

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, RI on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 10:15 A.M.

Council President Robert J. Sylvia, Presiding

Vice President Paul M. Rodrigues

Councillor Henry F. Lombardi, Jr.

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Dennis B. Turano

Councillor Antone C. Viveiros

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

AMENDED – April 26, 2017

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POSTED – April 24, 2017

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., 42-46-4., 42-46-5.,

and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following items of business. All items on this agenda, may be considered, discussed and voted upon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

RECONSIDERATION

The Middletown Town Council follows the codification of present-day general parliamentary law as articulated in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th edition (2000), together with whatever rules of order the Council has adopted for its own governance. The motion to reconsider is one of the motions that can bring a question again before an assembly, and is designed to bring back for further consideration a motion which has already been voted on:

If, in the same session that a motion has been voted on, but no later

than the same day or the next day on which a business meeting is held, new information or a changed situation makes it appear that a different result might reflect the true will of the assembly, a member who voted with the prevailing side can, by moving to Reconsider [RONR (10th ed.), p. 304-321] the vote, propose that the question shall come before the assembly again as if it had not previously been considered. (From Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief, Robert, Evans et al., De Capo Press, 2004)

1. Memorandum of Councillor Santos, re: Request to reconsider the Polo Center vote.

2. Review of Town of Middletown Proposed Budgets and Capital Improvement Plan - General Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, Sewer Fund, Refuse & Recycling Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund and On Site Wastewater Management Fund for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 and matters related thereto.

**Said meeting will be begin and conclude at the Middletown Town Hall,
350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842 on Saturday,
April 29, 2017 at 10:15 A.M.**

Robert J. Sylvia, President

Middletown Town Council

cc:

Town Council

Public Library

Finance Director

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

School Committee

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 this meeting.

On motion of Vice President Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

1. Memorandum of Councillor Santos, re: Request to reconsider the Polo Center vote.

This item will not be acted on at this meeting, Council rule #23 states, “A motion to reconsider that has passed is in order if made at the same meeting or at the next regular Council meeting, but must be made by one who voted with the majority.” This item will be addressed on May 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Present also were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Finance Director Marc Tanguay, Human Resources Manager M. Cecelia Dursi, Building Official Jack Kane, Deputy Police Chief Ferenc Karoly, Tax Assessor George Durgin, Librarian Theresa Coish, Library Board Chair Steven Arendt, Senior Citizens Director Arleen Kaull, Middletown Prevention Coalition Director Lori Verderosa, Fire Chief

Ron Dorie and Deputy Town Clerk Karin Clancey.

Present, representing the School Department, were Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Facilities Director Dave Fontes, School Committee Vice Chair Theresa Spengler and member Liana Ferreira Fenton.

2. Review of Town of Middletown Proposed Budgets and Capital Improvement Plan - General Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, Sewer Fund, Refuse & Recycling Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund and On Site Wastewater Management Fund for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 and matters related thereto.

On motion of Vice President Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to begin said review of Town of Middletown Proposed Budgets and Capital Improvement Plan - General Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, Sewer Fund, Refuse & Recycling Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund and On Site Wastewater Management Fund for Fiscal

Year 2017–2018.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the agenda, entered here:

Council President Sylvia noted that the Stormwater discussion will take place at the May 8, 2017 Special Meeting of the Council.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that the current Budget Proposal has no increase on the Town side. The School Department is requesting a 4% increase, which equates to a 2.26% increase on the tax rate.

Vice President Rodrigues recused himself from any discussion regarding the Senior Citizens center, due to a possible conflict of interest.

Discussion centered around the Building Fees placed in the Governor's Budget which would cause a loss in revenues for the Town, the Town revaluation of property will begin this year, monies are set aside towards the revaluation on a yearly basis, the Canvassing budget now includes \$30,000 to be set aside for the next election, carpeting in the Town Hall, replacing the parking lot at the Senior Citizens Center, taping additional Boards and Committee meetings, the part time position in the Building Official's Office becoming a full time position, Council requesting information for the cost of the part time position in the Clerk's office becoming a full time position, the printing of tax bills being moved from the Finance Office budget to the Tax Assessor's budget, transparent government, online permitting system, the state portal to upload the Town budget and Middletown Prevention Coalition Grant funding.

On motion of Council President Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to recess this meeting at 12:12 p.m.

On motion of Vice President Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to reconvene this meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Discussion centered around three vehicles to be purchased by the Police Department, eliminating the Mobile Command Unit, purchasing a fifteen passenger 4 wheel drive van, number of Police Officers in the department, the replacement of the wiring in the Police boat, the Town's fleet management plan and the purchase of 900 megahertz radios for the Fire department.

It was announced that the Public Works-Enterprise funds will be discussed on May 8, 2017.

Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano addressed the Council thanking them for support in FY2017. Ms. Savastano noted the request from the School Department is 4%.

Discussion centered around Regional Special Education, money savings within the facilities budget, text books, curriculum, test scores (NECAP), technology in the schools, AP classes given at the High School, replacement of a school work van, transportation for

students that attend private schools, the number of Guidance Counselors in the schools, world language in the Elementary School and the budget is not easily read.

On motion of Vice President Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Town Clerk

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