



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT
MARCH 8, 2012**

- Special Meeting** A community meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7 p.m.
- Present** Deputy Mayor Robert Santangelo, Council members Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Gerald E. Daley, Hope P. Kasper, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Philip J. Pessina, Linda Salafia, Deborah Kleckowski and Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan.
- Absent** Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Council Members Mary A. Bartolotta and Todd G. Berch.
- Also Present** Eight members of the public
- Meeting Called to Order** The Deputy Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asks Councilman Serra to lead the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Call of Meeting Read** The Call of Meeting was read and accepted. Deputy Mayor Santangelo declares the Call a Legal Call and the Meeting a Legal meeting.
- Public Comment Opens** The Acting Chair opens public comment on items under the jurisdiction of the Common Council at 7:05 p.m.
- Peter Hildebrand and John Pegenetti wanted to introduce a resolution that the City of Middletown would pass regarding the Citizens United with communities across America in protecting our republic from the corrupting effects of well-financed interest. They would like to see that the power stays in the hands of the people. They will be really excited to see if Middletown would join in the ranks. They would like to see 1. Corporations should not enjoy the Constitutional rights of human beings; 2. All public elections must be publicly funded; 3. Independent political spending must be limited and made transparent.
- Councilwoman Kleckowski asks for a copy of the proposed resolution. Mr. Hildebrand hands out a copy and the Acting Council Clerk has a copy for the record.
- Councilman Daley supports some of the wording on the resolution, but feels that the wording is a bit harsh.
- Councilman Pessina is working with Councilman Berch which have already met with Peter and John. They are working on a bi-partisan resolution. Hopefully will be submitted in April.
- Councilman Faulkner asks where the gentlemen live. Peter responds he lives at 563 Millbrook Road and John lives at 139 Liberty Street in Middletown, CT
- Public Comment Closes** The Acting Chair closes the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.
- Motion to Adjourn** Councilman Serra moves to adjourn and Councilwoman Kasper seconds. The Acting Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

**Linda DeSena
Acting Common Council Clerk**