



Common Council
City of Middletown
April 20, 2021

1. Pledge - Pres. Rodrigues asked all to stand for the pledge.
2. Roll Call: Ald. Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green, Pres. Rodrigues - 7
3. Approval of Minutes

On motion of Ald. Green seconded by Ald. Johnson to accept the minutes of November 2, 2020.

All in favor.

4. Correspondence

Nothing this evening

5. For the Good of the City

Susan Depew: Good evening again ,so nice to see everybody. My name is Susan Depew, I live in 57 Prospect Street, many of you know me as the Litter Lady.

For 10 years I was part of the organization, along with many of you here in the in the room, of Cleaning Up Middletown. And this year because of the pandemic we're not going to have an official clean up of Middletown but we're imploring everyone who owns or rents a home to become a better part of Middletown and that is to clean up what is in front of you, around you, and behind you.

Clean up your yard, make your house look beautiful. With a little bit of paint and a little bit of sweeping up you can improve everything. It's a good thing to

do with your family and this Tuesday Middletown is part of this whole process on Earth Day — or, Thursday, two days from now.

We're asking you all, if you don't have four hours, one hour will work. Clean up the area that you live in, and if you want to go farther, wouldn't that be great? Hope to see you outside. Thank you

Pres. Rodrigues: Thank you. Anyone else who'd like to address the Council? OK, remarks of the Mayor?

6. Remarks of the Mayor

Mayor DeStefano: I heard Dr. Johnson say, sit back. A little sarcasm there, I think. My ears still work. My eyes aren't the best, but my ears still work.

Well, as you all know, today there was an important verdict in the trial at Minneapolis, and as President Biden called it, a step forward. Um, justice was done for the Floyd family, and our prayers go out to the Floyd family; and may his family find some peace in the fact that that he has changed the world and especially our country so I wanted to, I felt it important, to comment on it tonight. And hopefully things will be peaceful throughout this evening and through the weekend and, but the Floyd family is in all our thoughts and prayers and I think the President put it eloquently in his comments today.

I'd also like to first address -- I know, much to the dismay of Dr. Johnson; I'm going to address the parking situation in our downtown. He did sit through it last night; we had a meeting at the Senior Center. I want to thank Dr. Johnson; Alderman, Aldermen Kleiner and Jean-Francois for attending.

We had a pretty decent turnout and the purpose of last night's meeting was to discuss with downtown merchants, tenants, and business owners and property owners the proposed Town, Downtown parking and sanitation rules. I believe they were forwarded to you with the draft copy, we're hoping that you will move it as quickly as possible through committee. It's been discussed for quite a while, and basically we went through the 22 lots in our downtown area and tried to accomplish a few things.

We, we tried to make it more standardized for, rather than having a 15-minute zone, a 20-minute zone, or 1 hour parking and 2 hour parking in one lot, and 4 hour parking over here, incorrect signage that has developed over 30-40 years, we thought we would try to work in a manner to come up with a proposal that would be more standard.

I worked on it with Maria and Jacob a little bit, and Chief Ewanciw, and one thing we did do is to give people an idea of what parking is like in downtown Middletown. We did an inventory of the 22 lots, which will be included in the packages when you get them for

committee discussion. And believe it or not within two or three minutes 'walk of either the Orange County Trust Square or Franklin Square we have 1275 off-street parking spots. 52 of them are handicapped parking, and 1222 are regular parking spots, you know, controlled by time limits. Seven are electrical vehicle parking or proposed. And we, we thought that inventory was important, because as we are moving into this overnight parking and more standardized parking, there's a lot of questions from people and a lot of parochial concerns.

So, we had that 4-hour parking basically will be in all lots, all the permitted lots from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m., and that is 7 days a week. We are proposing that an overnight parking permit be issued, to be issued by John Naumchik's office. We'll be working with John on the parameters. He's been helpful with some of the overnight permits from other communities. And we're looking at doing parking stickers similar to what Motor Vehicles does with your registration, so they can't be transferred from vehicle to vehicle. It was designated a certain amount of spots in each lot and of course demand will, where people want to be in those specific lots, will obviously be the, the driver, and how many spots we end up with in each lot.

We were factoring about one-third to 25- to 30-percent of each lot in overnight. If demand is increased, we'll do more, but the, the overnight parking will be valid from 8 p.m.; the permits are 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.. So, technically, an overnight parking permit will allow someone who lives in the downtown area -- you have to be a resident downtown -- to park their car at 8:01 or later and they won't have to move it until 11 o'clock the next morning. So that's a pretty good span for overnight parking.

The permits are subject to 4 hour parking rules during the day. The idea is to turn those parking lots over. Some of the lots will have a maximum of 72-hour parking and there was, as other lots, as you get outside to the perimeter of the downtown, as you move out, the center of the city will be an overnight charge, and the lots as you move out will be free of charge.

The permitted overnight lots are up above, you'll see on the screen the James Street Lot on the North Street -- on the North side only, the purpose of us doing that is that we need to have a turnover for the Motor Vehicle site. We've experimented with it over the past several months and it's working. The fact is that the Motor, the Motor Vehicle Department is so busy and our courts are now reopening. It's very helpful for those lots, that lot, to be empty first thing in the morning, but it fills up very quickly. And then you'll see the rest of the lots are listed here and some of the lots will also have extended parking for employee parking and, um, but let me finish with the overnight lots first.

These are the non-permitted overnight lots, so any of these lots here you can park your car for free if you're living downtown. And that is Canal Street, Henry Street, the new lot right back here, the Erie Way lot, Coach USA, the city parking lot along Railroad Avenue, um, the South Street Lot, which is the lower lot by the Paramount and also the lot down by the courtroom.

So we believe we have plenty of parking and it's dispersed in a manner of, dispensed in a manner that is fair, because the one thing we did hear and we've heard over the last several weeks and months is, everyone has an expectation that they can park outside their door in a public parking lot, for as long as they want. And the business community is not going to survive in downtown that way. And we need to turn these parking lots over and we think our restrictions are very reasonable.

The no overnight parking rules are from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. Sunday through Saturday, and from 4 a.m., um, the no overnight parking from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.

So if you're downtown in a lot that has no overnight, that has overnight parking, I'm sorry; you'll be able to park your car until after 4 o'clock, so that some of the businesses that are open later certainly can have their customers enjoy the parking lots also. So there's no overlapping time, basically all the parking lots are either free for overnight parking or there is a minimal charge -- what we're proposing is \$10 a month on an annual permit -- or lots that do have restrictions will have a 4-hour time limit, which is plenty of time for people to go to a restaurant, go to a show, do whatever they, whatever business they have downtown.

We had, we do have a few businesses that have expressed that they need a longer period of time for some customers, so we created some 8-hour lots, like the Orchard Street lot. We're looking at the Paramount lot now, the lot next to Equilibrium as being a longer-term lot, you might get that one changed based on some of the input that we've had.

So this is not a final proposal, we're going to modify it once more before we, and amend it before we give it to you; but we think when you get it and you see the meeting that we had last night that I think most people are pretty supportive of what we're trying to do here.

One gentleman came, he lives downtown, he said, you know, I'm a customer through a lot of the businesses here also, and I just want to be treated fairly, and he had a couple points, and we are taking a couple of those points down, and we're going to re-evaluate on some of those. But he was also willing to pay more money to park overnight, so you know that's, we're not looking at parking as a commodity though.

We just want to make sure that the middle, the center core lots, the East Main Street lot by Something Sweet, and the James Street lot, those are our generators and turnovers. The Paramount lot on event nights, we're doing a lot of work on the Paramount area lots. The lower lot also, reactivating that.

We're hoping to put cameras up in the lower lot, ripping down the fence. So we're making major investments in and around the downtown area, and also the, the back here will also be the home of the Farmers 'Market and other activities on the weekends when the pavilion is completed, so we're going to be seeing seven-day-a-week activity in our downtown area.

Next topic of discussion is garbage. It wasn't, uh, we did do the garbage can distribution starting on Alderman Masi's birthday, which was April 12th. He was very honored that we did that. And many people are quite surprised that when they woke up in the morning, or they came home from work, that they had these big 95-gallon cans, one big green one, one big blue one, on their front lawn or their sidewalk. And we're just encouraging people to be patient.

There was literature inside it and we've tried to do a lot of communication on this; and I understand that not everybody is into watching City Council meetings, or social media, or Facebook, but we were trying to encourage people to sign up for Nixle: 888777, and type in MIDDLETOWN, and you'll be getting all these notices, you won't have to do anything other than read the, read the text when it comes to you, and you would know about these things.

The can project is what we call the Sue Depew Project. Sue had us starting to think about litter a few years back, and she's been very instrumental in having an attitude change, not only in government but in I think in neighborhoods and people are looking to improve their quality of life in the appearance and the aesthetics of their neighborhood. Without having cans thrown around, or garbage bags strewn on the sidewalk, torn up by animals.

So we, we've been looking at it, we're going to the automated arm, and I'll be getting into that; but as for the cans, some people have complained that these cans are too big. First of all, these cans are used universally, they're used all over the world, all over the country, any community that has private pickup or municipal pick up with mechanical arm, uses this type of can or the large can.

So it's, we're not recreating the wheel here. We're, we're doing what other communities do, and yes, there will be a long-term savings to the city, but we are not laying anyone off. Some people have expressed that concern, or, are you going to be firing people, are we laying people off. No, we're not. We're going to reduce that department through attrition, or reassignment to other projects that,

that we, that we may have. But we are not laying anyone off, no one is losing a job because of going from a three-man truck to a one-man truck, or one person truck.

But the cans have been distributed in some parts of the city already. We've had calls from some seniors and we're going to be able to swap the large can for one of the smaller cans if you're not a large producer of garbage; so, the 65-gallon cans and the 35-gallon cans are not in yet, but you should call DPW at 343-3169 and let them know you're interested in swapping out the cans. And then these cans will be more manageable for people who don't produce a lot of trash.

For those who do produce a lot of trash, in this interim period you can use your recycling bin for garbage also, so that you have two cans. Two 95-gallon cans, which is more than enough for almost all families, but might not be enough in the long run. But for now you can also continue to use your private, but it's not going to be for long -- the cans that you own yourself -- but we're trying to get away from them. Once everybody in the city has garbage cans, then we're going to direct the Department of Public Works to do some enforcement.

So, some people have called: why do I have to use them? And the answer is, because. We're switching systems, we're going to the automated arm and the trucks that we're purchasing that will be here in October are designed to pick up this can. And if you lived in a township like town, Town of Wallkill, that they have several carting companies that pick up their, private party companies, you get the can that they give to you, that they issued to you.

So it's, we're not trying to be, uh we'll hammer something down your head. This is better for our workers. When this project began, 50% of our workman's comp claims came out of Sanitation. It's hard work, it's a lot of heavy lifting. Imagine being in the winter time, with garbage cans full of ice and snow and garbage, and lifting them up and putting them on to the back of the truck, or slipping off of the lifts. It's, it's not, it's backbreaking work. So that was one of the reasons we looked at doing it.

We knew we could finance it with the purchase of the, with a reduction over a period of time in work force, and the purchase of 3 new garbage trucks with the automated arm, so that's what we did but let me go back to that too.

So the idea is to sign up for Nixle, check your social media, call your alderman. Senior citizens, if you don't have access to social media, please sign up with the seniors, or call the senior program; they will assist you. It's a very simple system, and your, your nights you're putting, placing out garbage are not changed, nothing's changed

other than the can. And we need your cooperation and we're going to, we're going to bring this in over a period of weeks. But ultimately the end game is that you need to participate in the program if you're going to have municipal City pick up.

Next is the O&W rescue plan. As you know, we do have somebody interested in it and we're still talking to them but it's a big task. The \$12-million American Rescue Plan has opened up a few doors for us, and, and opportunities for the city in regards to making capital investments that we normally would not make, or investing in others that we, we need to make, like water and sewer infrastructure. So we are presenting different types of plans to you. One of them, as I mentioned at the previous meeting, will be the O&W project. And the reason why we're focusing on O&W right now is that as you know, the estimate of tearing the building down, which would be sinful, is the, the fact that will cost us about a million and a half dollars to tear the building down. And that might be a conservative estimate, talking to the engineer, depending upon the asbestos in the building.

So we thought about taking that mill and a half, rather than tearing it down is applying it with some of the federal rescue plan monies, say up to 2 million dollars, and also under the earmarked projects, which Congressman Maloney's office has accepted applications for. Last week we did submit an application for the EDI Grant. It's an Economic Development Initiative. Jacob also submitted for another project, I think water and sewer; and I think both are very competitive and we requested 2 million dollars. We would propose that we would operate the facility once renovated as a business incubator similar to how we're operating the former Woolworth Building, with the tenants doing the build-out.

It's a targeted area, low-income targeted area, but it is also at the same time a gateway to our downtown. So this is an exciting opportunity for us. We're hoping that the EDI Grant applications were processed quickly, my understanding is that the office is looking at them. You know that the congressman's district is pretty large, and so they have a lot of applications but we believe this is very competitive and this may be the last straw for the O&W. So we're pushing it, pushing it, but when you go to the building you -- you understand why you don't want to tear the building down, even in this current condition. Now, we received letters of support from the County Executive, from Senator Martucci, Assemblywoman Gunther, and also the O&W Society on this project.

We have retained an engineer who has worked on the project in the past for the Middletown Community Health Center, Fusco engineering, to do a preliminary review. To, to find out how much asbestos is in there, and give us a basic game plan to see if what we're looking at to get the roof fixed, to put the windows, the floors, and stabilize this building, and possibly tear down the rear with the

fire damage was. Whether it's feasible.

Even if we know it's going to be an expensive project, and under normal market conditions would probably not be done, but with the accessibility of these monies, to save this historic structure which is on the National- uh, New York State historic registry, we think it's worth another shot. We'll be presenting that plan in detail. Maria's office has been pretty active in this project also.

Jacob is putting together the street paving plan. One comment on social media was, why are they buying garbage cans when they need to blacktop the streets? You know, we're doing both. So we're going to be spending probably well over a million dollars on our streets this year. We have, um, I know some of you aldermen have sent in streets of concern to the commissioner directly and we'll be making a tour of the city to see what streets are in the greatest need based on our replacement plans that we usually try to do every so often, every 10 years or 12 years, do the paving. So if you have any new ideas please forward them to the commissioner.

Wolslayer field update: I thought I'd put this out there before the council president asked for it. As you know, we've had problems with the project, and we had COVID problems with the project, and now we had drainage problems with the project. It looks like the commissioner has worked it out with our local architect that we retain, Joe Fucci and the contractor Turco. They've worked out the, an alternative to the original drainage plan, and I believe they're going to mobilize again within 2 weeks, right, council president?

Pres. Rodrigues: 2 weeks?

Mayor DeStefano: Within 2 weeks. This week, Jacob's whispering at my back. Within two weeks and the project will once again be underway. So, it was bad timing, but we know we can't control what's underneath the ground there.

As for COVID, we do have I think the number two in the county on total cases, and people ask why do you have the local mask mandate in place, and that's why. Because we're number two in the county. On active cases we are also number two, but at a much reduced number. If you remember those numbers were up in the mid-to-high 200s on active cases and now we're down I believe it's one, I can't see it here but it might be on another slide, but I think it was 120 or 130.

So, the mask mandate is still in place. COVID is not over. We need to do the right thing and continue to practice our social distancing, and mask-wearing. The last item is not on the, on a slide, but we talked about throughout the year; what type of hit we thought we were going to take with our loss of revenue due to COVID. Don has given me the preliminary numbers this morning, and it looks like

when you combine all funds -- and some of these will be offset by expenses that were not incurred because we weren't running programs, like some of the Rec programs.

The general fund took a 3.6 million-dollar hit. The (inaudible) fund, about \$600,000 and the sewer fund about \$500,000. We had all along talked about a 5 million-dollar hit, um, almost 2 million of that 5 million is sales tax revenue we lost, sales tax revenue.

We did offset some of them with some other increases for example some workman's comp reimbursements, lower rates on workman's comp because of reduction in some areas. But but those are basically the important lines that we will be submitting for reimbursement for under the rescue plan, and then the rest of the money we can then appropriate to different projects over the two-year period. The money cannot be reimbursed, just put into a general fund. Money can be for eligible reductions in revenue that it's eligible for and for the certain types of capital projects. The money has to be spent by 2024, I don't know whether the end of 2024, or the middle 2024. We expect the cash to be coming in wired into our city accounts sometime in early to mid May. So as we present to you the plan, your thoughts, I, I think I gave you a list of 9 or 10 items that we thought about in the administration but we're welcome or open to some of your ideas also. And that's all I have for this evening and I would certainly take questions from...

Pres. Rodrigues: Any question for the mayor? Alderman Johnson.

Ald. Johnson: When you spoke about the gentleman who said he would pay for parking. I think that was in the context of, he said, what if I'm out of town for a week and I can't move my car. So you are talking about residents in town. Could you address that issue, about what if I can't move my car?

Mayor DeStefano: Sure. We do have some lots and that was one of the things we told him we would look at. But he did say he would pay \$20 a month instead of \$10 a month but we, we have some lots of that are going to be 72 hour lots, meaning, Canal Street for example. That if a downtown tenant is going to go away for the weekend -- we thought about weekends -- they're going to go away for the weekend, they want to leave the car, they can go park it there for three days and not be faced with, you know, any type of enforcement.

This gentleman talked about, hey what if I want to go away for a week; and it made sense and it might have been him that sent in the comment also, because we did have it in our notes to consider, for you folks to consider, that it might make sense for us to allow for a temporary permit for people that are going to go away for the long-term lots.

So I don't think it's -- it's very easily managed. It can be done by... John's going to get some work out of this, with the some software package that we need to do. But it looks like it'll be very doable and I don't know how much of a demand there is going to be. Our big concern is that people from outside leave the cars in the lots and take up space, as I gave you the example at the last meeting of the paving, and the student that didn't come back to the car for 3 days in a prime location, and was surprised when the car got towed. And, and that's what we're trying to explain to people last night, is that can't happen. That when someone parked their car in the James Street lot for 3 days, consecutive days, it kills business.

And each individual -- I was told by Dr. Johnson I was a little rude last night. Did you tell me that?

Ald. Johnson: It might have been mentioned in passing.

Mayor DeStefano: It might have been mentioned. That when I responded to something, cause we were getting individual stories, and I mentioned that every business and every person has their own individual story, but we can't legislate to any individual story. We have to legislate and create a system that's good for everyone and that's why it would I think what we're proposing addresses, in the short-term, addresses people who are willing to pay, people who don't want to pay. Then John had a good idea about doing a temporary permit for 7 days. And if there's more ideas out there, we're willing to listen to them.

For the most part I think it's a pretty workable plan, and we've patterned after other, multiple other communities that are doing these types of things. I gave the example of Mamaroneck for example. Our seven or six month pass is going to be \$75 and that's prime parking, overnight parking. A six-month pass in Mamaroneck which is in Westchester, little more costly, is \$225 and that's not prime parking, that's perimeter parking.

So, well we think we're being fair and we had to distinguish between paid parking and, and free parking, but there were some other good points raised at the meeting.

Pres. Rodrigues: Alderman Tobin?

Ald. Tobin: It's more of a comment. I'm glad to see that there will be some signs and explaining all this like, for example, I thought Star Collision owned that parking lot and didn't know that it was a public lot. So the new signs will make us aware of that.

Mayor DeStefano: The one by Salvation Army?

Ald. Tobin: Yeah

Mayor DeStefano: Yeah, that was originally part of the DRI, and

that lot came in, I think at like 1.3 or 1.4 million because the trail's going through there, and the retaining wall, but that is all city, available for city parking, it's not Star Collision parking.

Star Collision actually has additional parking, they lease parking to Access I believe for their employee parking. So if they need to shift some of their operation back over there, and they, they'd have to work that out with their tenant over there. But we can't have a business lease property -- and I don't know if it's still going on or not, but I'm just giving you a hypothetical -- or if you have parking and you lease it to another business and then you use city property, have an expectation, you said you probably like. It can't work that way.

So we'll, but when we get to that lot it's, it's costly we had to pull it out because it was, the deal went way over budget, and we don't want really, we're not encouraging people to park too far back there on the grass and on the dirt. Up front there's a little bit of blacktop there, but it's not lit and we're not encouraging overnight parking there.

Pres. Rodrigues: Anyone else? Thank you, Mayor.

7. Remarks of Dept. Heads

Maria Bruni, Economic Development: Good evening everyone. Just my two cents on the parking meeting from last night. We're still going to be doing outreach, and anybody from the district can reach out to us if they still have comments or want information. Like for instance, some folks weren't able to make it last night, so I'm meeting up with them. You know, either at their location or they're coming to my office to go over the presentation last night. Also I just want to thank Chief Ewanciw regarding Officer Gallagher. He's been out there also going to the businesses and doing outreach, and handing out the maps and the meeting notices. So we did do a real broad outreach, social media, mailers to all landlords downtown, and the building owners, and the merchants and so forth. So again, contact my office, 346-4170 or the BID office; we're working together with the BID as well, 343-8075 and we'll be happy to go over last night's presentation with you. That's it.

Pres. Rodrigues: Any questions for Maria? Thank you, Maria. DPW commissioner.

Jacob Tawil, DPW Commissioner: Good afternoon all. The Mayor touched on many of the projects that we have done, that he's been working on or going on with the city. I just want to update you about what the mayor touched on in terms of applying for grants through Bridge New York and through the Congressman Maloney's earmarks.

The Mayor spoke about the O&W project. We also with his

support and letters, um, the letters from the Mayor, we applied for phase two of the water line extension, which is replacing the 20-inch water main, high pressure water main, from wherever we stop right now, which is by the Monhagen Avenue, continue all the way up to Highland Avenue going through Wickham Avenue so that's a major major water main replacement. We have also applied for the 12-inch water main replacement that goes through Lake Avenue. That's an 18-um, 1887 water main. That's how old it is.

And we have under phase one which is the construction that is taking place right now, it goes through Davidge Park Expansion. We replaced up to Davidge Park Expansion. The Phase 2 of that 12 inch water main will take us all the way through Lake Avenue it will tie into the proposed 20 inch high pressure also on on Wickham Avenue all the way up to Highland Avenue so that that project is about 10 million dollars. We applied for that.

We also applied for sewer line replacement which was... you made a call with Don about 6 and 1/2 million dollars worth of sewer work on Sterling Street. We still have an issue where the sewer, the new sewer ended, where it goes under the railroad track by Republic Plaza by Orange & Rockland entrance, so that's a million dollar project also be applied for.

We applied for the replacement of the 24-inch water main low pressure water main from the water treatment plant down to the intersection of West Main and Monhagen. That one line supplies two-thirds of the water supply system or the water demand for the city. So the other lines supply only one-third. This one line only by itself supplies two-thirds of the city. Extremely important and crucial line for us, so we applied for the grant to replace it as well.

The Mayor, with his support, we applied also for daylighting the, you may recall, daylighting the Monhagen and (inaudible) brook between Academy Avenue, Sterling Street and Genung Street. We're going to be revisiting that. We tried to do it under New York Rising; 3 and 1/2 million dollars. Some local property owners would not, were not interested in approving the easement, a condition of the grant was to make sure that everybody is on board, including the private owners so, so we made a new project out of it. We applied for this grant and hopefully it will come through. It will basically create a low area that is park, but however it will daylight the brook. It is going to be a nice beautiful park. It would connect to the Heritage Trail, that would be just one block over, that's under construction right now, and it would be subject to flooding without causing any damage; so if there's any funny, any peak flow, peak-flow

type storms near, that area will be allowed to flood and this area will take some of the flood, will contain some of the water instead of going downstream. It will hold it back a little bit. So it's extremely beneficial project for us, for the quality of life in the area and for flooding mitigation as well.

We also applied for the grant for replacing the Genung Street Bridge which is at the intersection of Sprague and, and Genung Street. There's a big bridge there and it's been flagged by DOT a few times. We've been addressing it, and repairing it and so on and so forth, but it is ultimately an old bridge, so we applied for its replacement. We also applied for another culvert replacement by West Main and, by West Main and Monhagen, the brook goes in there, so we applied for that.

So we applied basically for about maybe 30 to 40 million dollars worth of work as well, on top of the O&W, what the mayor has applied for.

So hopefully something will come in. If nothing comes in here, at least we would be, we want to be ready for the the new infrastructure package hopefully President Biden is working on, and we want to be ready to submit all these applications once they have the money available for us.

We have much larger projects as well. We're working with CDM Smith for developing the Indigot as a source of water for us all, to get additional source of water for us. And also a GIS development which is what CDM is doing right now, but it will get to the nth degree with completing the GIS project so we're preparing those grants, the other ones, and packages so whenever the federal government say, hey, OK, give us those, whatever you guys have; we'll tell them, here is what we have, they are extremely important projects.

Also, the Mayor, he touched on the paving in there, so there's going to be a lot of paving this year. Last year we did not pave. This year we got more money from the CHIP money. And the Mayor and you, and the Council, are contemplating adding a little bit more money from the 12 million dollars possibly for paving. So, additional paving, so hopefully you'll see a tremendous amount of paving taking place.

The Mayor and I, we're going to take a ride and go over all this and do an individual evaluation for each and every street. That is going to be on our list.

The flushing of the water system is, was, concluded so now you can rest assured that the system is clean and you can do laundry without looking at your water, checking it and so we continue to be very proud of the water quality that we produce

for all the residents.

ADA curbs on sidewalks: The work's resumed on Dolson Avenue and tomorrow they're going to be placing the granite curbs by Dollar General, and so the work is continuing. And that's going to be a very nice project, putting, putting curbs and sidewalks where they never existed. I took pictures today of some ladies walking with shopping carts right on the street on, on Dolson Avenue which is really high speed, almost high uh, high speed, uh, highway almost. And they're trying, they're trying to manage. So it's going to be it's going to encourage walkability there, it's going to encourage shopping in that area, and people living there can enjoy that area when they have the curbs, safe curbs and sidewalks that are ADA accessible.

I'm going to touch on, I'm going to preempt the Council President because usually he starts talking about the grass, the high grass, so I want to warn our residents, please work with us. Maintain your grass there. Any time it gets higher than 6 inches we're going to be out there in force, send you letters, and after 5 days we have the right to go on and cut your grass. If it becomes, if it continues to grow higher, the penalties are going to be high. I mean, the first time we cut your grass I wrote it here somewhere or some place... First time it's \$100 for single-family, the second time it's \$250. Third is \$500.

Two family and multiple dwellings, the first time we cut it is \$250. If we cut it again after we send you the second warning letter, after 3 days, it's \$500. After that is \$750 from there on, the third time on. Commercial property; \$500 the first time, \$750 the second time, third time \$1,000.

Also, DPW code enforcement can take you to court, unfortunately or fortunately, and the fine is going to be between hundred up to \$500, minimum \$500 to \$500, if the court finds you guilty, per day of violation, so I mean, this is serious.

Every every year the council president gets upset and all that stuff. So we're trying, we're trying our best to catch all these, cut the grass on our own property, on city property, and then we're going to go to chase the violators.

There's, nothing has been issued yet, no violations, so please be very careful and look out for your grass just maintain it and cut it, and everyo- nobody would have to pay any money for anybody, so help us out please.

Reservoir level: Alderman Masi, he's not here, but we are at 100% capacity, we're in very good shape.

Spring cleanup: we are doing the, we finished the third ward and now we are doing the second ward, and then we'll do the 1st on April 26th, and then we will do the fourth ward on May 5th.

The Mayor spoke tremendously about the garbage cans so he, like the Mayor stated, once the garbage can distribution is finished then we're going to stick to whatever garbage cans, you can't put additional cans, you can't put anything on the street next to it, you can't pile it like a pyramid in there, and you got to stick with what we've given you.

So once we, once we finish the distribution. I do not have an exact number for you guys if you want to ask me how much of the city have we done. I think more than half of the city has been done already with garbage cans.

Davidge Park expansion; the Mayor spoke about it already. And I think that's that's all I have for you, except if you have any questions for me.

Pres. Rodrigues: Any questions for Jacob? Jacob, code enforcement, let's talk about code enforcement issues. Are they out there now? Are they doing full inspections on every property they need to?

Jacob Tawil, DPW Commissioner: You and I, we keep discussing this, because I know this is all so dear to your heart and we have, we have started resumed inspection, interior inspection for rental permitting. April 1st, we started that already. As you know, we lost one code enforcement officer, he was out on an extended leave, so he's no longer with us. So we're looking to fill that position. The other people are so and so with COVID, so we're very, very careful. Certain inspectors, we're going to keep them out from doing interior inspection, because of still concerns about and health and all that stuff.

So, single family is going to be done by a couple of inspectors in there, we're trying to juggle the duties between the inspectors. Quality of life is going to be extremely important for us, we have one of our toughest inspectors who is going to be assigned to it, and he's been doing it. You know, whenever he's available, whenever he's available to work for us right now, because he got some minor, minor things in there to address, but we're trying to catch with, to catch up with everything.

You know, and we're going to be, going with code enforcement is going to be chasing like the Mayor had suggested with the, with the garbage cans in there. You know, at some point when

we pull the trigger, once garbage cans are distributed all over the place, a code enforcement officer like, say, Monday morning, a Code Enforcement Officer is going to drive the fourth ward to see what garbage is remaining because we're going to pick up only City-provided garbage cans. Whatever is adjacent it's going to be left, so the code enforcement officer is going to go there to take pictures, document it, put reminders at the very beginning. Then we'll start taking people to court, because we have to, otherwise the whole program would fall apart.

So, so that's, we have a tremendous responsibility, we're going to be filling that vacant position hopefully very soon, because you know we have to have people stepping up you know because people retire and people move on, and so on and so forth, so...

Pres. Rodrigues: Anyone else?

Jacob Tawil, DPW Commissioner: Oh, one more thing. Before you tonight is that I just want to address that very quickly because the mayor didn't have the full agenda to address it. Which is basically, repurposing City Court. Before you tonight there's a proposal from Barton & Loguidice for repurposing City Court for the Police Department and some City Hall activities. The Chief will tell you more about the detective division in there. They need to be moving, and the project for moving City Court from where it is right now to the federal courthouse or the former federal courthouse is making major progress like the Mayor reported to you before

We had an agreement with the Court Administration and with the court architects about what we're doing. B&L are moving ahead with the design and we are at 30%-completed plans now, so it's time to start thinking about this. So before you tonight is only the reprogramming of City Court for PD and for City Hall purposes.

Pres. Rodrigues: OK, thank you Jacob. Police Chief?

John Ewanciw, Chief of Police: Good evening. Still, a few things. This evening I have before you a resolution in regards to purchasing fixed license plate readers. Greatly appreciate the support in that. It would be an amazing investigative tool for us. It is some new technology that's been available at a very reasonable cost. Several years ago I looked into doing a similar project, with a lot less cameras, and it was about five times the cost of with this project. Technology has actually come a long way and it would really give us a huge advantage with actual criminal investigations.

With the nice weather upon us now, quality-of-life issues have stepped up quite quite a bit, so I'd just like to remind the community and all of you, to please encourage people to call us at the time that

they're observing any of the quality-of-life issues. It's much easier for us to address them at the time of occurrence rather than catching up with them a day or so later.

Just a follow-up, my two cents on the parking situation is, in addition to all of the new rules, that element of enforcement. The city did hire a part-time parking enforcement officer. and I, we, are in discussions of hiring an additional one. But without that enforcement, all those rules, all the hard work that's gone into the parking project is really null and void so, to ensure that we do follow the rules, enforcement will be taking place. We are not looking to summon someone that's been parked for 4 hours and 1 minute. We do have some leeway and we will work to the best of our abilities on that.

I'm just expanding something that Jacob has just mentioned about the the court expansion. That's a great asset to the police department. Moving into the court when the City Court moves to the federal court building. Our detectives have been housed in our basement for many many years; and it's an old post office, so the basement isn't that, that wonderful. So that would be a huge, huge addition to the police department, so we appreciate the support with that as well. Other than that I have nothing unless you have questions for me.

Pres. Rodrigues: Any questions for the Chief? Thank you Chief. Superintendent of Recreation?

Chris Brinkerhoff, Superintendent of Recreation: Good evening. Just really quick, a quick feel-good thing. I was going around to programs tonight. Programs! They are up and running. To see the boxing coach out with 5 kids running. To see a fitness program with two different age groups in our field at the new recreation campus, running. Everybody socially distant, everybody safe. To go and see every ball field we have having a little league practice that has less numbers on each team, socially distant, playing. To go by the soccer fields and see soccer going on. We're getting there. My big thing is kudos to the volunteers that are making this happen. The Little League parade went off successfully, the march. The parents listened, the volunteers worked hard, and adults, let's keep this good work up so we can keep some normalcy out there and some healthy habits for our kids going on. And I know, I believe, youth football's also started registration, so everything is it is coming around. If there's questions, please call the Recreation Department. We can refer you to the right volunteer groups. Little League, football, soccer, they're all volunteer groups running these leagues.

Resolutions tonight; you'll see there's two donations. One is from Middletown Little League. They always go halves with us on infield mix or Diamond Dry and that's what that donation is for. There's also a donation from Players. Their owner knows we stock our ponds

every, every two years. It's an additional \$500, which is hundreds of fish that we put in Maple and Davidge.

The other resolution, and if there's any questions I can take it from you. We are looking to increase our preschool fees. This is so this program to be self-sustaining. It hasn't been changed in six years. It was also 3 days a week then; it is 5 days a week, 2 and 1/2 hours a day. The price would break down to \$55 a week. So it's at \$220 a month, that comes to \$4.40 an hour. Actually less, cause you have a half hour in there. So if there's any questions I can address that. It's still \$100 cheaper than the cheapest preschool program with the same amount of hours in the area. So no, we don't like raising fees, but it comes to a point where it has to be self-sustaining. We don't want taxpayers paying for other families' kids to be in the program.

So that's all I have this evening, unless you have any questions.

Pres. Rodrigues: Alderman Kleiner?

Ald. Kleiner: Thank you Chris. I had someone ask me about fishing up at Davidge. Are there any restrictions or are there any limits or what are the rules as far as people just going to Davidge?

Chris Brinkerhoff, Supt. of Recreation: It is a catch-and-release up there, but the laws are following the DEC rules, have, um, having a license. You know, we do catch-and-release but anybody keeping a fish, that has to be certain inches for certain species. So they look at the DEC guidelines. But fishing is allowed in both of our, both of our waterways.

Ald. Kleiner: Thank you.

Pres. Rodrigues: Anyone else? Thank you Chris. John, City Clerk?

John Naumchik, City Clerk: The summer weather is almost here and we've started to hand out garage and yard sales. So we just make sure that everybody that has a garage sale has to have a permit for the City, and also making sure that there is no signs on any telephone poles or city property.

The second, I've been hand- uh, mailing out reminders to everyone downtown, businesses who had a sidewalk cafe outside, to renew their cafe license according to COVID rules, of course. I'd like to mention that we are also up again on the music for the outdoor cafes. I'll be putting that on next meeting, which would be May 4th, to renew that for another year cause it's a sunset clause in that. It has to be renewed every year. So that's all I have for this evening.

Pres. Rodrigues: Any questions for John? Thank you John. Public Hearings and Grievances.

8. Public Hearings & Grievances

John Naumchik, City Clerk: Tonight we have two public hearings for a proposed 7-lot subdivision for Country Club Estates. I'll read the notice of public hearing.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Middletown will hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 20th on or as near 8 p.m. as possible, Common Council chambers, 2nd floor, 16 James Street, to hear any and all persons wishing to be heard on the proposed 7-lot subdivision at 32 Davidge Road and 67 Highland View Place. Any and all persons wishing to be heard will be given the opportunity to speak either for or against the 7-lot subdivision. The complete proposed application of the property and the plans for the 7-lot subdivision was available in the office of the Common Council Clerk, City Hall, 16 James Street, Room 12; and also on the city website. The public hearing shall be conducted in person and via video teleconference, and live on Channel 20 for viewing. Then we had the link, too hat anybody who wanted to do it digitally could also join us. For any person unable to participate at the time of the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to jnaumchik@middletown-ny.com.

This was published in the Times Herald-Record on April 12th and April 13th and also on the City website. Just for the record, you have the mailings?

John O'Rourke: Yes we do.

John Naumchik, City Clerk: OK, we have submitted the mailings. Also for this project, for the, for the record, this is also part of the GML-239 process. It had to be 500 feet from a geographic line from another municipality, so we had to go to the Orange County Department of Planning, and I did receive comments from them saying the department has received the above referenced 7-lot residential subdivision and had found no evidence that significant inter-municipal or county-wide impact would result from its approval.

Pres. Rodrigues: At this time, the public hearing is now open.

John O'Rourke : Good evening, John O'Rourke with Lanc & Tully Engineering. If it's good for the Council, I have this pointed towards the public, and I'll just give a brief overview. This is 4.7 acres in the R-1 zoning district with a minimum lot size required of 7500 square feet. There's two existing lots there now. We're proposing those two to be broken into a total of 7 for a total of 5 new lots. They range in size from 15000 square feet, the smallest; up to 37000 square feet, one of the largest. We meet all the bulk requirements. We are also as part of this project, extending the road, which I think is a great enhancement to the area cause it's pretty limited for traffic access and we're also extending water, looping that road in to water, and also extending the sewer. Again, residential, 7 single-family homes.

Pres. Rodrigues: OK, at this time I ask anybody from the public, have any comments? Eileen, anybody online?

Eileen, Channel 20: Not at this time that wishes to speak .

Pres: Rodrigues: Motion to close the public hearing? Alderman Johnson

seconded by Alderman Green. All in favor?

Council: Aye.

Pres. Rodrigues: Motion closed

John O'Rourke: We would, uh, I don't know what your standards, how you do it here but we're looking for a neg-dec or preliminary approval because we have to go to the health department and the DEC.

Pres. Rodrigues: That's our next meeting, the May 4th meeting.

John O'Rourke: Well, thank you very much for your time. I appreciate it, have a good evening.

Pres. Rodrigues: No problem. OK, public hearings and grievances.

John Naumchik, City Clerk: We have another public hearing for a proposed two lot subdivision, for 15 Houston Avenue and 2 - 6 LaGrange. I'll read the notice of public hearing.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Middletown will hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 20th on or as near 8 p.m. as possible, Common Council chamber, 2nd floor, 16 James Street, to hear any and all persons wishing to be heard on a proposed two lot subdivision at 15 Houston Avenue Extension and 2 to 6 LaGrange Street. Any and all persons wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to speak either for or against the proposed two lot subdivision. The complete proposed application and map of the property for the two lot subdivision was available in the office of the Common Council Clerk, 16 James Street, Room 12 and also on the City website. A public hearing shall be conducted in person and via video-teleconference, and live on Channel 20 for viewing. And the link below was available for the virtual public hearing. For any person unable to participate, they can also email comments to me at my email at City Hall, and this was published in the Times Herald-Record on April 12th and April 13th and also on the city website. And just for the record, I did receive the proof of mailing.

Pres. Rodrigues: At this time, the public hearing is open.

Eileen, Channel 20: I have John Nozek.

John Nozek: Good evening, board members. Can you hear me?

Pres. Rodrigues: We hear you.

John Nozek: John Nozek, Fusco Engineering. I'm here representing NBJ Realty. This is a proposed lot line change for two existing parcels in the city of Middletown on Houston Avenue. Essentially what we're looking to do is take a 0.03 acre piece, triangular piece, and convey it from lot 14 that would be 43-7-14 and convey it over to 43-7-13 we're basically, the purpose is making lot 13 more of a buildable lot. It's a very, very narrow lot, as you can see from the map. and that's pretty much what we're looking to do.

Pres. Rodrigues: Thank you. Anyone from the public have any questions? Anyone from online?

Eileen, Channel 20: Not at this time

Pres. Rodrigues: Any Council member? Motion to close? Alderman Johnson seconded by Alderman Green. All in favor?

Council members: Aye.

Pres. Rodrigues: We'll be set for next meeting, May 4th. OK, no petitions or complaints. Remarks of Aldermen? Alderman Tobin.

10. Remarks of Aldermen and reports of committees

Ald. Tobin: Not much, I'm just enjoying the nice weather, Earth Day is right around the corner. I had the opportunity to go out and check out the rail trail over at Palmer Ave in the 4th Ward. It's really nice. I got my kids some roller blades, they are really enjoying it, so if you haven't gotten out there, the rail trail looks great. Unfortunately it's blocked by construction on under 84, hopefully that will be up soon and it will be connected to the rest of the county. Thank you.

Ald. Green: Thank you, thank you to everyone that came out to our constituents meeting even though it was raining and a little cold. We still had some people out there and we got a lot accomplished, so thank you to everyone who came up to that. And just, I won't talk about the result, but the ball game, to see Middletown all in blue and, and everyone show their support, was really a great thing, so I hope we can keep it up. Just keep morale up all over. It was a great thing to see. Thank you.

Ald. Johnson: Thank you. With respect to what the Mayor talked about last night downtown, I hope people are paying attention. It's a remarkable transformation that we going to have between lighting, and garbage cans and light poles and signage and curb cuts and ADA accessible. It will be an exciting transition for us. I hope the garbage can project goes through as painlessly as possible. And with respect to the conviction we heard today, I share the Mayor's pause to reflect and hopefully it will set an interesting stage for the future of this country. Thank you.

Ald. Ramkissoon: Good evening. Just a little bit of business quickly. The third ward meetings are going to recommence next week. We have the weather to be outside again, hopefully, on Tuesday. Either way we're going to aim for a pavilion at Maple Hill Park. I'll define exactly which one later this week. That will be at 6:30 a week from tonight so that's Tuesday night next week. As for our downtown, I just, you brought it to mind when you said that, Alderman Johnson, you know, I went to The Bee Tavern this weekend. The food is outstanding. I was at the chocolatier in the Rail Trail Commons a couple of weeks ago with the kids. Amazing and like, super affordable for absolutely outstanding chocolate. It's just, the restaurants, everything that's going on. It's all on the up, it's positive things, and now we have the warm weather to really kind of wander around and enjoy it, so I recommend everybody to just do that.

That's what I have tonight.

Ald. Kleiner: Thank you. I want to thank Sue Depew, and second what she said about Earth Day coming up on Thursday because we can't do the big pride event, where we get 5-, 600 people going out and cleaning up Middletown, so we're depending on people to go out and clean. Clean up your own block, clean up your own house, but do whatever you can and don't stop on, at Earth Day, but it's a it's a good time to go out. I think the rain will have stopped by then, we hope. So let's, let's, let's keep our city looking good. We're doing so much in the city, improving it, that it's a, it's a shame to have litter just dumped. And you know we still are getting masks and things like that discarded, and so, you know, let's clean it up.

The parking plan, it's, an amazing lot of work has gone into it and I thank the Mayor and Maria and the Police Department, Officer Gallagher, and everyone who's been involved and and John (inaudible) in the BID and of course, you know, we've been looking at this forever. But downtown parking and the best way to solve it and, and to make it available for people. So I thank everyone who has been working on the plan, you know, if it's not perfect we'll change it, but it looks pretty good to me.

And lastly I want to mention the passing yesterday of Elaine Brandon. I don't know how many people knew Elaine. She's a longtime, was one of the longtime residents of Randall Heights, one of the original ones, and and she was a volunteer supreme. And I'm sure if you voted for the last however many years in Middletown you ran into Elaine because she was always there helping you vote. but she was she was there with so many other organizations. So, my condolences to her family. Thank you.

Ald. Jean-Francois: Thank you. Good evening. First, I would like to thank the Commissioner for resuming the sidewalk project on Dolson Avenue. Much-needed. Thank you very much. You know, there's so many projects going on in the city, I gave myself a 30-minutes head-start in the morning just to get around the city. It's, it's exciting time. As I mentioned in my last meeting, we started out the yearly cleaning, city cleaning this year, but as you drive around you can see a lot of garbage that has to be picked up by the street department. Fourth ward starts on May 3rd. Our fourth ward is one of the biggest wards in the city; you can imagine how much stuff we're going to have out there. As I mentioned before, I'm not asking anyone to make a citizen arrest, but what I need you to do for us is, if you see illegal dumping, let us know. Call the police department, get a plate number, because it's costing the city a lot of money every year. That's one thing we don't need. Thank you

Pres. Rodrigues: OK, new business.

12. New Business

82.21 - Resolution to accept a donation of \$525.00 from the Middletown Little League to the City of Middletown's Recreation & Parks Department.

On motion of Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Green.

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to accept a donation of \$525.00 from the Middletown Little League to the City of Middletown's Recreation & Parks Department to cover half of the cost of Diamond Dry purchased to maintain the ballfields during wet conditions and to add to the department's material and supplies budget line.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

83.21 - Resolution to approve the 2020 Service Award program list for the City of Middletown Fire Department and authorize the City Clerk to sign the approval form.

On motion of Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Tobin

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve the 2020 Service Award program attached list for the City of Middletown Fire Department and authorize the City Clerk to sign the attached approval form.

COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

I, John C. Naumchik, City Clerk and Common Council Clerk of the City of Middletown, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Common Council at a meeting duly called and held at City Hall on _____ by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the City of Middletown, New York, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

John C. Naumchik
City Clerk
Clerk of the Common Council
City of Middletown, NY

Seal

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

84.21 - Resolution to approve an increase the monthly fee of the 3 year old and 4 year old pre-school program for the Middletown Recreation Department.

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoon, seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to approve an increase the monthly fee of the 3 year old and 4 year old pre-school program for the Middletown Recreation Department and amend the fee schedule in the following way:

3 & 4 year olds: Will be five (5) days a week from: 8:30am – 11:00am for \$220.00/mo.

Or

Noon – 2:30pm for \$220.00/mo.

Non-residents will be an additional \$20.00 per month

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

85.21 - Resolution to amend the City Code to add the new updated Zoning map dated February 2021.

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoon, seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown does hereby amend Chapter 475 Zoning, Article II Establishment of Districts, Section 475-6 Zoning Map to the following:

The locations and boundaries of said districts are hereby established as shown on the Zoning Map of the City of Middletown, New York, dated February 2021. Said map, as may be amended, and all notations, references and designations as shown thereon shall be as much a part of this chapter as if the same were all fully described and set forth herein. The fee for a copy of the zoning regulations shall be set in accordance with the requirements of the New York Freedom of Information Law; the fee for a copy of the Zoning Map shall be \$15.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

86.21 - Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer a total of \$12,500.00 within the Police 2021 budget to cover the cost of a new fixed LPR system.

On motion of Ald. Kleiner, seconded by Ald. Jean-Francois

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$12,500.00 within the Police 2021 budget to cover the cost of a new FLOCK fixed LPR system in the following manner:

From	Amount	To
A.3120.400	\$12,500.00	A.3120.400
Contractual Services		Contractual Services

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

87.21 - Resolution to accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Player's Bar for the Recreation and Parks Department.

On motion of Ald. Jean-Francois, seconded by Ald. Tobin

WHEREAS; The Middletown Recreation Department was given a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Player's Bar.

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to accept a donation of \$500.00 for the Middletown Recreation & Parks Department and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the donation into account #7110.478, Park Improvements.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

88.21 - Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$2,500.00 within the DPW 2021 budget to cover unexpected cost to rent a sewer pump for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

On motion of Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Green

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$2,500.00 within the DPW 2021 budget to cover unexpected cost to rent a sewer pump for the Waste Water Treatment Plant due to clarifier drive failure in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
G.8130.417	\$2,500.00	G.8130.479
Gas & Oil		Equipment Rental

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7

Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

89.21 - Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Visions Human Resource Services, LLC. to be retained to conduct a job search to replace the City's Deputy Treasurer

On motion of Ald. Green, seconded by Ald. Kleiner

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement with Visions Human Resource Services, LLC. to be retained to conduct a job search to replace the City's Deputy Treasurer and to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$8,000.00 within the 2021 budget to fund the payment in the following manner:

From	Amount	To
A.9000.860	\$8,000.00	A.1325.400
Group Medical Expenses		Contractual Services

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

90.21 - Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Barton & Loguidice for engineering services related to reprogramming existing City Court space for other municipal use.

On motion of Ald. Tobin, seconded by Ald. Green

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement with Barton & Loguidice for engineering services related to reprogramming existing City Court space for other municipal use as discussed in the proposal to include moving the PD division from the basement to this new space.

LET IT BE 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 from general fund balance \$34,100.00 to fund the above project in the following manner:

From	Amount	To
General Fund Balance	\$34,100.00	A.1490.400
		Contractual Services

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

91.21 - Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents and to authorize the submission of the Community Project Funding Process/Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

On motion of Ald. Ramkissoon, seconded by Ald. Kleiner

WHEREAS; the O&W Rescue Project preliminary budget is \$4,000,000.00, and

WHEREAS: a grant application from the Community Project Funding Process/Economic Development Initiative (EDI) will be requested for \$2,000,000.00 with the balance coming from other funding sources including local.

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents and to authorize the submission of the Community Project Funding Process/Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

92.21 - Resolution to declare items from the Middletown Fire Department surplus, which have no value to the City and donate these items to the Huguenot, NY fire department.

On motion of Ald. Johnson, seconded by Ald. Green

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to declare the following items from the Middletown Fire Department surplus, which have no value to the City and authorize the Commissioner of Public Works or his designee to donate these items to the Huguenot, NY fire department.

5 SCBA
15 Scott AV 3000
30 Scott 4.5 30 Minute Air Bottles

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Green,
Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

13. Local Laws

John Naumchik: Nothing this evening.

14. Audit

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Green

I move that the accounts be audited, the claims be adjusted, and the Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoo, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois,
Green, Pres. Rodrigues - 7
Absent: Burr, Masi - 2

15. Adjournment

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Greco