

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown,
RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at
6:00 P.M.**

Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding

Councillor Richard P. Adams

Councillor Bruce J. Long

Councillor Paul M. Rodrigues

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Vice President Robert J. Sylvia, Absent

POSTED – May 14, 2014

Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-3, 42-46-4., 42-46-5 and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and vote upon the following items of business:

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 General Fund, Parks and Recreation Fund, Sewer Fund and Refuse and Recycling Fund Appropriating revenues for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, as amended”.

2. Resolution of the Council, re: Tax Levy Resolution.

Said meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at

the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Christopher T. Semonelli, 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

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.

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to address item #3, at this time.

ADDENDUM TO TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

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Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger was present to respond to Council inquires.

3. Memorandum of the Town Administrator, re: FY2015 Budget Considerations. (No documentation)

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2015 Budget Considerations.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the email communication, entered here:

Discussion centered around increases in new housing, revenues

received from JFK School, School Department budget, Impact Aid revenues, level funding of the budget, decreasing the budget, State funding formula, accounting practices at the School Department and Town Hall, Capital Improvement Program and amending the budget to show impact aid revenue.

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Public Hearing remains open.

Sara Donaldson, 269 Brown’s Lane, addressed the Council noting the

importance of quality education in the Town. Ms. Donaldson explained that quality education creates high property values, sound economic environment and vibrant economy.

Carmella Geer, 10 Wood Road, addressed the Council encouraging them to fully fund the School Budget. Ms. Geer noted the need for a future plan to fund education.

Paul Mankofsky, 21 Pequot Lane, School Committee Member, noted the need to reduce the tax rate on the middle class. Mr. Mankofsky suggests the Council consider the mandate to combine like functions throughout departments.

Douglas Arnold, 23 Reardon Drive, addressed the Council noting a decrease in school staffing.

Theresa Spengler, 1111 Wapping Road, Middletown School Committee Chair, addressed the Council noting the importance of

quality education in Middletown schools. Ms. Spengler explained that schools are unable to create revenue and the cost per student is unpredictable.

Jonna Carol, 74 Oak Forest Drive, addressed the Council questioning funding received by renting JFK School and future plans for Joel Peckham School.

Discussion centered around the rental of both JFK School and Joel Peckham School, building conditions at Joel Peckham School, tax rate, impact of adding additional funds to the school budget and impact aid.

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

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to continue this matter to the June 2, 2014 Regular

Meeting of the Council.

2. Resolution of the Council, re: Tax Levy Resolution.

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to continue said matter to the June 2, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Council.

The following item #3 was discussed before item #1.

3. Memorandum of the Town Administrator, re: FY2015 Budget Considerations. (No documentation)

On motion of Councillor VonVillas, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 7:40 pm.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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