

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown,
RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at
6:00 P.M.**

Council President Robert J. Sylvia, Presiding

Vice President Robert Kempenaar, II

Councillor Henry F. Lombardi, Jr.

Councillor Paul M. Rodrigues

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Antone C. Viveiros

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Ms. 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)

An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (First 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, 2015 to June 30, 2016, as amended”.

Said meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Robert J. Sylvia, 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 Vice President Kempenaar, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Facilities Director Peter Anderson, Jr., School Committee Chair Theresa Spengler and members Liana Ferreira Fenton, Douglas Arnold, and William O'Connell.

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Public Hearing was declared open.

Council President Sylvia outlined the budget process explaining that the Fiscal year begins July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, the Town Administrator submits a consolidated budget to the Town Council by April 1st each year and the departments meet with the budget sub-committee regarding their proposed budgets. Mr. Sylvia noted that the Town is well served by the Town Administrator’s budgeting process.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown explained that this budget is his seventeenth budget. The Town budgets meet National standards and the Town Finances are transparent.

Mr. Brown reviewed the proposed Budget Ordinance, entered

here:

Kathleen Davis, 500 Mitchell's Lane, addressed the Council asking for the council to grant the School Department's full budget request. Mrs. Davis explained that the School Department submitted a bare bones budget and is not sure where the department would be able to trim monies.

Discussion between the Town Council, Town Administration, School Administration and School Committee centered around the proposed School CIP Budget (MHS Roof, Gaudet Roof, Ventilation and additions to the Elementary Schools), Group home reimbursement by the state, Military Impact Aid reimbursement by the state, Special Education costs, increase of student enrollment, funding formula, school technology, universal pre-school, average class size, income from Kennedy school, cost per pupil at Charter Schools, cost per pupil at MET Schools, Regional Special Education program and five

year budget forecast for the schools.

Discussion between the Town Council and Town Administration centered around the average family Sewer maintenance costs (will decrease this year), Civic support requests, if the stores that sell the Pay As You Throw bags get a profit/percentage (the stores receive no monies), setting beach revenues aside to assist in repairs for the ball fields, Stormwater Utility and if there are other avenues to explore other than another fee and Special Funds are included within the Capital Improvement Program.

There being no other persons present desiring to be heard, public hearing remains open.

On motion of Vice President Kempenaar, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said ordinance on its first reading.

On motion of Vice President Kempenaar, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 8:05 pm.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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