

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Gaudet Middle School (Cafeteria) Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Presiding

Vice President Bruce J. Long

Councillor Richard Cambra

Councillor Antone C. Viveiros

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli, Absent

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. Public Hearing (Advertised)

(Public Hearing Remains Open)

An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (Second Reading)

An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the General Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.

2. Public Hearing (Advertised)

(Public Hearing Remains Open)

An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (Second Reading)

An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the Parks and Recreation Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.

3. Public Hearing (Advertised)

(Public Hearing Remains Open)

An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (Second Reading)

An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.

4. Public Hearing (Advertised)

(Public Hearing Remains Open)

An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (Second Reading)

An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenue of the Refuse and Recycling Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.

Said meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at the Gaudet School Cafeteria (Turner Road Entrance), Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Arthur S. Weber, Jr., President

Middletown Town Council

cc:

Town Council

School Department

Town Administrator

Senior Center

Town Solicitor

Police Dept.

Finance Director

Fire Dept.

Public Library

Public Works

Tax Assessor

Building Inspector

Town Planner

IT Director

Parks/Recreation

Town Engineer

Human Resource Director

School Department

Recycling Coordinator

Substance Abuse Coordinator

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller, Finance Director Lynne Dible, Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay and Deputy Town Clerk Karin Clancey.

Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Director of Facilities Edward Collins, School Committee Vice Chair Theresa Spengler (arrives at 6:10 pm), members Kellie DiPalma, William O'Connell and Liana Ferreira Fenton (arrives at 6:15pm).

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Public Hearing remains open.

Paul Mankofsky, 20 Pequot Lane, addressed the Council explaining that there is not an unlimited supply of funds from the taxpayers; the School Committee does what the state requests. Mr. Mankofsky requests the Council to take charge and have the Administration and School Committee reduce the proposed budget by 10-15%.

Manuel Mello, 3 Beacon Terrace North, indicated that the School fund balance is excessive and that there are not many residents addressing the Council requesting more funding for the schools. Mr. Mello inquired why the Planning budget has increased.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown, responding to Mr. Mello, explained that the Planning budget increased due to studies to be performed for the BRAC properties, Tibbit's property, Boulevard Property and implementing the DPW infrastructure management plan.

Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, responding to Mr. Mello explained that a respectful budget has been submitted, there is one million dollars in the fund balance, which is not restricted; all other monies in the fund balance are restricted, there is a structural issue at Forest Avenue school being addressed and High School paving was approve by the Department of Education, due to safety concerns.

M. Theresa Santos, 214 Morrison Avenue, addressed the School Administration inquiring about attorney fees within the budget and

who negotiates school contracts.

Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, responding to Ms. Santos, explained that there is only one attorney and the attorney, members of the School Committee and members of the Administration negotiate.

M. Theresa Santos addressed the Council inquiring if there is still a consultant in the Tax Assessor's Office, fees paid to Town Attorneys for Charter Revisions and if the West Main Road Recreation Field will remain as a memorial?

Town Administrator Shawn Brown, responding to Ms. Santos noted that there is no consultant in the Tax Assessor's Office; there were part-time employees, \$500. was paid to Miller, Scott and Holbrook and \$11,000 to Attorney Kinder's Firm and presently a plan is being developed for the West Main Road Recreation Complex.

Councillor Viveiros inquired about the School department revenues and actual.

Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, responding to Councillor Viveiros, reviewed the School department accounting procedures.

Vice President Long noted that he would like the budget to increase by 2%, rather than 3%.

There being no other persons present desiring to be heard, public hearing was declared closed.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2012-FY2013 General Fund budget ordinance, as amended, on its second reading.

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(Public Hearing Remains Open)

An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (Second Reading)

An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the Parks and Recreation Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.

Public Hearing remains open.

Paul Mankofsky, 20 Pequot Lane, asked for clarification of the Parks and Recreation Fund.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown, responding to Mr. Mankofsky, reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Fund budget line by line, which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Mr. Mankofsky suggested that Beach revenue be used to cover shortfalls in other areas of the budget.

There being no other persons present desiring to be heard, public hearing was declared closed.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2012-2013 Parks and Recreation Fund budget ordinance, as amended, on its second reading.

3. Public Hearing (Advertised)

(Public Hearing Remains Open)

An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (Second Reading)

An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the Sewer Fund for

the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.

Public Hearing remains open.

There being no person present desiring to be heard, public hearing was declared closed.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2012-2013 Sewer Fund budget ordinance, as amended, on its second reading.

4. Public Hearing (Advertised)

(Public Hearing Remains Open)

An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (First Reading)

An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenue of the Refuse and Recycling Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.

Public Hearing remains open.

M. Theresa Santos, 214 Morrison Avenue, questioned if co-mingling recyclables is instituted, what will happen with the extra tote and if the PAY-Throw bag price can be decreased?

Town Administrator Shawn Brown, responding the Ms. Santos noted that the extra tote would be collected and sold. Mr. Brown explained that the program and bag fee for the PAY-Throw has been maintained for three years.

Manuel Mello, 3 Beacon Terrace North, noted that the elimination of a

tote will reduce the number of trips to the state landfill.

There being no other persons present desiring to be heard, public hearing declared closed.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2012-2013 Refuse and Recycling Fund budget ordinance, as amended, on its second reading.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

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