



## City of Middletown

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### Minutes

Special Meeting of March 24, 2015  
Insurance and Claims Committee

**Present:** Chairman Grady Faulkner, Council Member Hope Kasper and Council Member Sebastian Giuliano.

**Also Present:** Brig Smith, General Counsel; Matthew Bacon, Claims Administrator; James Williams and Courtney Stabnick, outside counsel; Robert Cabana and Theresa DeMattie from Segal Consulting

#### A. Call to Order

Council Member Kasper called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

#### B. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the January 6, 2015 meeting minutes, moved by Council Member Giuliano. Council Member Kasper seconded approval of minutes, and carried unanimously.

#### C. Public Session

No members of the public were present for the Public Session.

#### D. Report on Claims Settled Within General Counsel's Settlement Authority or City's insurance carrier, CIRMA

Claims Administrator Matthew Bacon provided the Committee with a synopsis of the following claims settled within the authority of General Counsel or the City's insurance carrier, CIRMA. Outside counsel James Williams also provided details and answered questions on the settlement of Dutcher vs. City of Middletown and Carrion vs. City of Middletown.

1. Watson, Thomas vs. City of Middletown
2. Wilson, Ralph vs. City of Middletown
3. Talley, Valerie vs. City of Middletown
4. Schinas, Michael vs. City of Middletown
5. Konerding, Ilana vs. City of Middletown
6. City of Middletown – Public Works
7. Van Green vs. Middletown Police Department
8. Jeffrey Olgin vs. City of Middletown
9. August DeFrance vs. City of Middletown
10. Effron Carrion vs. City of Middletown
11. James Overton vs. City of Middletown
12. Susan Dutcher vs. City of Middletown
13. William Flood vs. City of Middletown
14. City of Middletown vs. Marie Nadeau
15. City of Middletown vs. Unknown Driver
16. City of Middletown vs. Sally Warzecha
17. City of Middletown vs. Deborah Breault

**E. Executive Session**

Motion to go into executive session by Council Member Giuliano, seconded by Council Member Kasper, and carried unanimously.

Attorney Stabnick presented discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to Wilson vs. Connecticut Light and Power, pursuant to sections 1-200 (6) (B) and 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Matthew Bacon, Claims Administrator presented discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to Schilinga vs. Connecticut Light and Power, pursuant to sections 1-200 (6) (B) and 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Brig Smith, General Counsel, presented discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to Advanced Computer Technologies vs. City of Middletown, pursuant to sections 1-200 (6) (B) and 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Motion to rise from Executive Session by Chairman Faulkner, seconded by Council Member Giuliano, and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve settlement of *Wilson* claim as discussed in executive session by Council Member Giuliano, seconded by Council Member Kasper, and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve settlement of *Schilinga* claim as discussed in executive session by Council Member Kasper, seconded by Council Member Giuliano, and carried unanimously.

Motion to approve settlement of *Advanced Computer Technologies* claim as discussed in executive session by Council Member Kasper, seconded by Council Member Giuliano, and carried unanimously.

**F. Risk Management Report**

Brig Smith, General Counsel presented updates on training workshops conducted by risk management. Recent trainings included E-Discovery, Freedom of Information and workplace violence prevention. Attorney Smith advised that the monthly accounting report will be presented at the next meeting.

Robert Cabana and Theresa DeMattie from Segal Consulting discussed FY 2015 – 2016 health insurance budget projections. Council Member Kasper asked for clarification on the percentage increase with the BOE budget. Consultants also confirmed that the BOE dental coverage is covered by the City's general fund. Also discussed was beginning the process to go out to bid for administration of the health insurance. Consultants confirmed that should the City wish to go out to bid for July 2016 then they would begin working on the proposals in the Fall of 2015. The OGC will be following up to put together an RFP. The consultants will also look into the utilization of the mail order pharmacy benefit and compare the usage to retail pharmacy benefits.

**G. Other Business**

Matthew Bacon, Claims Administrator presented claim for damage to Moody School. Motion to approve payment made by Council Member Giuliano, seconded by Council Member Kasper.

Council discussed reviewing the costs associated with different deductible amounts on the workers compensation coverage. Council Member Kasper raised the issue of working with the safety committee to complete inspections of city buildings. Also discussed was the possibility to conduct an online survey regarding the usage of prescription drug coverage. (retail vs. mail order). General Counsel Smith to follow up with Risk Manager Conaway-Raczka on coverage options for workers compensation and to provide committee with statutes setting forth coverage thresholds.

**H. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 9:24 p.m. on motion of Council Member Kasper, seconded by Council Member Giuliano.

  
Grady Faulkner, Chair

cc: Hon. Daniel T. Drew, Mayor  
Joe Samolis, Chief of Staff  
Council Member Hope Kasper  
Council Member Sebastian Giuliano  
OGC Personnel

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