

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Condrey called the City Council meeting to order in Council Chambers, Lower Level of the City Building.

City Council Members present: A. Vitori, M. Nenni, T. Moon, J. Mulligan, N. Condrey.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC HEARING

Administrative Services Director Susan Cohen explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the amendment to the 2020 CDBG Annual Action plan to include the allocation received from the CARES Act, for CDBG with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She explained that through the CARES Act the City was awarded additional grant money of \$431,289. The uses must be compliant with HUD CDBG guidelines and must be related to COVID 19 effected parties and to utilize monies they must be allocated in the 2020 plan year. The proposed allocations include \$50,000 to Middletown City Schools for Access to Education for All Students programming; \$175,000 for sponsorship of small business grants; \$175,000 for sponsorship of rent/mortgage/utility assistance; and the balance will be allocated for administrative costs. Ms. Cohen stated that once this amendment is approved by City Council there will be an application process established and publicized.

Mayor Condrey commented that this is an opportunity for transparency, equal opportunity and Good communication with our citizens about how we are going to spend this money.

Ms. Cohen welcomed ideas, concerns and thoughts from City Council Members and citizens.

Mayor Condrey opened the public hearing at 5:36 p.m. and called for those who wished to speak in favor of the amendment to the 2020 CDBG Annual Action Plan. Hearing none; she called for those who wished to speak in opposition to the amendment. Hearing none; the public hearing was closed at 5:36 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Det. Jason Wargo

Detective Jason Wargo congratulated Sergeant Rogers on his promotion and thanked City Council for approving the COPS grant application. He commented on Officer Denny Jordan being shot and expressed his appreciation to everyone working together yesterday including Butler and Warren County Sheriff's Office, Middletown Fire and EMS Department, and the Atrium Hospital. One of the worst things you can hear come across the radio is "shots fired" and even worse is "officer down." Then I get to the scene and it is someone that I have worked with for 20 years that is injured. This is a very dangerous job and you never know what can happen.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Vitori

Ms. Vitori commented that in light of yesterday's events, our thoughts, prayers and gratitude go out to Officer Jordan and everyone on the first responder team that dealt with that situation. She wished him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan offered his thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery to Officer Jordan and his family. Fortunately, it has been 50 years since a Middletown Police Officer was shot, let's hope that it is another 50 or so years before it happens again. He wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Moon

Mr. Moon offered his thoughts and prayers to Officer Jordan and thanked him for his dedicated service to the City of Middletown. All of the officers are putting their lives on the line every day and I appreciate the sacrifice they make.

Ms. Nenni

Ms. Nenni expressed her appreciation and prayers to Officer Jordan and his family. She congratulated Sergeant Rogers on his upcoming promotion and welcomed all of the new Firefighters/EMTS. She thanked staff for their work in presenting the City's action plan for spending the CARES Act funding. She is looking forward to seeing the impact of those dollars on those that will benefit the most from them in our community. She wished everyone a fun and safe Labor Day weekend.

Ms. Condrey

Ms. Condrey commented that family does not always have the same mother. Yesterday we saw our Middletown family come together in support of our Police Department. I am proud to be part of this Middletown family and especially grateful to our first responders.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Chief Birk

City Manager Palenick welcomed Chief Birk to the podium to give an update on Officer Jordan's condition. Chief Birk explained that yesterday's incident involved multiple jurisdictions. The pursuit ended in Warren County. Officer Jordan was shot three times, once in the finger, shoulder and his holster deflected a shot to the leg. He is home and has a long road to heal up. Our policy is to contact Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) through the Attorney General's Office and have them handle the investigation. The suspect did not want to go back to prison, he had a parole violation and is a suspect in a Hamilton homicide investigation. We are praying for Denny and his family, I know that he wants to come back to work and he will do everything he can to come back.

	<p>City Manager Palenick reported that over the past few weeks he has been meeting with staff and developing the 2021 budget presentation and proposal. It has been more than difficult to balance the budget this year. He discussed the CARES Act funding that the City had received and the requirement to encumber those funds by October 15th. These funds are only able to be spent on things that were not budgeted for and are related to Covid-19. The thing the City needs more than anything is to fill the lost revenues because of Covid-19. Congressman Davidson is pushing hard to pass legislation that would allow the flexibility to use the CARES Act funds to supplement the City's lost revenues. Allowing the flexibility would greatly benefit this community and other communities across the country. The City is being creative and trying to use the CARES Act funding and to stretch the money as far as possible. He encouraged everyone to advocate very strongly for flexibility in using the CARES Act funding.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>To approve City Council minutes from July 21, 2020 Receive and File Board and Commission Minutes from: Library Board- June 16 and July 21, 2020 Citizens Advisory Board to the Police- June 17, 2020 Board of Health- July 14, 2020</p> <p>To receive and file Maintenance and Performance Bonds submitted by Grand Communities, LLC guaranteeing public improvements constructed as part of Renaissance 2 Sections 9 & 11 Subdivisions.</p> <p>To confirm the following personnel appointments to the position of Firefighter-EMT in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire: Jake Boerger, Henry Caddell, Jarrod Haley, Ryan Kennedy, Tyler Monahan</p> <p>To confirm the promotional appointment of Ryan Rogers to the position of Police Sergeant in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police. Proclaim September 7-11, 2020 Payroll Week</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve the issues and actions listed on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori.</p>
<p>PINNING CEREMONY</p>	<p>Chief Birk welcomed Sergeant Ryan Rogers to the podium. Sergeant Rogers comes from a long line of law enforcement. His grandfather Ralph was a reserve officer with the City. His father Will was an officer in Middletown, became a hit-skip detective and was promoted to Sergeant and is now the Chief of the Carlisle Police Department. The promotional process is not easy, you have a written exam, then you move on to the assessment board which consists of writing papers, presenting speeches, conducting interviews and counselling sessions. Ryan Rogers graduated from Monroe High School and attended Virginia Military Institute where he earned his bachelor's degree. He graduated from Butler Tech's Police Academy and became a reserve officer in Middletown in 2009. He was hired full time in 2013 and has become an 11-4 accident reconstructionist. He does an outstanding job and has been assigned to the START Task Force which is a regional investigative program that responds whenever there is a traffic fatality. Sergeant Rogers also serves as a member of the Police Honor Guard. His wife pinned him.</p>
<p>MOTION AGENDA</p> <p>TIRC Report</p>	<p>Receive, File and Accept the Tax Incentive Review Committee Recommendations.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to receive, file and accept the Tax Incentive Review Committee Recommendations. Ms. Nenni seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Nenni. Abstain: Ms. Vitori.</p>
<p>Waive Charter</p> <p>Ord. No. O2020-42 Contract with Miller Pipeline LLC.</p> <p>Res. No. R2020-25 Submit Grant Application to FAA</p>	<p>Mr. Mulligan moved to suspend the Charter provision that requires reading on two separate days and to declare Ordinance No. O2020-42 and Resolution No. R2020-25 emergency measures to be read one time only. Mr. Moon seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon.</p> <p>Ordinance No. O2020-42, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing a contract with Miller Pipeline, LLC for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Ordinance No. O2020-42, an ordinance establishing a procedure for and authorizing a contract with Miller Pipeline, LLC for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Condrey, Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan.</p> <p>Resolution No. R2020-25, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application and enter into an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for grant funding, and declaring an emergency was read.</p> <p>Mr. Mulligan moved to approve Resolution No. R2020-25, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application and enter into an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for grant funding, and declaring an emergency. Ms. Vitori seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: Ms. Vitori, Ms. Nenni, Mr. Moon, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. Condrey.</p>

**Res. No. R2020-26
Amounts and Rates**

Resolution No. R2020-26, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until September 15, 2020.

**Ord. No. O2020-43
Annual Action Plan**

Ordinance No. O2020-43, an ordinance authorizing the submission of an application for federal assistance, an action plan and a projected use of funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until September 15, 2020.

**Ord. No. O2020-44
Amend Annual
Action Plan**

Ordinance No. O2020-44, an ordinance adopting the amended 2020 Annual Action Plan and declaring an emergency was read with no action requested until September 15, 2020.

**Ord. No. O2020-45
ED Grant
Annie Up**

Ordinance No. O2020-45, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for a small business economic development grant with Annie Up Boutique was read for the first time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:04 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned until September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.



Nicole Condrey, Mayor

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