facility Operations at the Water Treatment Plant at a total cost of \$24,062.50 a month.

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and authorizes the Mayor to sign the change order.

Funding for this increase will be covered as much as possible from other budget items, as much as possible, for the remainder of the year. Commissioner may apply for the extra funding needed towards the end of the year and as the need arises

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald.

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No: 259-22

NAMES AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**Resolution in Support of the Enlarged City School District of Middletown's Resolution
Requesting New York State Adopt An Annual Independent Budget Line for Use by School
District for Public Safety Expenditures**

WHEREAS AS The Enlarged City School District of Middletown unanimously adopted a resolution on September 15, 2022, Requesting that the State of New York Legislature adopt an annual independent budget line earmarked for use by school districts for public safety expenditures and initiatives as presented and

WHEREAS the City of Middletown's Common Council has reviewed said resolution and believes such action on the part of the State Legislature is necessary to ensure comprehensive and universal safety measures across all schools to ensure student safety.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Middletown supports the school district's request to the State (attached) to adopt An Annual Independent Budget Line for Use by School District for Public Safety Expenditures.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

Date of Adoption 11.01.22

Index No:

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Tobin	X			
Ald. Jean-Francois	X			
Ald. Johnson	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Kleiner	X			
Ald. Green	X			
Ald. Witt	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

**I MOVE THE ACCOUNTS BE AUDITED, THE CLAIMS ADJUSTED AND THE
TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WARRANTS FOR THEIR PAYMENTS**