



**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019  
6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The Special Organizational Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at 6:00 PM.

Present: Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell  
Councilwoman Meghan Carta  
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. Deputy Majority Leader.  
Councilman Darnell Ford  
Councilman Edward Ford, Jr.  
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr., Deputy Minority Leader  
Councilman Vincent Loffredo, Deputy Mayor  
Councilman Edward McKeon  
Councilman Eugene Nocera, Majority Leader  
Councilman Philip Pessina, Minority Leader  
Councilwoman Linda Salafia

Also Present: Mayor Benjamin D. Florshiem -- Chair  
Linda Reed, -- Clerk of the Common Council  
Barbara Knoll Peterson, Mayor's Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public: 6

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Benjamin Florshiem calls the Special Organizational Meeting of the Common Council to order at 6:02 PM. He leads the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk reads the Call of the Meeting and the Chair declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

The Chair announces that the respective Council caucuses have met and elected their leadership: Councilman Eugene Nocera has been elected by the Democratic caucus as the Majority Leader and Councilman Phillip Pessina has been elected by the Republican caucus as the Minority Leader

The Chair states that he has asked Attorney Daniel Ryan to return as Corporation Counsel, and that Attorney Ryan has graciously accepted.

The Chair states that the Democratic caucus has elected Councilman Grady Faulkner as Deputy Major Leader.

Councilman Philip Pessina adds that the Republican caucus has elected Councilman Tony Gennaro as Deputy Minority Leader.

**2. Public Hearing Opens**

The Chair opens the public hearing on any agenda items at 6:05 PM. He invites anyone wishing to speak to come to podium. He asks that speakers state their name and address for the record and that comments are limited to a five (5) minutes.

Geen Thazhampallath (71 Ribera Lane): He states that the names just announced are wonderful. He congratulates the Councilmembers, noting that they represent the community in a unique way. He is proud to be here tonight and to serve this community and the Town in a professional capacity. He looks forward to the years ahead. He states that he is here to offer two (2) ideas, wearing in part his union hat as President of UPSEU as well as a private citizen. He explains that two (2) rules ideas that he has had, and which he has mentioned to some Councilmembers individually as they consider the implementation of Council rules in the coming months, he asks that they at least investigate these ideas. First, at 6:00 PM the Council holds the Questions to Directors meeting. He explains that this meeting was created about 12 years ago due to some frictions at that time. It seemed to be the right way to go. While the current Councilmembers may not realize this, but for Questions to Directors, every director is requested to attend whether they have an

agenda item or not. He encourages the Council to consider ending that requirement. He adds that his is not sure if, even if a Councilmember wanted to ask a question, even if you wanted to ask a question, say, for example, to ask him a question as the Parking Director while he in the crowd, but does not have an item on the agenda, he is not sure that any Councilmember can call him to the podium for a non-agenda item. He encourages the Council to check with Legal or the Council Clerk on the legality of that. If a Director cannot be called, he encourages the Council to change that rule and request that only those Directors with an agenda item attend the meeting. There are currently all sorts of Directors sitting at this meeting, but they cannot offer any insights into the items on the agenda. The second item, and related to that, he believes that it is absolutely essential for public purposes, noting that he is wearing his citizen's hat, for continuity of Council discussion, to have at their disposal and at the public's disposal during discussion the Directors as discussion unfolds. Currently, under the Rules, the Council meets at 6:00 PM and Directors are present. A few hours later the Council may tackle that issue, but the Director, who was questions during Questions to Directors, left a few hours earlier. He states that it his opinion that it is perfectly okay, as part of that employee's professional responsibilities, to request a director with an item on the agenda to stay until that item is acted on. In addition, the Council may also want to suspend the Rules if it is necessary to call a Director back to the podium for questions on a complex issue. Something else may come to mind and you want additional input from the professional, it is a perfectly good tool to have staff at the Council's disposal for professional insights. This is not to belabor discussion. As a private citizen, right now, as formatted it is very disjointed. Questions are asked at 6:00 PM and the Council takes up the topic at 9:00 PM, three hours later, and no one really understands the professional context of that topic. He offers these insights as a professional and as a private citizen, adding that there should be cohesive discussion with all information on the table. Thank you.

### 3. Public Hearing – Closes

There being no further public comment, the Chair closes the public hearing on agenda items is closed at 6:10 PM.

### 4. Resolutions

#### A. **Adopting Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised and the Rules of Procedure for the Common Council for the conduct of business for the Common Council**

#### APPROVED

**RESOLUTION No: 93-19; K: submit/ resolution/ CC 19-23 Council rules of procedure RES 93-19 – 14 Nov 2019**

#### **RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN COMMON COUNCIL November 2019 to November 2023**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:** That, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as applicable and when not in conflict with any standing or special rule/procedure enacted by the Common Council, be adopted as the manual for the conduct of business and affairs of the Common Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the following special rules and procedures be adopted:

#### I. Agenda and General Meeting Procedures:

1. All meetings shall begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. All proposed resolutions must be filed with the Council Clerk no later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day of each month preceding the Common Council meeting in order to be included on the agenda for the meeting.
  - A. Items for the agenda should be reviewed by the appropriate committee and/or commission before being included on the agenda and shall have a line at the bottom of the resolution indicating the date it went through committee and a statement as to the financial impact of the action on the City's general fund and future indebtedness.
  - B. Individual Council Members may place resolutions on the agenda whether it has been through committee or not and such resolution shall contain the name or names of the members proposing the resolution. The resolution shall include a financial impact statement of the action on the City's general fund and any future indebtedness.
  - C. The Mayor may place resolutions on the agenda whether it has been through committee or not and shall have a member of the Council's name sponsoring the resolution along with the Mayor. The resolution shall include a financial impact statement of the action on the City's general fund and any future indebtedness.
3. All appropriations shall be published in a newspaper with general circulation in the city of Middletown prior to the meeting.
4. There shall be a one (1) hour meeting of the Council prior to each regularly scheduled Council meeting called "Questions to Directors Workshop." The workshop will serve as an opportunity for Council members to obtain necessary information prior to the business portion of the meeting.
  - A. The workshop will be televised. Minutes will be maintained by the Common Council Clerk as a public record.

- B. The workshop will be made available to any Council Members seeking information on agenda items only prior to the start of the regular business meeting.
  - C. The workshop does not require a quorum. Robert's Rules of Order will apply except for the quorum.
  - D. The workshop will be chaired by the Mayor or his/her designee.
  - E. Directors may leave after the workshop unless specifically requested to stay for the business portion.
5. Special Common Council meetings, with agenda items, shall have an item entitled "Questions to Directors."
  6. The Order of Business for this Council shall be as follows:
    - a. Call to order
    - b. Pledge of Allegiance
    - c. Mayor Declares the call and meeting legal
    - d. Acceptance of the agenda
    - e. Approval of minutes
    - f. Public Hearing on Agenda Items
    - g. Appropriation Request Notice and Certificate of Director of Finance read by Clerk
    - h. Votes on appropriation request
    - i. Old business (items postponed)
    - j. Department, Committee, and Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation and Approvals
    - k. Payment of City Bills
    - l. New Business, resolutions, ordinances, etc.
    - m. Mayor's Appointments
    - n. Adjournment
  7. Only those resolutions and ordinances received by the members of the Common Council at least four (4) days prior to a regular monthly meeting of the Common Council and having the appropriate financial statement (see Item 3) shall be considered as additions on the Agenda of that Regular Monthly Meeting.
  8. Contingency Fund Transfers shall appear under the item Department Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation and Approvals.
  9. Only ordinances that have been reviewed as to form by the General Counsel Commission shall be considered for adoption by the Common Council.
  10. The agenda for any meeting of the Common Council shall be made available to members of the public at the same time as it is made available to members of the Common Council.
  11. The public comment on agenda items, for regular and special meetings, will occur before the conduct of business and is for the public to speak on any and all items on the agenda that they wish to address, as long as rules of public conduct and decorum are followed.
    - A. Members of the public will be ruled out of order when they stray from the agenda item or no longer conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.
    - B. Each member of the public will be afforded five (5) minutes to address the Council during the public hearing portion of the agenda to last no more than thirty (30) minutes. The public hearing can be extended by thirty (30) minute increments with a supermajority (9) votes of the Council.
  12. When the Council holds a workshop, it is informational and open to the public. No public hearing will be held at these meetings.
- II. Council's Community Public Meeting
1. The Council will hold community-wide public meetings for any and all items previously considered non agenda items. The meetings will be held Quarterly, in the Council Chamber beginning in January; a calendar will be available for these meetings.
  2. The community-wide public meeting is to be an opportunity for the public to raise issues of concern before the Council.
    - A. The Council, at its discretion during a Community Meeting may waive its rules to allow discourse between the public and Council.
    - B. The public will be able to raise or express any issue(s) of concern within the bounds of proper public discourse and decorum.
    - C. The Mayor or his/her designee will chair the meeting.
    - D. **Robert's Rules of Order** and the rules of decorum will apply for the conduct of the public meeting.
  3. The recording of the public meeting will be by audio equipment and issues raised will be maintained by the Council Clerk through the Council minutes. Items the Council feels can be handled through the appropriate committee, commission or department shall be forwarded to them for response or action. The item is to be handled in a timely manner.
  4. The public will be afforded ten (10) minutes per speaker to raise any issue before the body.

**III. DECORUM OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND THE COUNCIL:**

1. Council Members shall not engage in debate with other members or members of the public during any public hearing.
2. All remarks from Council members must be confined to the merits of the pending question. All statements made by members of the Council must have bearing on whether the pending matter should be adopted.
3. Members shall refrain from attacking another member's motives. When a question is pending, a member is permitted to condemn the nature or likely consequences of the proposal, but must avoid personalities and under no circumstances can he or she attack or question the motives of another member. The question is before the assembly, not the member.
4. No member having the floor shall be interrupted by another member unless a point of order is being sought.
5. All remarks must be made through the Chair. Members of the Council shall not address one another, except with permission of the Chair.
6. The Chair shall immediately call out of order any speaker whose speech has a direct tendency to inflict injury or to cause acts of violence or a breach of the peace, as that term is defined in the Connecticut General Statutes, by the person or persons to whom said speech is directed. The Chair shall further direct said speaker to conclude his or her remarks immediately, and yield the podium to any remaining speakers.
7. The presiding officer of the Council, by Charter is the Mayor; when presiding as Chair, the Mayor is not a member of the Council and as Chair will remain impartial and can take no position or debate any item on the Council agenda during the Council meeting. The Chair is afforded the right to speak or debate when a motion to appeal the Chair's Ruling is on the floor. By Charter, the Mayor may resolve tie votes of the Common Council.
8. In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor becomes the presiding officer of the body; as a member of the body and by Charter he retains the right to vote on matters. When presiding as the Chair of the meeting the Deputy Mayor will remain impartial and if he wishes to take part in the debate of the matter, will relinquish the chair until the matter is voted on.
9. In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Majority Leader may preside over the meeting. In the absence of these individuals, the Common Council will follow Robert's Rules of Order and elect a presiding officer for that meeting.

**IV. OTHER MATTERS:**

1. The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall be the Sergeant-of-Arms and shall be present at all meetings, including the meeting for Questions to Directors and the Community Meetings, and in uniform.
2. The General Counsel or the Deputy General Counsel shall be present at all meetings.
3. The Corporation Counsel shall serve as Parliamentarian. In the absence of the Corporation Counsel, the Chair may appoint a Parliamentarian who shall not be a member of the Common Council.
4. Any Director or his/her designee whose department has an item of business (e. g. resolution, ordinance, appropriation, grant, report, etc.) pending before the Common Council and has been asked to remain after the Questions to Directors discussion at 6 p.m., shall attend the Council meeting to answer questions regarding the pending matter and remain until action on all agenda items concerning his/her department has taken place.
5. Any Council member wishing to address questions to a director on non-agenda items should notify the Mayor's Office with the Director's name and purpose of questions; the Mayor's Office will notify the Director of the request.
6. The Common Council may establish whatever subcommittee it deems appropriate. Such subcommittees shall expire with the term of office of the Council under which they were established.
7. Seating of Council members in the Council Chamber shall begin to the right of the Mayor with the member who has received the highest number of votes and continue in the same manner alternating from right to left.
8. All matters not addressed by these rules and procedures shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

**V. DECORUM OF PUBLIC FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

A citizen shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to address the Council on any agenda item or any public matter in which the City has jurisdiction or authority. They will be permitted to address the Council in the proper order of business. This privilege shall occur during the part of the agenda entitled Public Comment/Hearing on Agenda items or at the Community Meeting.

Citizens and Council members will be allowed to state their positions in an atmosphere free of slander, threats of violence, or the use of Council as a forum for politics or personal matters for which the Council or City have no jurisdiction. Sufficient warnings may be given by the Chair at any time during the remarks and, in the event that any individual shall violate the rules of decorum heretofore set forth, the chairperson may then cut off comment.

- A. Public comment is intended to afford citizens an opportunity to express opinions and to bring important matters to the attention of the Common Council. Nothing shall require the Mayor or Council to answer questions or engage in debate at any Council Meeting.

- B. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member. Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste.
- C. When a group of persons wishes to address the Council on the same subject matter, it shall be proper for the presiding officer to request that a spokesperson be chosen by the group to address the Council and to limit the number of persons addressing the Council on the same matter so as to avoid unnecessary repetition.
- D. Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting; this will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing, or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting. Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- E. Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- F. Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required during meetings.
- G. Objects and symbolic materials such as signs or banners will be allowed in the Council Chambers with the following restrictions:
- No objects will be larger than 18 inches by 18 inches.
  - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials
  - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
  - Materials to be utilized by presenters for a scheduled agenda item may exceed size restrictions.
- H. Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- I. Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.
- J. Speakers will be asked to give their name for the record.
- K. Any person making offensive, insulting, threatening, insolent, slanderous or obscene remarks or who becomes boisterous or who makes threats against any person or against public order and security while in the Council Chamber shall be forthwith removed at the direction of the presiding officer from further audience at the meeting, unless permission to continue is granted by the majority vote of the board members present.
- L. Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that are relevant to the presentation.
- M. If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
- N. The Chair shall call any speaker to order who violates any provision of the rules; failure to comply with this code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.
- O. Enforcement of decorum. The Police Chief or designee shall be the Sergeant at Arms of the Council and carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum in the Board Room. It shall be the duty of any police officer present to eject any such person from the room upon instructions of the presiding officer.
- P. All committees, commissions, boards and agencies shall schedule a start time for said regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the day of the month they designate; if a committee, commission, board or agency considers an earlier start time, the vote for such change in time has to be a unanimous vote of the committee.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no budgetary impact but this will allow for efficiency and timeliness in the day-to-day business conducted by the Common Council.

The Chair calls on Councilman Eugene Nocera.

Councilman Nocera reads the resolution and moves for approval. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

The Chair calls on Councilman Vincent Loffredo.

Councilman Loffredo states that he has a point of order, a question. He asks if, at a subsequent meeting, the Council will have an opportunity to reconsider these rules.

Councilman Nocera replies, yes, that the Council will take this up quickly and deliberate and modify as necessary;

Councilman Loffredo asks if this matter will be take up at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.

Councilman Nocera replies, yes, he would hope so, or, at the latest, in January.

Corporation Counsel Daniel Ryan states that he has some ideas and would like to be part of that discussion. He is sure that this rules could be finalized and ready for the December meeting.

The Chair calls on Councilman Philip Pessina.

Councilman Pessina states that the minority caucus will meet at the end of month and will likely also have suggestions. They will be will be ready.

The Chair calls on Councilman Edward McKeon.

Councilman McKeon states that he has a question, which is mostly procedural. He asks, if the Rules are not debated in public, how will they be prepared, especially since there will be two caucuses working on the rules.

Councilman Nocera replies that his recollection is that the Rules are adopted thru caucus discussions and brought forward to the Council for discussion. It does not preclude putting the proposed Rules forward for community review.

Councilman McKeon says that the question really is does one caucus put forth a set of rules, like the budget, and then it is debated and modified on the spot, or having another meeting in between set the rules and them bring those rules forward for approval.

Councilman Philip Pessina makes a point of order. He doesn't want to leave with that impression, rather, the Republican caucus will send their recommendations to the majority leader, who will present it as a package. If the Democratic caucus decides that some of the items have merit, that is fine. If not . . . we just want to be part of the process.

Councilman Nocera states that the Democratic caucus will make sure that Corporation Counsel Ryan is part of that process.

Attorney Ryan, acknowledges that, adding that this should all be worked out with the caucuses in an agreement well before the December meeting.

The Chair adds that would be next week for next month's meeting. The Chair calls on Councilwoman Linda Salafia.

Councilwoman Salafia asks if the vote on this resolution should be postponed to the next regular Council meeting.

Councilman Nocera replies that he believes that this resolution is to adopt the existing Rules. He asks the Council Clerk to confirm if this resolution adopts the existing Rules.

Council Clerk replies that the Rules in the packet on the table for the Council this evening are the existing Rues that were in place for the 2015-2019 Common Council. At the moment, the Common Council does not have any Rules, so the Council needs to adopt something.

Councilman Nocera replies, "Exactly," adding that the Council is now looking to adopt the previously existing Rules.

Corporation Counsel Ryan replies to Councilwoman Salafia that the reason the Council is looking to adopt the existing Rules, which will hopefully be changed in December, is because, the Council needs Rules for this meeting forward.

Councilwoman Salafia replies, "Okay, thank you."

There being no discussion the Chair calls for a vote. The motion is unanimously approved with 11 aye votes. (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Loffredo, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia) The motion is approved and the Rules of Procedure are adopted, as submitted.

**B. Authorizing Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim to sign documents on behalf of the City of Middletown  
APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION No. 94-19; Mayor authorization RES 94-19 – 14 Nov 2019**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Benjamin**

D. Florsheim, Mayor of the City of Middletown for a term of four years, from Noon, November 12, 2019 to Noon, November 12, 2023, is authorized to sign, on behalf of the City of Middletown, contracts approved by the Common Council, deeds, documents or instruments and amendments and/or modifications, as stipulated in the Charter of the City of Middletown, Chapter IV, Section 2, Duties and Powers of the Mayor.

Financial Impact: There is no budgetary impact but this will allow for efficiency and timeliness in the day-to-day business conducted by the City.

The Chair calls on Councilman Eugene Nocera.

Councilman Nocera reads the resolution and moves for approval. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion the Chair calls for a vote. The motion is unanimously approved with 11 aye votes. (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Loffredo, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia) The matter is approved.

**C. Approving that all committees and commissions will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the designated day of the month unless there is unanimous consent of the members of the committee or commission to do otherwise**

WITHDRAWN

**RESOLUTION No. 95-19; K: review / resolution/ CC start time RES 95-19 – 14 Nov 2019**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Middletown has numerous Committees, Commissions, Boards and Agencies that conduct City business; and

**WHEREAS,** meetings should be scheduled at a time that every member is afforded the right to attend such meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:** That committees, commissions, boards and agencies shall schedule a start time for said regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the day of the month they so designate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if a committee, commission, board or agency considers an earlier start time, the vote for such change in time has to be a unanimous vote of the committee.

Fiscal Impact: There is no budgetary impact but this will allow for efficiency and timeliness in the day-to-day business conducted by the City.

The Chair calls on Councilman Eugene Nocera.

Councilman Nocera reads the resolution and moves for approval. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

The Chair calls on Councilman Edward McKeon

Councilman McKeon states that the Rules, as just adopted, include (*inaudible*).

Councilwoman Linda Salafia asks Councilman McKeon if he is using his microphone,

(*Response is inaudible.*)

Councilwoman Salafia states that he cannot be heard.

Councilman McKeon repeats, saying that, under the Rules as just adopted, under the section "Decorum for Meetings" at Letter "P", it seems to be out of place for the decorum section so he is asking, from a technical standpoint whether it needs to be removed or if resolution this is now being redundant.

Councilman Nocera asks Corporation Counsel Daniel Ryan to weigh in.

Corporation Counsel Ryan notes that language is on page 9. He opines that Councilman McKeon appears to be correct; namely, there appears to be some redundancy. These Rules are good for four (4) years, so he thinks for that sake this language should be left in. These are the Rules people will look at.

Councilman McKeon replies that it seems to him to be a mistake to have this language in the "Decorum" section in the first place. He wonders if this language should be somewhere else because the Council is now looking at passing something it has just passed.

The Chair asks if he means to have it in the Rules or on the agenda.

Councilman McKeon replies that he would certainly have the language in the Rules. It is just that Council is about to pass it twice.

The Chair calls on Councilman Vincent Loffredo.

Councilman Loffredo moves to withdraw the motion . . . (*Inaudible*).

Councilman Edward Ford seconds the motion.

Councilman Eugene Nocera withdraws the motion.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo replies (*inaudible*).

The Chair states that there is a motion to withdraw the motion to approve. There being no discussion the Chair calls for a vote. The motion is unanimously approved with 11 aye votes. (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Loffredo, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia) The matter is approved.

(*Inaudible*)

**5. Mayor Presents Council Member to Serve as Deputy Mayor**

**A. Approving appointment of Deputy Mayor Vincent Loffredo**

**APPROVED**

The Chair proposes the appointment of Councilman Vincent Loffredo as Deputy Mayor, adding that he appreciates Councilman Loffredo's advice believes that he will be effective and helpful to his administration and to the Council. The Chair is grateful for Councilman Loffredo's service, his experience with this body and the Board of Education, in the legislature, and his willingness to serve and take on this responsibility. This is a partnership that makes sense for the City.

Councilman Eugene Nocera moves for approval of the appointment of Councilman Vincent Loffredo as Deputy Mayor. Councilman Edward McKeon seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for the vote. The motion is unanimously approved with 11 aye votes. (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Loffredo, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia) The appointment of Councilman Vincent Loffredo as Deputy Mayor is approved.

**6. Councilmember Presents Names of Appointments to Standing Commissions and Committees of the Common Council**

**APPROVED**

**A. Approving the following appointments to the Standing Committees and Commissions of the Common Council**

- a. Finance & Government Operation Commission
  - \* Edward McKeon, Chair
  - \* Eugene Nocera
  - \* Meghan Carta
  - \* Linda Salafia
  - \* Anthony Gennaro, Sr.
- b. General Counsel Commission:
  - \* Meghan Carta, Chair
  - \* Jeanette White
  - \* Eugene Nocera
  - \* Linda Salafia
  - \* Edward Ford, Jr.
- c. Public Safety Commission:
  - \* Darnell Ford, Chair
  - \* Meghan Carta
  - \* Barbara Knoll Peterson
  - \* Philip Pessina
  - \* Linda Salafia
- d. Public Works and Facilities Commission:
  - \* Eugene Nocera, Chair
  - \* Edward McKeon
  - \* Darnell Ford
  - \* Philip Pessina
  - \* Edward Ford, Jr.
- f. Economic Development Commission:
  - \* Vincent J. Loffredo, Chair
  - \* Jeanette White
  - \* Edward McKeon
  - \* Philip Pessina



\* Anthony Gennaro, Sr.

Councilman Eugene Nocera reads the proposed list of appointments and moves for approval. Councilman Edward McKeon seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for the vote. The motion is unanimously approved with 11 aye votes. (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Loffredo, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia) The appointments are approved.

**7. Mayor presents names of Councilmember appointments**

**APPROVED**

- A. Recreation and Community Services Commission:
  - \* Jeanette White
  - \* Philip Pessina
- B. Board of Health:
  - \* Linda Salafia
- C. Middletown Commission on the Arts:
  - \* Edward McKeon
  - \* Edward Ford, Jr.
- D. Contract Compliance Board:
  - \* Grady Faulkner, Jr.
  - \* Linda Salafia
- E. Retirement Board:
  - \* Vincent J. Loffredo
  - \* Linda Salafia
- F. Water Pollution Control Authority:
  - \* Eugene Nocera
  - \* Philip Pessina
- G. Harbor Improvement Agency:
  - \* Anthony Gennaro, Sr.
- H. Citizens Advisory Committee:
  - \* Grady L. Faulkner, Jr.
  - \* Linda Salafia
- I. Parking Advisor Committee:
  - \* Darnell Ford
  - \* Anthony Gennaro, Sr.
- J. Technology Advisory Committee:
  - \* Grady Faulkner, Jr.
  - \* Anthony Gennaro, Sr.
- K. Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board:
  - \* Grady Faulkner, Jr.
  - \* Edward Ford, Jr.
- L. Clean Energy Task Force:
  - \* Vincent J. Loffredo
  - \* Edward Ford, Jr.
- M. Woodrow Wilson Middle School Building Committee:
  - \* Eugene Nocera
  - \* Jeanette White
  - \* Philip Pessina
- N. Mattabassett Regionalization Project:
  - \* Meghan Carta
  - \* Philip Pessina

Councilman Grady Faulkner reads the proposed list of appointments and moves for approval. Councilman Edward Ford seconds the motion.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo makes a point of order, asking the Chair if these are his appointments.

The Chair confirms that these are his appointments.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for the vote. The motion is unanimously approved with 11 aye votes. (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Loffredo, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia) The appointments are approved.

**8. Meeting Adjourned**

The Chair indicates that there is no further business.

There being no further business, Councilman Eugene Nocera moves to adjourn. Councilman Anthony Gennaro seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a vote. The motion is unanimously approved with 12 aye votes (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia).

The Chair declares that the meeting is adjourned at 6:28 PM.

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED,  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

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