**Common Council**
**Meeting**
**City of**
**Middletown**
**February 9, 2021**
**8:00PM**

President Rodrigues:

1. Roll: Ramkissoon - here, Tobin - here, Kleiner - here, Johnson - here, Jean-Francois - here, Burr - here, Green - here, Masi - here, President Rodrigues - here

2. Correspondence:

Nothing this evening.

3. President Rodrigues: For the Good of City: Anyone would like to address the council. Eileen -

Eileen: Not at this time.

4. President Rodrigues: Remarks of the Mayor:

Eileen: He was not.

5. President Rodrigues:
Reports of the Department Heads:
Economic Development:

Maria Bruni:
Good evening everyone. Just want to update you on the renovations of 8-10 Mulberry Street, for the warming station. We did get our bids in a couple of weeks ago, and we got one bid and it was rejected on the spot. It was way over budget. So, we're going to Plan B, we're rebidding the job, but this time, we're - we're segmenting them individual bids and they're going out tomorrow. So, for instance, there's going to be - general contractors can bid, acoustical ceiling type contractors flooring Interior Net and Exterior Doors. So the bids are going to be published tomorrow. And we're hoping that this might hopefully work, and get us some more bidders. And they'll be due February 25th. You could call the office - my office, or go online to request the bid package.

And last week, we had a new business open up in downtown, Fiercely Fit Nutrition. We had a ribbon cutting - the City and the bid did a ribbon cutting for them and, uh, exciting to see a new business opening up during these times. And go check it out and pretty good product. And I know she was also busy all weekend long, she told me so. We're happy to have her join Middletown.

So that's all I have for tonight. If anyone.

President Rodrigues: Ald. Johnson.

Ald. Johnson:
A quick question. I see activity - the Paramount. What's the status of that project?

Maria Bruni:
We finished the sound system, now the facade is being done. They started painting, but then the cold weather set in and the snow obviously. Doors are on order, the doors should be coming soon, and then the windows are all going to be replaced. And hopefully, with - if we get a break in the weather at some point, then it's going to be completed. So it's on its way, and you know, I would anticipate March, early April it will be all completed.

Ald. Johnson:
That sounds great, congratulations.

Maria Bruni:
Thanks.

President Rodrigues: Anyone else? Thank you Maria.

Maria Bruni:
Thank you.

President Rodrigues: DPW Commissioner:

Jacob Tawil:
Good evening all. Can you hear me okay with this box - with this enclosure here? Council President, can you hear me?

President Rodrigues: Find out what camera is

on. [Laughter]

This is the Council President idea to - to put us inside the cage, all the speakers in there, so we would not be infecting you guys with anything. But hopefully you can hear us and see us. So, uh, good evening all. And report to you obviously with the snow storms, you can see them, you can feel them. We urge the public to just keep your sidewalks shoveled, please, and do not throw the snow back on the street. I know it's tough, we have too much snow in there, but try the best you can to keep it in your yard, the front yard, side yard, whatever, but don't throw it back on the street, please.

We've out - code enforcement has been out shoveling our own sidewalks - city owned sidewalks, and people who are, uh, have not shoveled their sidewalk. And we've been focusing on the commercial areas and issue but that one hundred and seventy-seven tickets, not tickets, warning -

warning letters to people, remind them that if you do not shovel your sidewalk, we're gonna come and shovel it and charge you for it, and, uh, and so on. So please help us out. Work with us, because we don't have the personnel we have for the Water and Sewer Department, between water main breaks, they're helping the street department and the plowing, Parks and Recs is helping. Everybody is trying to help. We have people out in COVID. So help us out please by cooperating and, uh, to keep the City safe and the streets, sidewalks are passable.

We had a bid opening for New York Rising last Thursday. Two bids came in, one for Westmain culvert placement, and, uh, is by the entrance, by the City Line almost, by Maple Hill Park and then Grant Street culvert replacement, the one we've been talking about for a long time. The bids were favorable, two different bidders, one each project, I think it's gonna end up going and, uh, hopefully by the end of the week, we'll make a decision with New York Rising and the consultant, and we'll make a recommendation for you guys to award the bid to one or two bidders, and receipt for signing the contract. Again, that's a three and a half million dollar grant from New York Rising from the Governor's Office.

Before you tonight, also, there's a request for resolution to approve, uh, authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with DOT for funding the ADA curbs and sidewalks project that has been going on in here, and now it's a matter of getting reimbursement. As you know, the value of the project is four point three seven million dollars, and we're responsible for about twenty percent of it, which is about eight hundred - eight hundred and seventy thousand dollars. So that's before you tonight. So I would request that you approve that, so that the Mayor can - can proceed with signing it and sending it over to DOT. I think it's the first or second - I think it's the first resolution on the agenda.

Also, I'd like to thank the Mayor very much for reappointing Brian Smith as Deputy Commissioner and Mark Pengel as Deputy Commissioner as well. And I want to thank you - I don't want to be presumptuous, but I would to - I would like to thank you guys for supporting the Mayor's appointment, and then without me being presumptuous, you know, these guys have been working very hard for us, uh, both of them, and I'm very proud to have them next to me as Deputy Commissioners. I rely on them a lot, and they are working very hard for us and for the City.

And with that, I will conclude my remarks.

President Rodrigues: Ald. Green.

Ald. Green:
Yeah, thank you. Uh, Commissioner, can you just comment on someone who has like a corner lot with sidewalk - it's important for them to shovel out to the street so people can cross, is that - is that on - that's on the homeowner, correct?

Jacob Tawil:
Yes, you got it.

Ald. Green:
Okay. I got a few calls about that - if - if, you know, they have a corner and - and -

Jacob Tawil:
Exactly.

Ald. Green:
- if they don't shovel out to the street, it almost defeats the purpose.

Jacob Tawil:
Exactly, especially for the handicap person -

Ald. Green:
Yes, absolutely.

Jacob Tawil:
- or somebody who is disable - or somewhat disabled, they need really this break, they can't climb over. Absolutely, that's a good point.

Ald. Green:
Yeah, that's - thank you.

Jacob Tawil:
Yes, sir.

President Rodrigues: Ald. Masi.

Ald. Masi:
Commissioner, I'd like to go back over on the removal of the snow. You send out a letter -

Jacob Tawil:
Yes.

Ald. Masi:
- two or three days -

Jacob Tawil:
Five.

Ald. Masi:
Five days.

Jacob Tawil:
Yeah. It's in our code.

Ald. Masi:
Okay. It may be something we have to look at, because I do a lot of walking, and I know I came in to your office, and we spoke the other day. Uh, the upper end of North Street, I walk, and I had to walk in the middle of the street because neither side - many lots were not - I'm not gonna say all, there were some - there were several that were, uh, Wickham Avenue, the same thing. And given five days, with no penalty, I think may be something I'd like to look at. And, if they are a repeat, I certainly - is there anything - if the second - my - my particular street, I don't do it. Five day- you send me a letter, on the fifth day, I decide to shovel. Unfortunately, like we've had in the last week, multiple storms, the next storm comes by, I don't do it, you send me another letter. I wait, okay, three days. I would like to look into if the other members of the council, because I don't know about you, but, uh, it's terrible when you have to walk out in the middle of the street or not even in the middle, on the side of the street with the cars coming by. And I see people repeatedly not doing it, not shoveling and I just think we're giving them too much leeway.

Jacob Tawil:
That's - that's a good point. Uh, you know, I'm for having like, uh, like some kind of a repeat offender type list. I'm in support of that - repeat offender.

President Rodrigues:
We do have it, we did it because of CVS on East Street, we had it - we jacked up the fines and everything.

Jacob Tawil:
We jacked up the prices - like yesterday - we - we did this Fulton Plaza - which is Fulton and, uh, Fulton and Canal Street.

Ald. Masi:
Yeah, that's one of the ones I walk on.

Jacob Tawil:
Yeah, we - we just did, after we send the five day letter and there we just did it yesterday I think, and the - the charge is $500.00. You know it's a lot of money, and, uh, uh, remember we used to do it for CVS -

Ald. Masi:
Yeah.

Ald. Masi:
Uh, Jacob, and question again, and I don't mean to interrupt, but do we send out the letter?

When I or a code enforcement or one of the other council people happen to see it, it may be the third or fourth day after that. We send the letter, it takes two days for them to get the letter. We give them

five days, for crying out loud, the sun will melt it after awhile.

Jacob Tawil:
That's exactly - that's exactly what happens is, your responsible 24 hours after the snow event to shovel your sidewalk. So what happens is, 24 hours and we give them the 24 hours, then we send our code enforcement officers, we don't wait for you to call or anybody else, we send our code enforcement officers and the four different wards. Each code enforcement gets a ward. And we take pictures and we send letters. Once we go clean it up in there, we take pictures and we send a bill over, because many - many people, they come and challenge us. They say, no, no, I cleaned it, it wasn't you and all that stuff, so we show pictures on all that stuff. So that's what - that's what we do. That's not - that we also get referrals, absolutely. Today I got referrals from several streets. Some of them were already on our list. Some of them were not. So - but that's where the five days comes from and there - once it happens in there, we send a letter out, it takes couple of days for you to get the letter. If we make it like two days, might as well not even send the letter, because you're not gonna get it.

President Rodrigues: Thank you. Ald. Johnson.

Ald. Johnson:
Well not to get into a long discussion, but I understand it's a public safety issue - I get that. I also understand for a commercial property owner, that's the cost of doing business, to get the snow removed. As far as residential, uh, there's lots of stories. I mean what if it's geriatric couple. In the old days, kids walked around and they shoveled your driveway for five bucks. I don't know if kids do that anymore.

President Rodrigues:
It's (inaudible) station now.

Ald. Johnson:
It's neither negligence or defiance, sometimes it's inability to get somebody to come and do it, and then you go down and that person will say okay, well, in five days I'm gonna send you a bill for a hundred and fifty bucks to shovel your driveway. So I'm not disagreeing or agreeing, I'm just saying there's a multi-faceted conversation.

President Rodrigues:
Well here in a couple of months, we'll be complaining about our neighbors not cutting our grass, and we're gonna ask for private landscapers to come on their property and mow their grass. I'm one of them, cause I hate when my neighbors don't cut their grass. Here it's the same thing, we could probably put a committee and Ald. Jean-Francois can look at - we can't, when there's twenty-four inches of snow, we cannot send our DPW guys to every sidewalk, even in violation seven days after and violating. We're lucky that the schools are not running full swing, because every school, every sidewalk, you'd be walking on the street. So I think we need to put a committee to look at and assigning - if it's one - do three days or we have (inaudible) back there. The twenty-four hours - after you feel - your twenty-four hours, then we can violate them, and send the landscaper out and do the

driveway. We pay their bill and we - we hit the homeowner with that bill. Plain and simple, they should know, they live in that area where a sidewalk needs to get done. If any - you know, I can understand there's a situation where somebody can't do it, but everyone's responsible. They have to have their sidewalk cleared twenty-four hours after a storm. So that's enough time or - or we need to violate them. Five days, weekends and all this doesn't count, doesn't help. And your - your men were out there forty-one hours straight. And they can't be saying, all right, now go do Fulton Plaza and CVS and you know, Rite Aid. When we put Dolson Avenue - we're gonna put sidewalks on Dolson Avenue, that's gonna be another thing. If you drive 211, nobody does 211 sidewalks, they're all, all, uh, full of snow. This evening, all against Fort Knox, it was three feet of snow against that - that sidewalk and that's in Downtown. So we need to make sure and we'll put in a committee, let's please, landscaper for grass in a couple of months, and now for the snow, and let's pass something. Our attorney can work very hard and fast to work about retail prices, work from home - he can definitely pass a law to find somebody.

President Rodrigues:
Jacob one more thing, I have a question - Wolslayer Field, I know is full of snow now. Is there any line - anything going?

Jacob Tawil:
Yeah, the contractor, uh, the contractor is concerned about the fill material that is there and he's worried about cracking in his - in his work and there - is the field itself or the track, he's worried about it. So, uh, the architect on the project - they hired G Technical Engineer, and they're gonna do certain borings. Hopefully, next week we're gonna be doing that to see what kind of fill there is. I thought it was very clear for everybody that we had this whole - this whole field is built on ten foot of fill material, and I thought that was clear, but it appears that the contractor did not know about it. So, we're gonna do this, and apparently, the solution would be putting some kind of gio - gio, uh, uh, gio fabric in there under - under the subgrade - whatever we're gonna end up doing and that will reinforce the soil. And then we can temp it and we may have to do some kind of release for the contractor if there's any - any kind of cracking - premature cracking in there because of the settlement or because of the soil under it. So that's something we're working on right now. And the Mayor, he just signed the change order today, to be honest with you, but the weather is not very conducive to them doing it, but next week, I think they're gonna try to do the certain borings and the gio technical investigation and then we'll go from there.

President Rodrigues:
Okay.

President Rodrigues:
Thank you. Anyone else? Thank you, Jacob.

Jacob Tawil:
Thank you.

President Rodrigues:
Fire Chief?

Mr. Barber:
I have nothing this evening.

President Rodrigues: Any request from the Fire Chief. Thank you Fire Chief. City Clerk.

John Naumchik:
Nothing this evening.

President Rodrigues: Corporation Council.

Alex Smith:
I'd like to bring you up to date with what's happening with City Court. As you know, City Court was closed for a few months. Then it opened it was about mid September, early October, with a real backlog. We were actually having court three days a week back then. Most of the backlog got worked out. However, in December, the court system ordered all the courts to go back to virtual, some of them had not been there - I say go back, but City Court went seriously virtual. It is - it's a slow process. It's - it's - it takes time. The Judges don't want to have hearings or trials. I can't blame them for that, because it's difficult to even just communicate sometimes, using Zoom, people are on phones. It's - it's - it's not the best of situations.

So the latest idea has been, at least on track, like I'm not talking about codes, but for traffic, we're gonna try to do things by mail. So starting a couple of weeks ago, I sent out I think it was over a hundred letters, which basically constituted plea bargaining offers to people who were charged with various traffic offenses. By mail, I made them offers, uh, and gave them instructions on how to fill it out. So we are waiting to see how well that works. Uh, we're back down to now two days a week. It's too early to tell if it's working well. We've had - many people have pled guilty by mail. Other courts have done it. I can't tell you how many, uh, it's not gonna work for. We started to get some letters that are undeliverable. We've gotten phone calls - how do I do this, how do I do that. I know that in some other courts, they basically says, don't call us with any questions, nobody's gonna answer you, because the flow would be too heavy. So, it's a little bit too early, but we are - we are trying it out, and, uh, - cause we don't know how long it's gonna be before the courts can get back into business. Especially now with something like traffic and codes where you're talking about packing a court room, even one as big as Middletown, with an awful lot of people. So that's - that's where we are right now with that. If anybody has any questions, I'm happy to -

President Rodrigues:
Any question with Alex? Thank you Alex. Ald. Masi.

Ald. Masi:
Just a couple of things. One, please be safe out there with this snow and everything and if you get an opportunity, please shovel your sidewalks. Make it clear for people, especially and I'm gonna be

careful when I say this, because I know the Mayor is probably listening to all that, the elderly people, that are trying to navigate.

And one last thing, uh, Chief Barber, I, uh, would like to and I'm sure the council would like to congratulate you on your son's appointment. If in case you didn't - anyone here doesn't know that Nick's son, Trevor, was selected - was hired as a paid firefighter. And let me be very clear, Nick had nothing to do with it. It came from a civil service test, a civil service list and he was interviewed by the Mayor and the other chiefs. Uh, Nick was not a participant in it, but congratulations to your son and to your family and to you, Chief.

President Rodrigues:
Ald. Tobin.

Ald. Tobin:
Nothing this evening.

President Rodrigues:
Ald. Green.

Ald. Green:
I'll just, uh, the sidewalk shoveling. It's really important. We hear a lot about it from our neighbors and our constituents and, uh, you know, shovel out into the street, going to the street, not into the street, let me be clear on that. Uh, you know, sometimes we see people using snow blowers and blowing it into the street. Don't do that either. Uh, you know, it really makes the situation worse and our DPW and all of the departments are working so hard during this to keep the streets safe and - and they're doing a phenomenal job, so, uh, you know, kudos to everyone working to keep us all working, and, uh, everyone just be safe, and, uh, you know, more snow is coming, so just be ready and, uh, we'll see you next - next week.

President Rodrigues:
Ald. Johnson.

Ald Johnson:
Thank you. I'm just gonna take a moment to offer two COVID updates for animals, cause people keep talking about that and COVID is obviously still in the news. People still want to know, can my animal get it from me or give it to me or give it to somebody else. Uh, there's still the occasional tiger that's showing up in the news at various zoos, but as far as domestic pets, it's not really thought to be a problem. However, the current and I emphasize the word current, cause as you know with COVID, everything is momentary, the current recommendation is if you are infected with COVID, you should treat your household pet like any other member of the family with respect to distancing and protecting the pet as a carrier.

You never know where COVID will go, I had on my news (inaudible) today, some of you may know, I did not know that Denmark is the, uh, the largest producer of fur in the United States - uh, in the

world, for mink, and some of those mink tested positive for COVID, and there was a concern in the country that they might carry mutants virus form. And as a result of that, last month, they - they euthanized seventeen million mink in Denmark and they compensated the farmers three billion dollars for their loss. So you never know where COVID will take you or how seriously the country will take it. I thought that was pretty dramatic.

President Rodrigues:
Any - any work from home?

Ald. Johnson:
It was a home industry as well, yes. (Inaudible).

President Rodrigues:
(Inaudible) billion dollars, Alex.

Ald. Johnson:
Thank you.

President Rodrigues:
Ald. Ramkissoon.

Ald. Ramkissoon:
And now is good time to hit record on your DVR, cause I agree with Ald. Masi about -

Ald. Ramkissoon:
- that's right, people. Um, this shoveling thing, you have to do it. I live across the street from a bus stop. These kids are going down to the bus, they're in the road. They're in the road by an intersection. My road - street is relatively busy and the road's already narrower from the snow being in the street and the plowed snow. I almost hit a gentleman last night, picking my daughter from swim, because he was just walking in the dark and in the middle of the road, and barely saw him. And now I've gotta figure out how to navigate. They're just not wide enough right now to have two cars passing, pedestrians in the street, so your - that's your responsibility as a property owner in Middletown, is you need to maintain your sidewalk. And it's for the safety of everyone, the driver's, pedestrians, all of us. And also if you have a hydrant near your home, please God, uncover it, because if there is a fire and they have to shovel that thing out of plowed snow, we're gonna lose homes. So, if you live near one, that is also, I hope you believe, your responsibility that you will shovel out that hydrant. And that's all I have for that.

And the Fire Service (inaudible) congratulations Chief Barber, I guess service just runs in the family. So, welcome to your son.

And that's all I have tonight. Stay safe.

President Rodrigues:

Ald. Kleiner.

Ald. Kleiner:
Uh, thank you. I just want to begin by thanking all the people who are volunteering for our different boards tonight. We have a whole list of people and, uh, I think we're gonna do them all one at a time. But, uh, serving on these boards and most of them, almost all of them, are unpaid positions, so we really do appreciate it. They do keep the city going.

Uh, sidewalks - you know, if you're going to be walking in the street at night, try not to wear all black or dark brown and - and with your head down - the same thing, just coming down here tonight, there's someone walking out in the street and you see him at the last second, because nothing visible on them, so wear something light or carry a flashlight or do something and, uh, you know, if you're that unaware, you probably not listening at a city council meeting, so - but if you see somebody tell them, just - just kind of slow down and let them know, we can't see you. Thank you.

President Rodrigues:
Ald. Jean-Francois.

Ald. Jean-Francois:
Yes, good evening, thank you. First of all I'd like to thank everyone for their support and their prayer in my brother's passing. And speaking of snow, we all know so far this year, we had one of the biggest snow storm. Uh, there's still more to come, but again, I thank the street department. These guys did a phenomenal job, I mean, I could hear the plow truck from Sunday evening till Monday afternoon they were out there, very aggressively to clean out the street. So I want to thank the Commissioner of DPW in the street department, personally, for doing a great job. Thank you.

President Rodrigues:
Ald. Burr.

Ald. Burr:
Nothing this evening.

President Rodrigues:
New Business. Resolutions sponsored by Ald. Masi, authorizing the implementation and funding in the first instance a hundred percent of the federal aid and state (inaudible) program aid eligible cost of a transportation federal aid project and appropriating funds therefor.

Res: 15-21 WHEREAS, a Project for the ADA Accessible Sidewalks and Ramps in the City of Middletown, Orange County, PIN 8761.49 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 97-20 adopted by the City of Middletown on 05/19/20 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction and construction inspection work.

WHEREAS, it was subsequently found necessary to undertake additional construction and construction inspection work not contemplated in the original agreement authorized by the previous Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for the additional construction and construction inspection work for the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Middletown Common Council, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Middletown Common Council hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Middletown Common Council hereby authorizes the City of Middletown to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the additional construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of **$31,333** ($2,331,333 minus previous $2,300,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund Balance and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Middletown Common Council shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the City Manager thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Middletown be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of Middletown with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Mayor, the following municipal titles: Commissioner of Public Works are also hereby authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement;

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Masi, seconded by Ald. Green. Any discussion?
Roll:

John Naumchik:

| Names: | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
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| Ramkissoon | x | |
| Tobin | x | |
| Kleiner | x | |
| Johnson | x | |
| Jean-Francois | x | |
| Burr | x | |
| Green | x | |
| Masi | | x |
| President Rodrigues | x | |

Resolution passes.

Resolution sponsored by Alderman Tobin Mayor's reappointment of William Hungerbuhler to the Board of Assessment Review term to expire 9/30/25.

16-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of William Hungerbuhler to the Board of Assessment Review term to expire 9/30/25.

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
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| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Green to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Dan Higby, to the Planning Board, term to expire 12/31/2027.

17-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Dan Higbie to the Planning Board term to expire on 12/31/27.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Tobin. Any discussion?
Roll:

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
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| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes. Resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson to concur with the Mayors reappointment of Valerio Bruni to the plumbing ward, term to expire on 12/31/2021.

18-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Valerio Bruni to the Plumbing Board term to expire on 12/31/21.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson, seconded Ald. Ramkissoon. Any discussion?

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
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| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Ramkissoon, to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Dean Coleman to the Middletown Housing Authority, term to expire on 12/31/2023.

19-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Dean Coleman to the Middletown Housing Authority, term to expire on 12/31/23.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Ramkissoon, seconded by Ald. Green. Any discussion?

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
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| Ramkissoon | x |
| Tobin | x |
| Kleiner | x |
| Johnson | x |
| Jean-Francois | x |
| Burr | x |
| Green | x |
| Masi | x |
| President Rodrigues | x |

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Kleiner, to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Greg Cortez to the Middletown Housing Authority, term to expire on 12/31/2022.

20-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Greg Cortez to the Middletown Housing Authority, term to expire on 12/31/22.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution by Ald. Kleiner, seconded by Ald. Burr. Any discussion?
Roll:

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes.

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Jean-Francois, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Anthony Joseph Cantoli to the Industrial Development Agency to replace John Degnan, term to expire on 12/31/2021.

21-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's appointment of Anthony Joseph Cantoli to the Industrial Development Agency to replace John Degnan, term to expire on 12/31/21.

President Rodrigues:

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Jean-Francois, seconded by Ald. Burr. Any discussion?

Roll:
John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes.

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Burr to concur with the Mayors reappointment of Wayne Hawkins and Joseph DeStefano to the Industrial Development Agency, term to expire December 31st, 2021.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Burr, seconded by Ald. Kleiner. Any discussion?

22-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of the following to the Industrial Development Agency term to expire December 31, 2021:

- Wayne Hawkins, Industrial Development Agency term expire 12/31/21
- Joseph M. DeStefano, Industrial Development Agency, term expire 12/31/21

John Naumchik:
Roll:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes.

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Masi to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Debra Mills to the Board of Police Commission, term to expire 12/31/2024.

23-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Deborah Mills to the Board of Police Commission term expire 12/31/24.

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes.

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Tobin to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Jean Vignola to the Board of Police Commission, term to expire 12/31/2024.

24-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Gene Vignola to the Board of Police Commission term to expire 12/31/24.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Ramkissoon. Any discussion?

John Naumchik:
Roll:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |

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| President Rodrigues | x |

Resolution passes.

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Green to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Brian Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, term to expire 12/3/2021.

25-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Brian Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, term to expire 12/31/21.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Kleiner. Any discussion?

Roll:

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes.

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Mark Pengel, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, term to expire 12/31/2021.

26-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Mark Pengel, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, term to expire 12/31/21.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Burr. Any discussion?
Roll:

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |

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|---|---|
| Tobin | x |
| Kleiner | x |
| Johnson | x |
| Jean-Francois | x |
| Burr | x |
| Green | x |
| Masi | x |
| President Rodrigues | x |

Resolution passes.

Now we have the unsponsored resolution to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Alex Smith, Corporation Council, term to expire 12/31/2023.

Male Speaker:
Motion to table. No, I'm sorry.

President Rodrigues:
Do we have a motion? Ald. Kleiner, do we have a second?

Male Speaker:
I (inaudible) the second.

President Rodrigues:
You want to table it?

Male Speaker:
I withdraw the motion to table it. No, second the motion on the floor.

27-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Alex Smith, Corporation Counsel, term to expires 12/31/23.

President Rodrigues:
All right, roll.

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |

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| Green | x |
| Masi | x |
| President Rodrigues | x |

Resolution passes.

Congratulations Alex.

Resolution sponsored by Ald. Ramkissoon to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Rich Croughan, Assistant Corporation Council, term to expire 12/31/2021.

28-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Richard Croughan, Assistant Corporation Counsel, term to expire 12/31/21.

President Rodgrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Ramkissoon, seconded by Ald. Tobin. Any discussions?
Roll:

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes.

And we saved the best for last. Resolution sponsored by Ald. Masi to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Maria Bruni, Director of Economic and Community Development, term to expire 12/31/2021.

29-21 RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Mayor's reappointment of Maria Bruni, Director Economic & Community Development term to expire 12/31/21.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Masi, seconded by Ald. Johnson. Any discussion?
Roll:

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes.

That is all for new business.

President Rodrigues:
Audit.

Mr. President, I move the accounts be audited, the claims be adjusted and the City Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for the payment.

President Rodrigues:
Resolution sponsored by Ald. Masi, seconded by Ald. Green.
Roll:

John Naumchik:

| Name | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramkissoon | x | | | |
| Tobin | x | | | |
| Kleiner | x | | | |
| Johnson | x | | | |
| Jean-Francois | x | | | |
| Burr | x | | | |
| Green | x | | | |
| Masi | x | | | |
| President Rodrigues | x | | | |

Resolution passes.

President Rodrigues:
Move for adjournment.

Alderman
Masi
So moved.

Alderwoman
Ramkissoon
Second.

Meeting Ended:
8:34PM