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Ald. Gerald Kleiner
Ald. Andrew Green
Ald. Paul Johnson
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1 1. Pledge of Allegiance

2 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Roll.

3 2. Roll Call

4 Roll Call: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner,
5 Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi, President Rodrigues.

6 3. Approval of Minutes

7 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Approval of minutes.

8 **COUNCIL CLERK:** Tonight we have the minutes
9 from Common Council meeting July 20th, 2021.

10 **ALD. MASI:** So moved.

11 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Motion by Alderman Masi,
12 seconded by Alderman Johnson. All in favor.

13 **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye.

14 4. Correspondence, Communications and Reports

15 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Correspondence.

16 **COUNCIL CLERK:** Nothing this evening.

17 5. For The Good of the City

18 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** For the Good of the City,
19 the Mayor would like to come up.

20 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** All right. Good

21 evening. We're a little bit out of order tonight.

22 Tonight we have the honor of swearing in two of our new

23 professional firefighters from the IAFF 1027, Trevor

24 Barber and John Jonas. They've not only completed their

25 academy, but they've completed their training here in the

1 City and they're ready to be officially sworn in. So I
2 would ask both to come up along with the Chief and their
3 families if they'd like and (inaudible) and we'll swear
4 them in officially.

5 Raise your right hands. When I say I, say your
6 name. I --

7 **JOHN JONAS, FIREFIGHTER:** John Jonas.

8 **TREVOR BARBER, FIREFIGHTER:** Trevor Barber --

9 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** -- do solemnly swear
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11 **JOHN JONAS, FIREFIGHTER:** -- do solemnly swear

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13 **TREVOR BARBER, FIREFIGHTER:** -- do solemnly
14 swear --

15 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** -- that I will
16 support the Constitution of the United States.

17 **JOHN JONAS, FIREFIGHTER:** -- that I will
18 support the Constitution of the United States --

19 **TREVOR BARBER, FIREFIGHTER:** -- that I will
20 support the Constitution of the United States --

21 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** -- and the
22 Constitution of the State of New York.

23 **JOHN JONAS, FIREFIGHTER:** -- and the
24 Constitution of the State of New York.

25 **TREVOR BARBER, FIREFIGHTER:** -- and the

1 Constitution of the State of New York.

2 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** And that I will
3 faithfully discharge the duties --

4 **JOHN JONAS, FIREFIGHTER:** And that I will
5 faithfully discharge the duties --

6 **TREVOR BARBER, FIREFIGHTER:** And that I will
7 faithfully discharge the duties --

8 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** -- as to the
9 Middletown Fireman --

10 **JOHN JONAS, FIREFIGHTER:** -- as to the
11 Middletown Fireman --

12 **TREVOR BARBER, FIREFIGHTER:** -- as to the
13 Middletown Fireman --

14 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** -- according to the
15 best of my ability.

16 **JOHN JONAS, FIREFIGHTER:** -- according to the
17 best of my ability.

18 **TREVOR BARBER, FIREFIGHTER:** -- according to
19 the best of my ability.

20 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** Congratulations.

21 Do you want the rest of the report now?

22 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** No. Well, I'm going to
23 do Good for the City first.

24 So, for the Good of the City, anyone would like
25 to address the council please step forward.

1 Eileen, do we have anybody on line?

2 EILEEN: We do not.

3 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. Remarks of Mayor.

4 6. Remarks of the Mayor

5 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** Well, good evening.

6 Welcome once again and congratulations to both

7 Firefighters Jonas and -- and Barber and their families.

8 We wish them a long career here in the City of

9 Middletown.

10 It's also nice to see President Demchak and
11 members of the IAFF tonight. And we look forward to
12 working with them very closely on some issues that are
13 pending in front of all of our city workers.

14 So, going right into the COVID issue. COVID is
15 not over, folks. And as we all know, it's actually
16 coming back. The Orange County positivity rate is up.
17 The Middletown numbers, we're 169 per thousand people
18 here in the City are affected by COVID. We have 97
19 active cases within the City. Countywide we have 873
20 deaths. And there's over 50,000 positive cases here in
21 Orange County. So we are, once again, looking at some
22 mandates coming down from Albany with certain private --
23 not only the private sector, so nursing and healthcare
24 workers. But we're also looking at possibly other
25 mandates coming down from Albany to address the spread.

1 And we will react according to those guidances.

2 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Thank you.

3 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** You're having a
4 little trouble understanding me? We'll have a little --
5 having -- we'll react accordingly when the time comes for
6 -- to address whatever mandates may come.

7 As you know, there's -- we're going through a
8 change in Albany, a change of leadership. Incoming
9 Governor Hochul has expressed her position on mask
10 mandate at schools. I agree with it. I know we get
11 calls from people both ways asking for us to -- asking
12 for me to either -- some people don't understand the
13 school -- the school district is separate from the city.
14 But I will throw my position out publically that I do
15 support a mask mandate for schools. And I go a little
16 bit further as time -- as time -- as things move forward.
17 I'm taking more of a "radical position" regarding safety
18 within public buildings also. So we'll see how that
19 develops, so.

20 The COVID is -- is here. There are many
21 friends that I -- I have I know are not only positive,
22 some are in the hospitals. So, folks, it is real. If
23 you -- if you don't know it's real by now, just look
24 around to some of your friends and family and -- and I'm
25 sure you'll -- you'll see it once again that it's reared

1 its ugly head and to please go out and get a vaccine.
2 They're available for free. Almost -- you can walk into
3 almost any drugstore and get one. But we -- we really
4 need you to be tested.

5 Some of you did call about people going door to
6 door in the City encouraging vaccines. And they're going
7 door to door in Middletown and other parts of the county
8 because we have a lower vaccination rate than other parts
9 of the county. And that's too bad because we also have
10 more exposure than other people in the county because of
11 our -- we're more or less a middle class blue color
12 community. We work in hospitals. We work in healthcare.
13 We work in supermarkets, warehouses. We work amongst
14 people, most of our -- most of our residences. So
15 there's no reason not to have a vaccination.

16 So we're going to push it. We're going to keep
17 pushing it. And we'll do whatever we can legally within
18 the laws that are sent down from Albany to -- to assist
19 people in making those decisions. And, hopefully, it
20 will be a right decision.

21 On the -- on another front, the warming center,
22 we're happy to announce that the move has been made from
23 the temple to the Mulberry House on Mulberry Street. I
24 want to thank the volunteers and City Hall, DPW staff
25 under Mr. Tawil, Mr. Pengel who assisted in the matter.

1 The -- they are fully in. They will be operating here on
2 Mulberry Street come this November.

3 So we also had some inquiries about there was a
4 rumor floating out there that it wasn't happening, but we
5 know how the rumors are, but -- and where they come from.
6 But it did happen. The place is complete on the inside.
7 There's a couple of kitchen things that had to be put
8 together, but nothing major inside. We put out the bid,
9 the exterior work which is not mandatory, but it's more,
10 not only cosmetic, it's so to make the place look nicer,
11 but also to be safer with replacing the landscaping, the
12 wall and the sidewalk and maybe some parking lot
13 improvements. So it is open city public parking there,
14 so we're going to do our best to do the -- to make the
15 repairs there also. But they'll all be done before the
16 warming center opens.

17 On a real positive front, we -- I'm sure many
18 noticed that we did an extensive job at paving this year
19 under Commissioner Tawil. We did over \$3 million of
20 paving in the City. A good portion of the City, you
21 know, we have 70 plus miles of lane roads in the City.
22 And paving is not cheap. But we did do probably two and
23 a half to three times as much as we usually do. And we
24 use some of our federal -- ARPA funding and CHIPS funding
25 over the last two years. So we did a great job. The

1 crews were out there doing that 95 degree days paving and
2 it really was a tough road for them, but they -- they
3 made it work. And I know they're going around now
4 patching, doing anyone who has a complaint about the
5 bottom of their driveway. We're -- we're trying to make
6 all those little minor repairs. But for the most part,
7 the jobs came out very nice. And I want to thank DPW for
8 -- for a job well done.

9 In regards to the Census, good news. The --
10 the good news is that we -- we did task the Economic
11 Development Department with working with the Census
12 Bureau on getting people here in the City counted. As
13 you know and we -- every meeting we ended with a slide
14 saying be counted, Census 2021. It's important you
15 count. We get you counted because it's important for our
16 revenue here in the City. And our number two source of
17 revenue behind property taxes is sales tax. And just
18 based on the numbers that have been reported and Kaitlyn
19 was able to pull off of our website. And, by the way,
20 Kaitlyn was given that task by Maria Bruni. So Kaitlyn
21 and Maria worked on the Census outreach and did a
22 fantastic job.

23 The new numbers are pretty -- pretty
24 significant for us. And I was stupid enough not to bring
25 the numbers up. But I can tell you that the article here

1 in the *Patch* which is a paper from Westchester County
2 it's called the Peekskill-Cortlandt New York area. They
3 identified the 10 fastest growing cities in New York
4 State.

5 As you know, there are 62 New York cities.
6 Many of them had a decline in population. Well, number 4
7 in percentage in growing population in New York State is
8 the City of Middletown. And that's due to the hard work
9 of Kaitlyn, Maria, and others and some of the volunteers
10 and the Census Bureau who were out going door to door
11 trying to get people to sign up and be counted.

12 So we are now over 30,000 people. And Newburg
13 either stayed about the same, Port Jervis stayed about
14 the same. But we are now about 44.6 percent of the
15 population of Orange County of the three cities. In past
16 -- in a past sales tax apportionment, we are around 40 --
17 44 percent. So we'll be going up 2 percent in the
18 apportionment numbers. And Newburg and Port Jervis will
19 be dropping slightly. So we -- well, actually, in the
20 sales tax apportionment that will be coming -- coming
21 forth in the next year or so, we will pick up significant
22 amounts of money for that -- in that apportionment money.
23 So, good job to them. And it was a lot of work, but they
24 -- they made it work.

25 And I think that's all I have other than Gerry

1 is going to ask about the Heritage Trail. And the
2 meetings are continually cancelled. Jacob is in contact
3 with Alan Sorenson. I think they're just waiting for the
4 approval on the correct way to cross East Main Street.
5 That's the last input that I had. The best way to cross
6 East Main Street, not the -- not the shortest route.
7 There's some people who want to go straight across and
8 others want to go up to the corner and through the
9 parking lot. So, we're waiting for them to make that
10 determination. We are still hopeful that that portion of
11 the project will be bid out sometime this year for a
12 spring construction.

13 And that's all I have. Any questions?

14 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for the
15 Mayor? Alderman Johnson.

16 **ALD. JOHNSON:** I'm glad to know that you can
17 protect the future, Mayor. That's really reassuring with
18 Alderman Kleiner. You know --

19 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** Well, I've been down
20 that road before, I think.

21 **ALD. JOHNSON:** I -- I -- well, still -- you
22 still predicted the future.

23 Alderman Ramkisson and I did do a survey of
24 our Ward. And we want to thank you that most, if not
25 all, of our targeted streets were paid. And the Third

1 Ward appreciates that.

2 A quick question on the warming center. Will
3 the capacity still be maximum of 30?

4 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** Yes.

5 **ALD. JOHNSON:** Thank you.

6 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** It's -- it's by
7 contract.

8 One other thing before I go to another question
9 is on -- Maria is going to address the Run for Downtown
10 on Saturday. But there's also another event taking place
11 in Davidge Park after the Run from Downtown. It's from 1
12 to 5 p.m. It's from the group It Takes a Village. It's
13 co-sponsored by the City, the City of Middletown Police
14 Department, the Sheriff's Department. And it's a
15 community -- community event at Davidge. They're going
16 to have a softball game, space dominos, Zumba, some food,
17 face painting, bounce houses, flag football drills,
18 sidewalk math, school supply giveaway and more.

19 It's organized by the same committee that
20 organized Juneteeth. And it's under this umbrella It
21 Takes a Village. So you're welcome -- all are welcome to
22 attend. The rain date is August 28th, but, hopefully,
23 they'll be able to pull it off this Saturday. So it will
24 be at Davidge. They will -- they will be doing COVID --
25 practicing the CDC COVID protections that are

1 recommended. And anyone who would like to attend it's
2 free of charge.

3 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Kleiner.

4 **ALD. KLEINER:** Thank you. And from our
5 constituents meeting, I would have asked Jacob this
6 question except Jacob is not here. So just somebody
7 asked how the new garbage trucks were doing.

8 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** Garbage trucks are
9 doing well. The staff is getting accustomed to them.
10 They'll get quicker and quicker as they -- they move
11 along.

12 There is, you know, one -- one problem we're
13 having is people who have multiple cans or more than one
14 can. Most people have just two. If they have -- if they
15 do have multiple cans they're putting them side by side,
16 so it's hard for the grabber to get in or they're putting
17 them too close to the mailbox. But all those things will
18 be worked out.

19 And, you know, obviously, the tighter streets
20 are the ones that are going to create a bigger problem.
21 So it's -- it's not only getting are the public used to
22 them, but it's also getting the -- the drivers accustomed
23 to doing it. So, it's -- the program is going well.
24 It's positive feedback from the DPW crews. They don't
25 have to get out and break their back lifting those large

1 cans. And but we -- we noticed the streets where there's
2 full compliance they're much cleaner. People -- we get
3 many compliments on how it even looks like the next
4 morning, not garbage cans thrown all over the place. The
5 garbage can placed nicely onto the lawn area or on the --
6 on the sidewalk area.

7 But we do still ask people to comply with the
8 guidelines. We have brochures available at City Hall.
9 We will be mailing out in our water bills those
10 brochures. But anyone who wants a copy, we can email it
11 to you, we can get it online. And it has the
12 instructions as it relates to -- relates to the pickup.

13 So, the -- overall, it's going to be an
14 excellent program for us.

15 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Thank you.

16 Anyone else? Thank you, Mayor.

17 **JOSEPH DESTEFANO, MAYOR:** Thank you.

18 7. Remarks of the Public Heads

19 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. Remarks of all the
20 Department heads, Economic Development.

21 **MARIA BRUNI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Good
22 evening, everyone. Tonight I just want to report on the
23 Run for Downtown is this weekend. It's a little bit
24 modified, but it's -- it's happening. We're starting
25 Thursday night with some music in the Run for Downtown

1 park. The group is Side By Side. And then Friday night
2 they're going to have in-person registration at the park.
3 And then also we have our music in Festival Square
4 featuring the Gentlemen of Soul, R & B and soul music.
5 And then the Run for Downtown Saturday morning.
6 Everything starts at 8 a.m.

7 And, you know, I'd like to thank Marshall &
8 Sterling Insurance. They came on board again this year
9 as they have been, I think, for the past four years as
10 the presenting sponsor for \$5,000. And, of course, the
11 City and the business improvement district is the host of
12 this event.

13 And that's about it. If anybody has any
14 questions.

15 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for Maria?

16 Thank you, Maria.

17 **MARIA BRUNI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Thank you.

18 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Fire Chief.

19 **NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF:** Good evening,
20 everyone. To date we're at 521 runs in the city. We are
21 also participating in the Run for Downtown. We actually
22 -- the firemen came up with a little group that's going
23 to be probably walking it, but we're going to make it.

24 We still have -- we're still schedule for our
25 parade on October 2nd. Everybody should have gotten an

1 invite through your email. The lineup is at 2, step off
2 is at 3. And after the parade we'll have our festivities
3 up at Davidge Park, trophies and everything else.

4 So that's all I have. Any other questions?
5 Oh, I'm sorry, this Saturday, we also have our Tri-
6 Department Wet Down which will be held at American Legion
7 on Webb Road.

8 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Now, what companies?

9 **NICK BARBER, FIRE CHIEF:** That would be the
10 Eagles, the Monhagens, and McQuoids. Come on out, grab a
11 bite to eat, get sprayed, have some fun.

12 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any question for the fire
13 chief? Thank you, Chief.

14 City Treasurer.

15 **KELLY ANN KELLY, CITY TREASURER:** Good
16 evening. I just want to let everybody know Lenora Liz is
17 the new Deputy Treasurer. And she is starting on Monday.
18 So if anyone is around next week and wants to pop in and
19 say hello to her, she will be brand new and probably want
20 to see some new faces.

21 And there's a resolution tonight for the Mayor
22 to sign, the Capital Market Advisors renewal agreement.
23 And Don just wanted me to say that he really has worked
24 with them for years and they've done a lot of good things
25 for us and that he would recommend them.

1 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. Any questions?

2 Thank you.

3 Police Chief.

4 **JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF:** Good evening. I
5 have nothing this evening unless you have any questions
6 for me.

7 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for the
8 Chief? Thank you, Chief.

9 **JOHN EWANCIW, POLICE CHIEF:** Thank you.
10 City Clerk.

11 **JOHN NAUMCHIK, CITY CLERK:** I have nothing this
12 evening.

13 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Any questions for John?
14 All right.

15 8. Public Hearings and Grievances.

16 (Nothing this evening.)

17 9. Petitions and Complaints

18 (Nothing this evening.)

19 10. Remarks of the Alderman.

20 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Okay. Remarks of
21 Alderman. Alderman Masi.

22 **ALD. MASI:** Yeah, good evening. I want to
23 congratulate the two new firefighters and their families.
24 I hope you have a nice long career. And thank you for
25 choosing Middletown.

1 And the second group of thanks I'd like to send
2 out to Kaitlyn McNamara and Maria Bruni for the work that
3 you did on the Census. That really helps us here in
4 Middletown. So thank you very much. That's it.

5 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Tobin.

6 **ALD. TOBIN:** Yeah, same thing. I'd like to
7 congratulate the firefighters, Jonas and Barber. And
8 great job on the Census.

9 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Green.

10 **ALD. GREEN:** Thank you very much. Yeah, I'll
11 let go the same sentiments. Congratulations to -- to
12 John and Trevor and also to Maria and Kaitlyn on your
13 team. That was a phenomenal job. We all know how tough
14 the Census could be to get done.

15 And I just hope everyone enjoys the Saturday
16 that we have in the city that's packed with three big
17 events. So that's an exciting thing. Things are, you
18 know, slowly but surely getting around. As long as we
19 all get to -- get to the right place and get vaccinated
20 and, you know, mask up when needed and all that. We've
21 lived with for, for the past year. You know, we'll just
22 do it and get to the right spot with that.

23 And I think that's all I have. Thank you.

24 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Johnson.

25 **ALD. JOHNSON:** I agree with my colleagues. I

1 have nothing else this evening. Thank you.

2 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Ramkisson.

3 **ALD. RAMKISSOON:** I would just like to welcome
4 our new firefighters. Awesome work on the Census.

5 I just want to remind everyone in the Third
6 Ward that we do have a Ward meeting next Tuesday. It
7 will be in Maple Hill Park. We always have treats. It's
8 at 6:30 weather permitting which has been good to us so
9 far, so hopefully that stays that way. Have a good
10 night.

11 **PRESIDENT RODRIGUES:** Alderman Kleiner.

12 **ALD. KLEINER:** Thank you. Speaking of Ward
13 meetings, we had our Second Ward meeting yesterday. We
14 will try and get questions answered going forward and
15 thank the people who turned out and especially thank
16 Chief Ewanciw who came to our meeting and we had a very
17 interesting discussions.

18 I also want to thank the Mayor who has kindly
19 agreed to come to our next Second Ward meeting. That
20 will be at the regular time, September 13th. It will be
21 the second Monday. So we hope people will turn out for
22 that.

23 And other -- other than that, I'll see people
24 at the -- either at the concerts or the Run for Downtown.
25 Thank you.

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PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Burr.

ALD. BURR: I also agree with my colleagues on the Census and the fire -- new firefighters.

Plus, when you're talking 2 percent on the Census of our second biggest revenue in the City in sales tax, 2 percent is big money. Thank you.

11. Unfinished Business.

(Nothing this evening.)

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: That's it. New business.

CERTIFICATE

I, LISA KANE, certify the foregoing transcript of proceedings prior to New Business of the August 17, 2021 Middletown City Council meeting was prepared using the required electronic equipment and is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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12. New Business.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

 Sec'd by Ald. Ramkissoon

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

 Index No: 166-21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

WHEREAS; Recreation & Parks Department was given a donation in the amount of \$1,100.00 for the purchase of benches and,

WHEREAS; The Middletown Recreation & Parks Department is requesting that, the Common Council accept this donation and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the donation into account A.7110.478 Park Improvements.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

 Sec'd by Ald. Masi

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

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| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Middletown, NY, does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit an application to the County of Orange for "Safe Summer Youth Engagement" funding, and, following approval, to sign any and all necessary contracts on behalf of the City of Middletown.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

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| By Ald. Masi | Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner | Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Date of Adoption 08-17-21 | Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| | Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| | Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Index No: 168-21 | Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| | Ald. Green | X | | | |
| | Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| | Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| | TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$20,000.00 within the 2021 operating budget of the Middletown Recreation & Parks Department to cover insufficient funds to account #A.8060.470 due to continued improvements and repairs to Recreation Campus, to fix lighting in the gymnasium and add LED lighting in the following manner:

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| <u>FROM</u> A.7321.100 Special Programs: Personal Services | <u>AMOUNT</u> \$20,000.00 | <u>TO</u> A.8060.470 Parks & Rec. Facility: Repairs to building |
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**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

 Sec'd by Ald. Masi

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

 Index No: 169-
 21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the mayor to sign the attached proposal from CPL for engineering services for a structural assessment of the Paramount Theater for a Lump Sum fee of \$6,500.00 plus testing costs.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to fund the proposal from the Paramount's capital project account.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

Sec'd by Ald. Burr

Date of Adoption 08-17-21

Index No: 170-21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached contract to accept an award in the amount of \$14,476 given to us by the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the use in the “Police Traffic Services” program effective October 1, 2021 and that that the funding be deposited into our existing Traffic Services budget line A.3124.103.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Ramkissoon

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 08-17-21

Index No: 171-
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| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached renewal agreement of the financial advisory services with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC which the terms and conditions are the same as previous years.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Tobin

 Sec'd by Ald. Green

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

 Index No: 172-21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown approves to amend the City Code Chapter 460, Vehicle and Traffic, Section 460-11 Through streets; stop streets; yield intersections to add the following:

B. Stop Streets

Houston Avenue Extension: Beth Place will be a stop street at Houston Avenue Extension

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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

 Sec'd by Ald. Green

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

 Index No: 173-21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoo | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached contract of sale of 2.5 acres of vacant land from the Missionary Society of our Lady of Mt. Carmel of the State of New York, costing \$70,000 for the purpose of erecting a water tank. This is budgeted in capital account H.0957.966.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Johnson

 Sec'd by Ald. Ramkissoon

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

 Index No: 174-21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby approves the closing of Wilcox Avenue at West Main Street and Hanford Street for a Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 2:00PM to 10:00PM.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Masi

 Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

 Index No: 175-
 21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to close all necessary streets for the Fire Department Parade on Saturday, October 2, 2021, line up at 2:00PM on Highland Avenue, and step off at 3:00PM, finishing at Thrall Park.

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
RECORD OF VOTE**

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Ramkissoon

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 08-17-21

Index No: 176-21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the purchase of property at 37 Kohler Road, Mount Hope, Section 16, Block 1, Lot 37.2 with the Estate of William and Frances Johanns, for the purchase price of \$117,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract of sale and to sign all documents related to the acquisition of the property.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to fund the purchase through the approved Capital Project #H.0957.966 (Water Shed Expansion).

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK
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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Green

 Sec'd by Ald. Johnson

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

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| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown concurs with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$234,000.00 within the Police Department 2021 budget to cover the cost of overtime incurred by staffing the vaccination clinic located at the Orange County Community College from March 18, 2021 through July 26, 2021 in the following manner:

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| From | Amount | To |
| A.3120.100 | \$234,000.00 | A.3120.103 |
| Personnel Services | | Overtime |

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THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Kleiner

 Sec'd by Ald. Burr

 Date of Adoption 08-17-21

 Index No: 178-
 21

| NAMES | AYES | NOES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| Ald. Ramkissoon | X | | | |
| Ald. Tobin | X | | | |
| Ald. Kleiner | X | | | |
| Ald. Johnson | X | | | |
| Ald. Jean-Francois | | | | X |
| Ald. Burr | X | | | |
| Ald. Green | X | | | |
| Ald. Masi | X | | | |
| Pres. Rodrigues | X | | | |
| TOTAL | 8 | | | 1 |

RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby authorizes the extension of the closing of Union Street for the Farmers Market, every Saturday from 7 AM to 2 PM from August 14, 2021 to October 23, 2021.

14. Audit

On motion of Ald. Masi seconded by Ald. Johnson

I move that the accounts be audited the claims be adjusted and the Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for their payment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Burr, Green, Masi,
President Rodrigues

15. Adjournment

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 08:29 PM

