

Finance and Government Operations Commission Meeting Minutes  
Middletown, Connecticut  
June 1, 2016  
Municipal Building Room 208  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilman Thomas Serra, Councilman Sebastian Giuliano, Councilwoman Linda Salafia, Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald Daley, Dr. Joseph Havlicek, Carl Erlacher, Wayne Bartolotta, Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger, Michiel Wackers, John Milardo, William Russo, Marco Gaylord, Vincent Loffredo, Kevin Starbird, Superintendent Patricia Charles, Louis Aresco, David Visconti, Larry Botting

Absent: None

1. Thomas Serra called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2016 Finance and Government meeting. Councilman Giuliano made the motion to approve and Councilwoman Salafia seconded, unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments on the Agenda –John Milardo, member of Pension Board spoke on behalf of the city retirees who have not received a COLA in the last few years. Hope Kasper stated that since the late 1980's never has the City based their increases on the CPI. Larry Botting and Lou Aresco also retirees expressed their concern regarding a COLA.
3. Conference and Training:  
None
4. The following Departments have submitted items to be discussed:

**Committee** - request from Middletown Garden Club for Common Council to name Farm Hill School traffic circle in honor of Barbara "Bobbi" Eddinger  
Matter referred to City Attorney for guidance, keep on agenda.

**Committee** – Pension Ordinance, preliminary discussion regarding annual increases (COLA) for City retirees  
Councilman Serra asked to have multiple charts supplied to the committee 1-3, 2-5 and 3-6 for discussion, keep on agenda.

**Central Communications** – Appropriation Request totaling \$65,000 to correct OT & Holiday Pay shortfalls; MOU between Valley Shore Emergency Communications Inc. and City of Middletown regarding Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction.

Councilman Daley motioned to approve both the Appropriation Request and MOU; seconded by Councilman Giuliano, unanimously approved.

-Approved to send to Council Floor-

**Health** – Appropriation Request totaling \$1400 to cover OT through end of FY; Grant Confirmation totaling \$750 in local donations for Kids Health and Safety Day

Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve the \$1400 to cover the OT costs through the end of the fiscal year; seconded by Councilwoman Salafia and unanimously approved. The Grant Confirmation totaling \$750 was motioned for approval by Councilwoman Bartolotta; seconded by Councilwoman Salafia and unanimously approved.

-Both requests were approved to send to the Council Floor –

**Fire** – Appropriation Request totaling \$250,000 from Fire Fund Balance to correct OT, Fill-ins and Medicare shortfalls; Appropriation Request totaling \$8000 to correct Alarms OT shortfall

Fire Chief Kronenberger explained the shortfall was due to several retirements within the department; payouts totaling roughly \$316,000. He also announced that seven new firefighters finished the academy and will start this week. He hopes that with the new hires the OT should be all set for next year. Councilwoman Bartolotta motioned to approve the \$250,000 Appropriation Request, Councilman Giuliano seconded; unanimously approved. Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve the \$8000 Appropriation Request to correct the Alarms OT shortfall. Councilwoman Bartolotta seconded, unanimously approved.

-Both requests were approved to send to the Council Floor-

**PCD** – Appropriation Request totaling \$4287.80 to match additional Federal Grant for Wesleyan Hills Multi-Use Trail; Grant Confirmation totaling \$16,488.80 in Federal funds for the Wesleyan Hills to Downtown Multi-Use Trail Grant

Councilman Daley motioned to approve both requests regarding the Wesleyan Hills to Downtown Multi-Use Trail Grant, Councilman Giuliano seconded, unanimously approved.

-Both requests were approved to send to the Council Floor-

**Public Works** – Resolution requesting approval of Bulky Waste Budget, totaling \$515,000, for FY 16-17

Councilwoman Bartolotta motioned to approve the Bulky Waste Budget of \$515,000, Councilman Giuliano seconded; unanimously approved.

-Approved to send to the Council Floor-

**BOE** – request to establish Unexpected Education Funds account in accordance with CGS 10-248a; discussion of WWMS Building Project

Councilman Daley stated that the unexpected educational funds in accordance with CGS10-248a from FY 15/16 can be carried over. Councilwoman Salafia motioned to approve and Councilman Giuliano seconded, unanimously approved. Carl Erlacher informed Dr. Charles that the Resolution needs to be written and given to the Council Clerk for the following nights' meeting.

-Approved to send to the Council Floor-

Vincent Loffredo began discussion on the WWMS building project by stating that the BOE is clearly committed to having a 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade complex on the Hunting Hill Avenue site and the vacating of Keigwin School. Discussion only

**5. Regular Reports – Information Only**

- Transfer of Funds/BOE Transfers
- General Fund Appropriations
- City's Investments
- Tax Collection Recap Report
- Monthly Expenditure Summary Report
- Professional Services Report
- Department Over-Time Reports

**6. Other –**

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 29 at 7pm in Room 208

Respectfully  
Submitted by,

Tracy Vess on behalf of Carl R. Erlacher