

Finance and Government Operations Commission Meeting Minutes
Middletown, Connecticut
June 26, 2019 @ 5:30 pm
Municipal Building Room 208

Present: Councilman Sebastian Giuliano, Councilwoman Linda Salafia, Councilman Gerald Daley, Councilman Willie Cotten, Carl Erlacher, William Russo, Cathy Lechowicz, Kevin Elak, Deputy City Attorney Kori Wisneski, Christine Bourne, Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger, Deputy Fire Chief Al Leary, Joseph Fazzino, Justin Richardson, William Unikewicz, David Ribnick, Brandie Doyle

Absent: N/A

1. Councilman Daley called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve the May 29, 2019 Finance and Government meeting minutes. Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve, Councilman Cotten second; unanimously approved.
2. Public Comments on the Agenda – Christine Bourne, 466 Union President discussed the 466 Labor Management process. She explained the retro pay originally was to go into effect July 1, 2018, but they have agreed to January 1, 2019; a savings to the City of 50 percent.
3. Items submitted for discussion:

Recreation & Community Services – Resolution requesting approval to offer Active Military and Veterans use of synthetic skating rink, Veteran’s Pool, and attend specified programs free of charge

Reports

Cathy Lechowicz explained this is a new policy for Middletown veterans. Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve, Councilman Cotten second; unanimously approved.

Health – Grant Confirmation totaling \$14,700 in State funds for CRCOG grant for Medical Reserve Corps operations, advertising, medical materials, and materials

Councilman Cotten motioned to approve, Councilman Giuliano second; unanimously approved.

OGC -1) Executive Summary of Local 1073 (Fire) Tentative Agreement; 2) IAFF Local 1073 Tentative Agreement

Attorney Wisneski briefly explained the Tentative Fire Agreement. Councilman Giuliano asked to have the salaries included with the agreement before the Monday Council meeting; he doesn’t want to set precedence for approving a contract without all documents attached. Councilman Cotten motioned to approve, Councilman Giuliano second; unanimously approved.

Public Works – 1) Resolution requesting authorization for Mayor Drew to sign and submit application for State of Connecticut LOCIP Grant totaling \$38,900 for OEM Mile Lane Boiler & Ductless Split Replacements and Creation of new line entitled OEM Mile Lane Boiler-Ductless Split Replacement 2) Resolution requesting approval of proposed Bulky Waste Budget for FY 19/20

The Resolution requesting authorization for Mayor Drew to sign and submit application for State of Connecticut LOCIP Grant totaling \$438,900 for OEM Mile Lane Boiler & Ductless Split Replacements and Creation of new line entitled OEM Mile Lane Boiler-Ductless Split Replacement should be listed under Emergency Management. Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve both and Councilwoman Salafia second; unanimously approved.

Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve the Bulky Waste Budget for FY 19/20 Resolution, Councilman Cotten second; unanimously approved.

Human Resources – Executive Summary of 2018 AFSCME Local 466 Labor Management Process

Councilman Giuliano motioned to move them together as a block with the understanding that the council needs to vote on them individually, Councilwoman Salafia second; unanimously approved.

Water & Sewer – 1) Resolution requesting approval for Water Fund loan totaling \$500,000 to the Sewer Fund; 2) Appropriation Request totaling \$250,000 from Water CNR Fund to repair roof at JS Roth Water Treatment Plant

Councilwoman Salafia motioned to approve the Resolution requesting the Water Fund loan totaling \$500,000 to the Sewer Fund, Councilman Giuliano second; unanimously approved.

Joe Fazzino spoke to the second request. There was a typo, it should read, “request funds be transferred from the Water fund balance not Water CNR fund” to create a new line for the roof repair at JS Roth Treatment Plant. Joe will check the

account number and will ask Linda Reed how it was advertised. Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve, Councilman Cotten second; unanimously approved.

Fire – Appropriation Request totaling \$60,000 to cover Salary, Overtime and Fill-in lines through end of FY
Councilman Giuliano motioned to approve, Councilwoman Salafia second; unanimously approved.

Library – Appropriation request totaling \$15,909 for emergency funding to repair HVAC system
Brandie Doyle explained the appropriation request for \$15,909 to cover the emergency HVAC repair at the Russell Library. She was advised to use her operating budget now and come back before November and request an appropriation to replenish the operating funds. Brand decided to do a requisition first thing tomorrow morning, so a purchase order can be done. Councilman Daley made a recommendation to vote no without prejudice with an understanding that a purchase order will be in place. Councilman Giuliano second.

Tax Collector – Appropriation request totaling \$8500 to cover refunds through end of FY
Councilwoman Salafia motioned to approve, Councilman Giuliano second; unanimously approved.

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

4. Other

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 5:30 pm in Room 208

Respectfully
Submitted by,

Tracy Vess on behalf of Carl R. Erlacher