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PRESENT:

Miguel Rodrigues, President
Ald. Tom Burr
Ald. Gerald Kleiner
Ald. Andrew Green
Ald. Paul Johnson
Ald. Kate Ramkissoo
Ald. Sparrow Tobin
Ald. Jude Jean-Francois

ABSENT:

Ald. Joseph Masi

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard McCormack, Clerk

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Please stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

2. Roll Call

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Roll.

MR. MCCORMACK: Ramkissoon.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Present.

MR. MCCORMACK: Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Burr.

ALD. BURR: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Green.

ALD. GREEN: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: Masi.

(No Response.)

MR. MCCORMACK: President Rodrigues.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Here.

MR. MCCORMACK: A quorum is present.

3. Approval of Minutes

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Approval of minutes.

MR. MCCORMACK: We have the Common Council meeting minutes of November 16th, 2021.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Resolution by Jean-Francois, seconded by Alderman Green.

All in favor?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

4. Correspondence, Communications and Reports

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Correspondence.

MR. MCCORMACK: None this evening.

5. For the Good of the City.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: For the Good of the City, anyone who would like to address the Council, please step forward.

MS. LOCKETT: Good evening, everyone. Happy Holidays. I'm Leilani Lockett. I am a Middletown resident and I also work for POW'R Against Tobacco.

Unfortunately, I was quarantined with my kids on the last meeting. I would rather have been here. Trust me, school work at home is not fun.

But I just wanted to thank the Council for their consideration of adding vaping and cannabis to your smoke-free policy for the City of Middletown. We know that young people are affected by especially vaping right now. It's running rampant in the high schools and middle schools and we want to make sure that our parks, and our playgrounds, and our recreational spaces are safe for

families to enjoy without inhaling tobacco, or cannabis, or whatever is going around.

So, I'm just here as a free resource through the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Tobacco Control program. We have free signage. I've spoken to Realyynn and we're going to work to get those signs up and out.

And just thank you, again. If you need any assistance or support, we're here. Any businesses that want to go smoke-free, vape-free, we can also assist with that.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: We're going to need a lot of signs -- 57 locations.

MS. LOCKETT: Fifty-seven? Okay, we're on it.

Thank you, everyone. Have a great night and happy holidays.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

Anyone else who would like to address the Council?

At this time, I would like to call Realyynn up and the Parks Committee -- Commissioners.

MS. BERTHOLF: Good evening, everyone. On behalf of the Middletown Recreation Department and the Middletown Recreation Commission, and former superintendent, Christine Brinckerhoff, we'd like to present Mr. Tom Burr with the 2021 Distinguished Service Award.

This is in recognition of outstanding service to the betterment of the quality of life in the City of Middletown.

Thank you, Mr. Burr.

MS. BRINCKERHOFF: And just really quick, I had the privilege of working with Mr. Burr, obviously, almost my whole entire career at Middletown. A sounding board, he kept you level. You could run into his store any day for help. You could call him any day.

He's going to be missed. We know he bleeds blue. What's nice is he's going to be in the same situation. I got to leave and a competent person behind me. And we know you got a real good guy that bleeds blue coming in behind you, too.

So, best of luck to you and thank you for all of your service. I greatly appreciated it.

MS. BERTHOLF: And again, on behalf of the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Department, we do thank you. And all the lifeguards, who ran over and got some sandwiches every summer, they thank you as well.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

6. Reports of Department Heads.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay. Reports of Department Heads. Economic Development.

MS. BRUNI: Good evening, everyone.

Congratulations, Alderman Burr. And thank you for all your help with my department over the years, and all your support. Thank you for everything.

Just a couple items tonight, just to update. Community Development Agency: We closed on the Pine Street property on Friday. So, we have another happy homeowner in our community and she is moving in. And we are working on another home, hopefully, that will be completed in January or February.

And coming to the Paramount tomorrow, the new Matrix movie. So, that's a first-run moving opening tomorrow. So, we're excited about that.

And I just want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And that's all I have.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for Maria?

Thank you, Maria.

MS. BRUNI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: DPW Commissioner.

MR. TAWIL: Good evening, all. Start off with Alderman Burr, I mean Tom. I've said quite a bit of things about you last meeting. So, you know you'll be dearly missed from the City. You've been honorable, and a gentleman, and been there for everyone throughout your career. The many years I have worked with you, you've been always there and ready to help, with open mind and open heart, to do what's best for the City of Middletown. And for that, I'm very grateful. It's been great working with you.

Alderman Masi is not here but he sent me a text. He said, Jacob, please don't forget to update the residents -- he did --

update the residents about the reservoir -- volume of the reservoir and I promised him I will.

So, our reservoir is, right now, about at 96.5 percent full. This year, we had 60 inches of rain, so far. Sixty inches is a tremendous amount of rain, compared to around just under 40 or around 40 that we have in a normal year.

Over the past 20 years, the only year that was higher than this year is back in 2011, when we had Hurricane Irene and Lee. We had 78 inches of rain that year.

Unfortunately, this month, it is relatively dry. Our street department and the snowplowing, they are very happy about this but, our reservoirs are not very happy about this. We need the rain and we need the water.

So, that is why, in spite of the huge amount of rain that we had throughout the year, our reservoirs are relatively, you know I mean it's minor, 96.5 percent capacity and that is because our volume is very -- storage volume is very limited. So, we need a continuous amount of rain. So, if it rains too hard in a short period of time, or throughout the year, and then it stops raining and then we have a dry period, our reservoir, the water level will start depleting. That's the nature of the beast and we are looking for additional water resources but, for now, we have plenty for what we need to meet our demand. So, that's what we are wanting.

Now, with the holidays coming, the mayor has advised from before, and the Council President and the Common Council, that we are

going to have an additional court for Thanksgiving and for the holidays, meaning for garbage pickup, for municipal solid waste or garbage pickup, meaning, the Monday after Christmas, which is going to be the 4th Ward, in the morning, you can have -- you can use the blue -- if you have extra garbage to dispose of, you don't have to only just fill up the green, you can use also the recyclable blue cart to fill your municipal solid waste. And we'll do that for all of the week after Christmas, which is the following, you know next week.

So, we'll start Monday 4th Ward, 3rd -- 4th Ward, 2nd Ward, 3rd Ward, and 1st Ward. And is it fourth?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, I got it. Thank you.

So, that being said, please keep the garbage cans as close as possible to the curb, away from any parked cars. And you know I know the cars have not been parked now because overnight but now, the City is going to relax it. The chief will be addressing that. They're going to relax the parking because the weather is cooperating. So, it's going to be more hardship in our sanitation department but we will handle it. Just try to keep it away from cars or gas meters.

There was an incident. One cart -- garbage -- this morning, as a matter of fact, was very close to a gas meter and the arm went to grab it, to grab the garbage can, and grabbed the gas meter as well. So, it was quite a scene, quite an incident.

Everybody's safe, thank God, and everything worked out well but you know that's goes to show how critical the operation is of these arms and to try to work with us, to put them in a place where you expect the truck to safely pick up that that garbage can and move it.

So, if you have an Excel (phonetic), today we had like two water main breaks and one fire hydrant we had to replace. So, you know the Water Department was really -- I usually don't call on them that much but they are there for us, the Water Department under Brian Smith and Deputy Commissioner. And they are working very hard, especially on a day like this. They fixed two water main breaks and they replaced the fire hydrant. And those are emergencies.

And also, that goes to show the age of our -- the aging system that we have for our infrastructure, water system, sewer system, and the need to continue to invest in it, and to replace it, and to upgrade it.

Talking about capital projects, I'm not going to go too far but, tomorrow, West Main Street, at the end of the day, it will be open for traffic. So, the bridge is completed and that is under New York Rising. We had -- just a reminder, we had three and a half million dollars of grant, basically money -- free money from the State, to do two projects. One of them is West Main, replace the bridge on West Main by the entrance of the City and the other one is Grant Street, to replace an aging culvert that has collapsed on Grant Street. Both of them, the two projects, are very successful. They will be completed this year.

And we had some extra money in there so, we went back and we invested the money in additional curbs and sidewalks on both Grant Street -- that will be done on Grant Street -- that hasn't been done yet -- and on Maple, West Main Street up to Maple Avenue. So, both of them are very successful.

I'm not going to report to you anymore on the capital projects but I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and all the best for next year.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you, Jacob.

Any questions for Jacob?

Jacob, I have two things: The 24th and the 31st recycling schedule. What would it fall under? Are we still picking up on the 24th and the 31st?

MR. TAWIL: The 24th, yeah. The 24th it will be picked up. And 31st --

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Is a Friday, also.

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, Friday. I'm going to look at the schedule. We'll send an Excel out but probably it's going to be pushed over for the following day or for the first.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: The first?

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, let me check on that. I'll send an Excel out.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay. And then streetlights. I've had people call me about streetlights.

MR. TAWIL: Yes.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: We used to -- Orange and Rockland used to own them.

MR. TAWIL: Yeah.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: They can't call Orange and Rockland anymore, correct?

MR. TAWIL: That's exactly right. They have to call DPW, 343-3169, any issues with any streetlights because the City now owns the streetlights. And any issues, you have to call us, please, and just tell us where the streetlights are out. And that will be very helpful because most of our guys, they are working during the day. We really don't know what's going on at night.

You know I know the Police Department they do some referral for us about streetlights that are out but we rely mostly on our residents, who live throughout the City. And if there is any streetlight that is out, just please call us at DPW, 343-3169.

There has been some backordered for some of the arms that were closed -- that were broken, but we are getting more and more supplies now. And we're going to be stocking up, too, as well, so that we can get -- be more responsive in the future.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Kleiner?

ALD. KLEINER: Yes, Commissioner, at our constituents meeting, people asked, generally, how are the new garbage trucks working out? Is everything successful? And are we doing the whole City or are there still parts we're not doing?

MR. TAWIL: Yes, they have been a great success, to be

honest with you.

ALD. KLEINER: Okay.

MR. TAWIL: And whenever there is no parking on the streets, we only allow -- we only get the driver to go by themselves. So, we save on manpower now.

However, when we allow parking in the street in there, then we have to have another loader to go out with them, in order to help push the cans over so the arm can grab them -- put them in the right place. Because before, we were hitting cars, and you know we're not getting to them. The driver has to get out of the truck, go move the cans over so he can grab them because they are sitting right behind the cars, parked cars.

So, the parked cars are a big problem for us and that's why we had to put people on the truck. One person, not two persons. One person to situate them. But now, there's no parking. Now, the drivers are going by themselves.

Now the BID District, it has not been converted yet. Some of them have been converted; others have not. And the mayor, he is working on some kind of schedule in there, an arrangement on the map, where to -- where each building can put their garbage cans or the refuse in the dumpsters. We are constructing new dumpsters. We just added a dumpster location at -- behind the Paramount by Middletown Press, another one across from DeFilippis, and we're adding more centralized locations, so we don't have ten million carts we have to pick up. And there's no place to put them in the street. And then

once you put them in the street, who is going to pick them up? They sit there all day.

So, we're trying to minimize the distribution of carts in the BID area, so that people will use the dumpsters.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you.

MR. TAWIL: You are very welcome.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Jean-Francois?

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes. The only complaint I have for sanitation, the old trucks wake me up in the morning. Now, I'm late for work every morning with the new truck.

MR. TAWIL: Yeah, they're very quiet. That's right. And fast, too. I mean you can watch them. If you want to watch them in there, the truck comes in boom, takes it, then keeps going. It's a very efficient operation and it's really working out very well and knock on wood you know.

There are some mishaps every now and then but we are dealing with them.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: All right, Jacob, thank you.

MR. TAWIL: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Police Chief.

CHIEF EWANCIW: Good evening.

I'd like to congratulate Alderman Burr, as well. Tom, you've been a great asset to us over my whole career. You've always been there for the Police Department. I know you're invested in the City and we'll greatly miss you. And I greatly appreciate everything

you've done for us. So, thank you and congratulations.

As Jacob alluded to, I did have a conversation today with the mayor in regards to suspending overnight parking for the holiday season. So, we've agreed, effective Friday, December 24th through Sunday, January 2nd, that we will not be enforcing overnight parking, unless there is inclement weather.

Just so everybody knows, that if we have any type of precipitation that's going to require DPW coming out, we do have to have the cooperation of getting the vehicles off the street and we will have enforcement efforts in lieu of that as well.

So, again, Friday, December 24th to January 2nd, no enforcement of overnight parking to help with our residents, allow them to have friends and family over for the holiday season.

Other than that, I have nothing, except to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year on behalf of the Middletown Police Department.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the Police Chief?
Thank you, Chief.

Superintendent of Recreations.

MS. BERTHOLF: One last reminder. Our winter break camp program is -- we're still having registration. There is plenty of room. We're going to close it out Thursday at 4:30 so we can get our staff in order for the camp over the Christmas break.

A big thank you to the Middletown Police Department for a very successful Cops and Cookies evening. The kids loved decorating

the cookies and watching a movie.

Thank you to the Middletown Fire Department, Police Department, and the Middletown School District for a very successful holiday parade. We wish the weather was a little better. It was very misty, raining all day, but we were still out there and had a successful parade. The turnout was a little low because of the weather but, again, thank you to those three departments.

And congratulations to the Veltri family, who won the holiday light display. Their house is located on Eisenhower, if anyone would like to drive by. They were our winners. And Rick McCormack and Kelly Ocasio did a wonderful job MCing. And you can check out that video on our YouTube channel.

And that is all.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Okay. Any -- Alderman Tobin?

ALD. TOBIN: I'm not sure if it's Jacob's department or yours. But the Lion's Club, people have noticed the signs have been coming down on the entryways to the City. I was wondering if they were going to replace them or do we need to give you new signs, or are we going to get those signs back? Like you know the Kiwanis, Lions Club?

MR. TAWIL: I think Maria, she's been working with the mayor --

ALD. TOBIN: Oh, okay.

MR. TAWIL: -- about putting all these signs and she has been reaching out to those individual clubs.

Maria, she is --

ALD. TOBIN: They're asking me. So, I just --

MS. BRUNI: We're putting together criteria like on the size of the sign and that. And then, we'll be getting in touch with all the service clubs to put them back on.

So, there's going to be some kind of criteria or I don't know if it's an application or such, but we will be in touch with everybody.

ALD. TOBIN: Like for a new sign? Like a new -- it looked like there were some about -- it could be refreshed, some of the old.

MS. BRUNI: Yeah, where the new Gateways we did on Monhagen and on to North Street by the Globe over there on the corner --

ALD. TOBIN: Okay.

MS. BRUNI: -- I know those areas, they all -- they came down.

So, there's going to be some, like I said, some criteria on the size of the signs. So, we'll be reaching out.

ALD. TOBIN: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: And City Clerk.

MR. MCCORMACK: Thank you.

Just a reminder, the City Council's Reorganization meeting will take place on January 3rd, beginning at 6:30 in Council Chambers. And parking, overnight and vacation parking permits, the application is available on the City's website. So, be sure to check that out.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Any questions for the City Clerk?

Okay, thank you.

7. REMARKS OF ALDERMEN

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Remarks of Aldermen. Alderman Tobin.

ALD. TOBIN: I just want to wish everybody Happy Holidays.

Thank you, Burr, for your service and nunchuck. It's definitely going to be different without you but I know you'll be here in spirit and you can tune in and watch us on TV, if you miss us.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Green.

ALD. GREEN: Thank you very much.

Yeah, Alderman Burr, it's been an honor and a pleasure to serve with you. I've known you certainly long before I got on the Council but, it's been wonderful to have you here. And I wish you all the best going forward.

Of course, a Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year to everyone.

I just wanted to touch, really quickly, on something that has kind of been eating at me for a few days with regards to the pandemic, and mask mandates, and the real question of enforcement and things on that.

You know I go out to the stores, just like everyone else, when I need to. And when the store has a big sign in front that is in red and says, to enter you must wear a mask, I don't expect to go in there and only see 60 percent of the people to be wearing a mask.

It's not a joke. It's not made up.

You know the keyboard epidemiologists, who I see through Facebook, like to say that it's the governor's way of sticking it to them and they're going to stick it back by not wearing a mask. You know I don't think that the governor is losing any sleep at night over John Doe from the City of Middletown not wearing a mask inside ShopRite.

But I will tell you that I lose sleep at night thinking about my son, who can't be vaccinated, who does actually wear a mask without even being asked to, and doesn't complain. This is his third Christmas and he has yet to sit on Santa's lap because he can't get vaccinated and I spent two nights in the ER this year with what would be a simple cold for us just because his body couldn't handle that.

So, when you're thinking of sticking it to the governor, please think of who you are actually sticking it to, those who can't fend for themselves right now, and the families that are affected by that. Please mask up. Be considerate of others.

It is the holiday season. I think we have kind of all gotten a little tired of this. I understand but let's remember that you know there is humility in humanity and try and treat each other with a little more respect. You know on the highways, be a little nicer. Don't ride up people's butts on their bumpers. It's been crazy out there. You know slow down. Take a breath. Think about what's really going on and who is really affected by your actions and how you can just help us all get through this and really enjoy what's

left of 2021 and really, really work on enjoying 2022.

So again, Merry Christmas. Thank you, everyone, for listening to me doing this but it really has been eating at me.

Have a great Christmas. Happy New Year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Well said.

Alderman Johnson.

ALD. JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

Tommy Burr, most of our interactions have been at this room but I always think of you as a straight shooter who keeps it simple. And that's a very good combination of characteristics so, I thank you for that.

The Legislative Committee met this evening. We put forth a lot of quality-of-life issues, including the cannabis smoking resolution. They will come before the Board at the first full meeting, the second meeting in January, not the reorg meeting.

Main Street opening up. Thank you, thank you, from the 3rd Ward. Pine Street before Christmas. Thank you, thank you for CDA.

I'm going to follow in my colleague's footsteps. I think I'm safe in saying I'm the only guy at the table that's had a graduate course that's called virology and epidemiology but, correct me if I'm wrong. Not that I remember all of it because it was 45 years ago but, it's still there. And I think I'm going to offer you a public service announcement on behalf of COVID.

As COVID looks back on the last two years, it has a lot to be thankful for. It started off very inconspicuously and

fortunately, for COVID, it went almost worldwide before anybody even knew that it existed. Check -- success for COVID.

COVID is also a force and it happens to be a virus and viruses can change their DNA, not exactly at will but, as needed. If humans could change their DNA, what a wonderful world it might be but, COVID can. When you take a virology or epidemiology course, you're introduced to the term naïve host. So, a naïve host is a host in the herd who has neither seen your DNA by natural infection or by inoculation.

So, COVID is thankful that there is still a very good supply of naïve hosts in the population, both in our country and worldwide. When a virus morphs, it's statistically more likely to get better than get worse. So, when you think about what's being put in the press about Omicron, less virulent but more transmissible.

When you're a virus, you don't want all your hosts to die, because then you have no place to live but, you do want to have an endless supply of naïve hosts because it gives you a place to hang out, change your wardrobe, and move on. And the experts tell us that Omicron is 20 percent more transmissible. God knows how they figured that out. Probably in a petri dish but I believe it to be true.

So, sociopolitics aside, if you are a virologist, as long as you have a good supply of naïve hosts, the virus will continue to prosper. The variants will continue to morph. The experts now say 2024.

So, those who are not vaccinated, that's your choice but

COVID thanks you. And those who don't wear a mask, that is a municipal choice for all of us. COVID thanks you. And I agree with Mr. Green. So far, December 13th is the best kept secret in the month of December.

And for businesses, one last thing, don't ask the entry level employee to enforce this rule. You're management. You're a manager. You're the one who should be walking the floor of your store and saying, sir/madame, if you don't have a mask, we're going to have to ask you to leave. It's a very short conversation. I understand it can be very inflammatory but, that doesn't mean it shouldn't be had.

And on that note, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year. Take care.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Alderman Ramkisson.

ALD. RAMKISSOON: Good evening. I just want to start by saying, Tom, it has been a pleasure working with you these last years and it's going to be weird to not have you around. And I've learned a lot from you and you've been here my entire tenure and I just -- I wish you all the best and all good things for you and family.

As myself, and I am sure Mr. McCormack can agree, those of us living on California Avenue are really excited about the opening of West Main Street tomorrow, more than anyone. And for everyone who lives in my neighborhood, thank you for being a good sport and muddling through with all of us. It has been crazy on a street that's looking like a highway and certainly isn't built to be one but

we all made it and we're happy. You know we knew it had to be done. This is infrastructure and you certainly don't want to wait for it to break. So, we're happy it's done. We're happy we'll be able to go into the holiday with an open road, our kids on buses, and I'm sure our bus company are thrilled with the two schools over there that need to get up and down that road really quickly. It's a big deal. So, we thank you, thank you, thank you for working so hard to get that to meet deadlines.

As for that, I just want to say you know on behalf of Alderman Green and kind of echo their statements about all of this, we are all kind of dealing with this. I know everyone is exhausted working in the schools. The kids are. The teachers are. We're all kind of maxed out these days in the last two years but, I think you know the most important thing we could have is a little kindness and understanding. As a parent, a member of the -- of students in the district and kind of seeing the words that get traded online and things like that, there's a lot of real quick tempers and inflammatory words that get spoken out. And I think we all just need to be understanding that, for the most part, everybody out here is just really trying to do their best, and to keep everyone safe, and to make it all work. And I think, for all the people that I know and work with in the District, and in the City, and everywhere else, they are doing that.

So, my thanks to all of you and Merry Christmas, happiest of New Years. See you on the third.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Kleiner.

ALD. KLEINER: Thank you.

I just first want to send my condolences to the Gurda family -- Mike Gurda, Junior. We knew Mike Gurda, Senior and Adele, our neighbors up in our Randall Heights neighborhood for many, many years. But, as president of the Orange County Agricultural Society, State tennis champion, and all the things he did in his life, he will be missed. So, I wanted to mention that first.

The GMIC Warming Station, middletownwarmingstation.com. It's going to be a long winter and always need volunteers, always need help. They're doing a great job in new facilities from the City. Thank you, Maria. Thank you to the mayor, and anyone who pitched in. It's been a real blessing.

Eight hundred thousand deaths. You know Dave Bechtel, John Prine. I mean I don't know what it takes to make a pandemic real. And you get tired of it. Well, sure, we're tired but, you're dealing with a pandemic. You're dealing with a virus. And to echo what Alderman Johnson said, you know this is an example of evolution and you find out the mutations, the little accidents that are not successful, they just disappear. The ones that have an accident that makes it more successful, like Omicron, well, it takes over. That's how evolution works.

So, we're getting a great demonstration of that and we just all need to accept the reality of it, pitch in, think in terms of public health and not politics, and do the best you can to protect

yourself and to protect everyone else.

Thank you to Rick McCormack, our new City Clerk, who has just come onboard and is doing an excellent job. I just want to recognize that.

Tommy, I met in our first campaign. I just had to ask him to make sure I had the time right but, it was 2005, when he was running. And you know, I'm a lifelong Democrat. He's a lifelong Republican. I went over and introduced myself and said, you know if we both get elected and we're on the Council, we'll be working together. And since then, there's been nobody who knows more about what's going on in the City than Tommy. He's always been willing to talk. He's always been willing to help. And you know I worked with Bill Burr at The Record and so I had some history with the Burr family.

But Tommy, you've been amazing, an absolutely amazing alderman in showing you what nonpartisanship and working together can really be. It's for the good of the City and that constitution we take the oath to.

And lastly, well, the good news is, from hereon out, the days get longer. We've passed the Winter Solstice but that means it is the start of winter. And so, I do wish everyone -- I hope everyone had a joyous Hanukkah and I wish everyone Happy Holidays -- Christmas, Kwanzaa, whatever you enjoy celebrating and, also, Happy New Year. Every year we go, well, how could it possibly be worse; and then we find out. So, we're hoping this year it gets better.

So, Happy Holidays to everyone. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Jean-Francois.

ALD. JEAN-FRANCOIS: Yes, good evening.

Alderman Burr, I consider you as a great friend over the years and like Alderman Kleiner said, I learned a lot from you. I can't believe you've been here since 2005. I think you have served the City well and I still can't believe you're a Republican. I think you bleed Democrat.

You know Tom and I had many discussions. He reminds me you know the house that I grew up, we had Republicans, we had Democrats, and Independents. And we used to have a discussion and still able to move forward the next day like it is nothing. And Tom and I, you know we agree to disagree and we've never had a real disagreement. I think that's what the world needs today.

And I remember growing up. You know it was proud to say you're a Democrat or a Republican but, nowadays, I find people are whispering. It's unbelievable.

So, you know it's been a pleasure. Many blessings to you and your family. Thank you, Tom.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Alderman Burr.

ALD. BURR: First of all, I'd like to thank everybody for their kind words, especially, Commissioner Tawil, my Parks and Rec buddies that we've been together, especially me and Brink (phonetic), 16 years, and it's always been a pleasure.

It's been an honor and pleasure to serve on the Common

Council for the past 16 years. I'd like to thank the mayor, the Council president, the aldermen, past and present, because I went through quite a few aldermen in my day.

I'd like to thank all the department heads for all their help you know making our job a lot easier.

I'd like to thank the employees, the volunteers that volunteer on all our board.

And it's been a very fulfilling job here. I mean the job that we do -- everybody says oh, well, all we hear is aye, aye, aye, aye but, what we accomplished in my time in 16 years, first started out with a water plant and a sewer plant within a year of each other. You know we were here endless nights until one o'clock in the morning, this engineer, that engineer, this engineer. Finally, we got it done and that way everything, you know under the leadership of the mayor, council president, and you guys, I mean the accomplishments are unbelievable.

I'd like to thank the Parks and Rec for their award tonight. It's very touching to me.

I'd like to thank my wife and my kids for giving me the opportunity to serve.

And I wish everybody Happy Holidays.

And my 1st Ward constituents you know gave me eight terms. I appreciate that.

And that's all I have. Thank you, Council President, and thank you all.

PRESIDENT RODRIGUES: Thank you.

Tonight, as I was going back, I was like all right, I got elected in 2003 -- 17 years. He's got 16 years. We went over 400 meetings together. Never, ever have we ever had an issue. Tom looked at me every time, was like we've got to do what's right for the City.

When we go to town meetings and county meetings, they're like how come Middletown always vote the aye, aye, aye and you guys never argue? You see some of these town meetings and they go on and on in a fight. He's our only Republican. People don't even know who the Republicans and Democrats are in Middletown.

You are a true gentlemen from born and raised in Middletown to owning a business. Tom's Market is the best subs in town. So, I want to put out a plug for him and keep supporting him. He's a staple in our city and, as an alderman and council president, Tom has always looked at me, sometimes in that room, and says, this is how I'm going to vote because it's right by the City of Middletown. Never, ever played politics and that, to me, is a true gentleman in my book.

And I thank you for your service. And I'm going to miss you but maybe, in 2024, I'll come down to Florida and hang out with you but, not now.

Going back to the mask mandate and the COVID. I am the only person in my department in the hospital -- I work for the hospital -- I enter every single patient that comes into the hospital

on all three hospitals. If you're positive, you get admitted, you go through my department.

Today, this morning, six o'clock in the morning, I'm trying to stay in bed. I look over -- 19 new admissions. It is getting out of control again.

So, when people don't want to wear a mask, or don't want to get their vaccine, or anything, just remember that there are healthcare employees out there who are doing the job. We are open 24/7. We are seeing the ICUs -- I think I have five ICU beds available. It's tough. It's hard. And it's tough for everyone working in health care, when everybody's having these parties, get together, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and you're okay and you don't have to wear a mask and whatever, but then you're coming in and we're seeing it.

And we're seeing it and it's hitting our community. The City of Middletown, almost 30,000 people, it's hitting our community hard. So, a mask does work. I hate it. I hate wearing my mask but it does work. Washing your hands, staying away.

If you're sick, if you're not feeling well, stay home. You know call out. You have sick time. And it's tough to see everything.

We are burnt at the hospital. We had the mandate in September, now we have this. We're on our fourth wave. It's tough. And everybody saying it's not fair; senior citizens, I can't get the shot; it's not fair to young kids, new infants. It's tough. And you

know talk to each other.

Remember, during the holidays, yes, hug your family and everybody but also, please think about the other people that are out there who -- our doors are always open at the hospital.

Thank you.

New business.

CERTIFICATION

I, KIMBERLY J. ZOGBY, certify that the foregoing transcript of proceedings prior to New Business of the December 21, 2021 Middletown City Council meeting was prepared using the required transcription equipment and is a true and accurate transcript of the recording.



Kimberly J. Zogby

AMERICAN LEGAL TRANSCRIPTION

11 Market Street, Suite 215

Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Dated January 7, 2022

12.New Business

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 279-21

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 reallocate a donation in the amount of \$245.00 for supplies or care for our feral cat program in 2010. Chief Ewanciw is requesting to please reallocate those funds to Robin Stewart of Dumped Stray Animal Rescue, since she is the contracted vendor for our program. She would be requested to utilize the funding to support her program.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 280-21

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 treasurer to transfer \$3420.00 from within the City Clerk's 2021 Budget to cover the printing costs associated with the purchase of overnight and vacation parking permits.

These will be used in the color-coded parking lots in the City.

Please transfer in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO:
A.1010.464	\$3420.	A.1010.490
Records Management		Printing

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 281-21

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 accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached 2022 contract renewal between the City of Middletown and The Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deer Park, Inc at the same rate as 2021.

**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 12-21-21

Index No: 282-21

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 the attached Policies and Procedures for Elected Officials, Department Heads and Employees, effective immediately.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 283-21

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

Resolution to approve the Assessment Collectors Warrant for 2022

ASSESSMENT
COLLECTOR'S WARRANT
FOR 2022

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS.:
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO Kelly Ann Kelly, COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, IN SAID COUNTY, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED AND COMMANDED TO COLLECT from the several persons named in the assessment roll, to which this warrant is annexed, the several sums mentioned in the total \$21,691,547 column thereof opposite their respective name, together with your fees thereon as herein provided.

On all sums of taxes or assessments received or collected within thirty days after giving the notice required by law you are to collect no fees. After the expiration of thirty days, you are hereby authorized to add and collect two per centum on every dollar for collecting the same as your fees thereon.

YOU ARE FURTHER REQUIRED AND COMMANDED to pay over all monies so collected by you, (exclusive of your fees for collection), to the proper officer daily and return this warrant to me within ninety days from date.

If any person shall neglect or refuse to pay any tax imposed upon him, or the fees herein allowed, after giving the notice required by law and waiting the time specified in the statute, you are hereby authorized to levy the same by distress and sale upon any personal property in said County belonging to, or in possession of, such person and cause the same to be sold, at public auction or otherwise in accordance with the City Charter, for the payment of such tax and the fees and expenses of collection, and no claim of property to be made by any other person thereto shall be available to prevent such sale and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Common Council of said City, at a regular session, held on 12/21/21 has authorized this warrant to be signed by the Mayor of said City, and the Seal of the City to be affixed thereto, by a resolution duly passed by a majority vote of said Council, and I, in pursuance of such authorization, have this 22nd day of December in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Middletown to be affixed.

MAYOR

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 284-21

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 treasurer to transfer \$12,000 within the DPW 2021 Budget. This account was recently overdrawn, due to necessary shift coverage due to a full time employee retiring, which was unforeseen, creating overtime at the plant.

The funds should be transferred in the following manner:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
F.8320.100 Pers. Svcs. –Pumping Station	\$12,000.00	F.8330.103 Overtime – WTP

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 285-21

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 accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2022 renewal agreement between the City of Middletown and JCO, Inc., to provide the management services and act as a chief operator of the Water Treatment Plant for the year ending on December 31, 2022 at a rate of \$8750/month.

JCO has not raised their monthly fees since their initial professional engagement with the City in 2011.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 286-21

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 City of Middletown Common Council amends the City Code chapter 460- Vehicles and Traffic, section 460-11 section C; yield intersections to add:

Vincent Drive shall be declared a yield street at the intersection of Vincent Drive parallel to Cottage Street.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 288-21

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 accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached contract with the Miracle Recreation Equipment Company to order and install playground equipment at the Recreation Campus totaling \$29,998.75 from our 2021 Operating Budget A.7110.478 Parks/Park Improvements.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 289-21

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 accept a donation from ASTAR Heating & Air LLC. in the amount of \$220.00 for 2 Camp Scholarships.

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 deposit the donation into account A.2705.07 Camp Scholarships.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 290-21

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 Treasurer to make the following transfers within the 2021 operating budget of the Middletown Recreation & Parks Department totaling \$42,500.

FROM

A.7321.100

Special Programs/Personal Services

AMOUNT

\$42,000.00

TO

A.7020.100

General Rec./Personal Services

A.7321.100

Special Programs/Personal Services

\$500.00

A.7110.104

Parks Personal/CSEA Longevity

The transfer will cover accumulated sick and vacation time paid out for the former Superintendent of Recreation and salary increase for the current Superintendent of Recreation and the Assistant to the Superintendent. It will also cover a mis-calculation of CSEA longevity pay.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Green

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 291-21

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 authorizing a modification to Resolution 146-21 for the use of the \$2.2 million of ARPA Funding for the Streetscape Project, the allocation should be postponed and allocated out of the 2nd Trance of the ARPA monies, as this project will not be beginning until late spring of 2022. The 2nd Trance is anticipated to be received in June of 2022.

**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 12-21-21

Index No: 292-21

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 accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached proposal for QuES&T to provide a pre-renovation asbestos survey at 25 South Street, the old Federal Courthouse building, in the amount of \$8,545.

The funding for this will be paid out of the capital line, H.0916.900, for this project.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Tobin

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 293-21

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 accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached a proposal for QuES&T to provide a pre-demolition asbestos survey to be performed at 335 Guymard Turnpike. This proposal includes surveys to be completed on eleven (11) structures located on the above referenced property in the amount of \$8,930.

The funding for this will be paid out of the funds available for the Watershed purchasing grants. If this is found not to qualify, then the funds will be transferred from the water fund balance.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Jean-Francois

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 294-21

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 Treasurer to transfer 21,000 from within the 2021 DPW budget in the following manner:

<u>FROM</u> G.8130.446 Sludge	<u>AMOUNT</u> \$5,000	<u>TO</u> G.8130.458 Sewage T&D (OLD) Chemicals	Landfill
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\$5,000 transfer is needed to cover Chemicals needed for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Balance of account is at \$50 for remainder of the year.

<u>FROM</u> G.8130.446 Landfill Sludge	<u>AMOUNT</u> \$10,000	<u>TO</u> G.8130.404 Lab Services
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A transfer is needed to cover testing for the Waste Water Treatment Plant for the remainder of the year. Balance is at \$2,475.61 and an additional \$10,000.00 is needed to cover remaining required testing for IPP.

<u>FROM</u> A.8160.450 Materials & Supplies	<u>AMOUNT</u> \$5,000	<u>TO</u> A.8160.440 Repairs to Equipment
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A transfer is needed to cover an unexpected repair to front and rear brake repairs to Truck #17 in the Sanitation Department. Repair costs total \$5,060.00 and balance is at \$1,490.72 for the remainder of the year.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>
F.8320.504 Water Shed Management	\$1,000	F.8320.512 City Dams

A transfer is needed to cover additional cost for Dam safety inspections. An additional \$1,000 is needed for increase in price of the inspections. Original budget was for \$10,000 total charges are \$11,000.00.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Burr

Sec'd by Ald. Kleiner

Date of Adoption 12-21-21

Index No: 295-21

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 an extension of time in the amount of six (6) months, as per the date on this resolution, for two resolutions dated May 04, 2021, #98-21 and #99-21 for the Presidential Heights Realty Subdivision due to the need that the project has to obtain outside agency approvals for the NYSDEC and OCDOH for water main and sewer main extensions before the map can be filed.

13. Local Laws

Council Clerk-Nothing this evening.

14. Audit

On motion of Ald. Johnson seconded by Ald. Green

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: Ald. Ramkissoon, Tobin, Kleiner, Johnson, Jean-Francois, Burr, Green, President Rodrigues

15. Adjournment

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM