



**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL**

**COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

6:00 P.M.

3rd REVISED AGENDA

1. Call to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Clerk of the Common Council reads the *Call of the Meeting* and Chair declares the call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting

2. Public Hearing on Agenda Items – Opens

3. Public Hearing on Agenda Items – Closes

4. Chair requests Clerk of the Common Council to read appropriation request and Certificate of Director of Finance.

A. Common Council \$260,000 -- Acct. No.1000-12000-533650170; appropriation for a grant to 206 Inc. and Harry Ruffin Jr. American Legion Post 206 toward to cost of establishing a veterans' conference facility for programming, small business incubator, and community center, subject to these grantees meeting all conditions and requirements requested by State funding source.

5. New Business: Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.

A. Approving that, given the need for expanded support services for veterans and their families in a centralized, accessible location, and given the commitment and experience of both 206, Inc. and Harry Ruffin Jr., American Legion Post, 206 working with veterans and their families as well as their commitment to work in tandem to develop and operate this unique veterans facility, if the State bond funding requested by 206, Inc. and Harry Ruffin Jr., American Legion Post, 206 is awarded and funds are received for the purpose of veterans programming, a small business a small business incubator space and a Veteran's Community Center in the City of Middletown, then the City of Middletown commits funding of up to ten percent (10%) of the estimated total cost of \$2,600,000, to a maximum City contribution of \$260,000, towards the cost of establishing this proposed veterans' conference facility as fully described in this resolution; and that City funding will occur so long as all conditions and requirements requested by the State funding source are met by 206, Inc. and Harry Ruffin Jr., American Legion Post 206.

- B. Approving that, though some members remain opposed to tolls under any circumstances and others are supportive of tolling systems as part of a long term plan to fund transportation infrastructure, this body opposes the Governor's current proposal for the following reasons:
- the Governor's office plan implements tolling systems that effectively create a regressive tax for residents and businesses of Connecticut and may increase traffic congestion on local roads by those seeking to avoid tolls;
 - the Governor's office has not presented a substantive plan to implement needed transportation infrastructure improvements in a timely manner in that the proposed tolling systems would not generate revenue for at least four (4) years; and
 - the tolling systems are proposed in conjunction with numerous measures that would increase taxes on working people while other proposed measures would reduce taxes on Connecticut's wealthiest individuals; and,
 - the Governor's proposals would implement tolling systems and other regressive measures that would increase financial burdens on working people and small businesses while simultaneously proposing measures that would reduce taxes for Connecticut's wealthiest individuals without addressing the immediate needs for transportation infrastructure improvements.
6. **Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation**
- A. Approving that the Common Councilmembers convene in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and to consider communications privileged by the attorney-client relationship in the case of *Michele DiMauro v. City of Middletown* (Case No. 3:13-CV-00170-JAM).
- B. Attendees: Common Councilmembers, CIRMA Attorney Michael Rose, and Attorney Michael Harrington to attend for the purpose of discussing this pending litigation and such privileged communications.
7. **Return to Public Session**
8. **Adjournment**

HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER