



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT  
DECEMBER 7, 2015**

The Special meeting Questions to Directors of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6 p.m.

**Present**

Deputy Mayor Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilman Eugene Nocera, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Philip Pessina, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; and Marie Norwood Common Council Clerk.

**Absent**

Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Eugene Nocera, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano.

**Also Present**

Public Works Director William Russo, Finance Director Carl Erlacher, Acting Director of IT Eldon Bailey, Water and Sewer Director Guy Russo, Parking Director Geen Thazhampallath, General Counsel Brig Smith, Acting Parks and Recreation Acting Director Deb Stanley, Tax Assessor Damon Braasch, Director of Communications Wayne Bartolotta, Planning, Conservation and Development Director Michiel Wackers, Director of Human Relations Faith Jackson Arts Coordinator Stephan Allison, City and Town Clerk Linda Bettencourt, Youth Services Coordinator Justin Carbonella, and ten members of the public.

**1. Mayor calls meeting to order.**

**(Pledge of Allegiance)**

Acting Chair Santangelo opens the meeting at 6 p.m. and asks Councilman Blanchard to lead the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Council Clerk Reads the Call of the Meeting and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting.)**

The Acting Chair declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

**2. Questions to Directors Opens**

Councilwoman Kleckowski asks for Stephan Allison. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks about the Arts appropriation; can you explain it and what it will be used for. Mr. Allison states it is twofold. We have had a half day program for many years and the times have changed and parents are working and need coverage for a full day and we have not provided that except for a small number of children. A good portion is meant for a full day program. For many years they have not increased the salaries of the Arts instructors. We have been losing some of our best arts teachers to other communities and it is time to make the money more in line with present day. Kleckowski asks if the income will offset the appropriation. Mr. Allison responds they do have income and it goes into the General Fund; they are looking at another way to bring in money from the State in the Care for Kids program. Councilman Pessina asks the duration of the program. Mr. Allison replies it is a five week program from the last week in June through July. It begins and anyone who enrolls stays the entire five weeks that culminates in the Circus. Councilman Pessina asks the age range. Mr. Allison states it is 6 -14 and the circus is 8 -14 and they might bump that to age 15.

**3. Questions to Directors Closes.**

**4. Meeting adjourned.**

Councilman Thomas J. Serra moves for approval adjourning the meeting. Councilman Gerald E. Daley seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Philip Pessina, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 3 absent by Councilwoman

Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Eugene Nocera, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 3 absent.

The Acting Chair adjourns the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK