

#### Middleton City Council Minutes 07-17-2024

Middleton City Council Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall Council Chambers - 1103 W Main Street

#### CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Hutchinson was absent due to illness. Council member O'Meara filled in to call the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

#### ROLL CALL

-Roll was taken by Deputy Clerk -Ms. Reynolds. Councilmember O'Meara, Councilmember Christiansen, and Councilmember Murray were present. Councilmember Kiser attended by phone at 5:38 p.m.

Also in attendance: City Attorney – Mr. Waterman, City Treasurer – Ms. Miles, City Administrator/Clerk – Ms. Hobbs, City Planning & Zoning Official – Ms. Stewart, and City Public Works Director – Mr. Van Gilder.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

-The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jim Taylor gave the invocation.

#### **Action Item:**

#### 1. Approve Agenda

-Council member Christiansen moved to approve the agenda as posted. Councilmember Murray seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Swearing in of Officer Noah Duffy

-Councilmember O'Meara called the item forward on the agenda. Ms. Hobbs swore in new police officer Noah Duffy. Chief Smith presented Officer Duffy with the MPD badge and Officer Duffy's wife pinned on his badge.

#### Public Comment on Non-Public Hearing items of City Business (3 min each)

Sandy Fontana: Ms. Fontana expressed concerns about the proposed Creekside Terrace subdivision related to the high water table, need for flood insurance, reduced irrigation water, burden on schools and fire department, lack of sidewalks, and traffic on 9th street. She asked the Council to consider not approving the subdivision.

City Attorney Mr. Waterman: Mr. Waterman reminded Council and the public that public comment regarding Public Hearings is not appropriate during the public comment portion of the agenda. Those comments need to be expressed during the public hearing.



Theresa Denham: Ms. Denham commented on the June 26th meeting discussion about food trucks. She asked if private property owners hosting food trucks have permits, comparing it to rules for RVs on private property. She suggested ensuring landowners have proper permits for food truck businesses in the future.

Kayla Fern: Ms. Fern, President of the Middleton Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on July 4th events. 50 groups participated in the parade. Most spectators respected the no water balloon rule. Some issues remain with people running into the street for candy and violations of the dry zone. In the future, parade participants will not throw candy from floats, but will be encouraged to walk along the parade route and hand out candy that way. The Chamber will hold a pre-parade meeting next year to set expectations. Ms. Fern asked for community support in respecting dry/wet zone rules so the parade tradition can continue.

Janet Gibson: Ms. Gibson suggested having periodic newcomer meetings for Chief Islas to share information on Middleton to help newcomers understand local laws and culture. She also suggested exploring ways to incentivize volunteers and preserve open spaces to help recharge the aquifer.

*Mikell Galloway*: Ms. Galloway suggested the old veteran sign should go to the Historical Museum, not the Cemetery due to the yellow ribbons that show support for active-duty military troops and the word Godspeed which means "prosperous journey or success" both of which are on the sign.

City Attorney Mr. Waterman: Mr. Waterman stated that he had spoken with Mayor Hutchison since her cancer diagnosis and that she had asked him to communicate a couple pieces of information: She is confident in her ability to fight it, beat it, and move forward. At this point, she has absolutely no intention of resigning as the Mayor.

The law governing mayoral absences has three categories: One category is the mayor's not absent. One category would be a temporary absence. Tonight would be a good example. And then the third category is vacancy. If there is a temporary absence, then at that point the Council President would step in and act instead of the Mayor.

So at this point, Mayor Hutchinson's objective is to not have a temporary absence in the context of serving as the Mayor. Staff's already been working to adapt to have her continue serving in that position a little more remotely and taking things out to her residence. And the business of the City is still moving forward in that way. In the event that temporary absence does become necessary at some point, then at that point, we work with the Council President and the other Councilmembers to make sure that the business of the City continue to move forward, and we'll cross that bridge if we come to it.



At this meeting, we have, Council President Kiser absent (he was on the phone and unable to run the meeting.) So, Councilmember O'Meara was asked by the Mayor to run this meeting. We'll work with the Council to make sure that the meetings are covered if she has to be absent for future meetings, but she certainly hopes that she will be absent for as few as possible. The request she asked that I passed on to Council, was to help the city continue to function well and run smoothly, "without any drama."

Mayor Hutchison also wanted me to inform you that she's got four chemo treatments starting shortly. Those are 21 days apart and should end in October. And she anticipates working throughout her treatment with a combination of remote work if office time is unavailable. We wish her a speedy recovery.

#### **Discussion Items:**

- 1. Update on the results of our internal health survey and update on health questionnaire.
   Ms. Hobbs
- -Ms. Hobbs stated that staff is still working with employees to complete the health survey and questionnaire. So far the three most valuable things that people see in the survey is prescription drug coverage, low premium and chiropractic care. The city has to have 100% participation on the questionnaire before we can get quotes for a different plan. Right now there are about 12 people who have not completed the questionnaire. So, the city will continue to research this and will not be able to implement any changes to the health insurance for the upcoming budget year. We do anticipate bringing a quote forward for the FY2026 budget.
- 2. Regarding: Memorandum of Understanding with HD4 Mr. Van Gilder -Mr. Van Gilder shared a presentation (Exhibit 1) discussing the request from HD 4 for the Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion from Councilmembers and Mr. Van Gilder. NO decisions were made. Staff will work with HD 4 and bring back the contract at a future council meeting.
- 3. Police Department Presentation Chief Smith
- -Chief Smith gave an update on the police department (Exhibit 2)

#### **Action Items:**

- 1. Consent Agenda (items of routine administrative business)
  - a. Consider approving minutes for City Council July 3, 2024, Regular meeting.
  - b. Consider ratifying payroll for July 12, 2024, in the amount of \$123,757.92.
  - c. Consider approving accounts payable through May 24, 2024, in the amount of \$609,381.30.
- -Councilmember O'Meara called the item. Council President Kiser had reviewed the Accounts Payable.
- -Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1a-c made by Councilmember O'Meara and seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Motion passed unanimously.



#### 3. Regarding: Valley Regional Transit

Consider approving budget request in the amount of \$7,821.00 for Valley Regional Transit – Ms. Dahl / Ms. Clegg

- -Ms.Clegg gave a presentation regarding the budget request. (Exhibit 3)
- -She answered questions from Council regarding current services offered and intentions to expand services in the future. Discussion between Councilmembers and Ms. Clegg.
- -Motion to approve the budget request in the amount of \$7,821.00 for Valley Regional Transit made by Councilmember Murray and seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Motion approved unanimously.
- -Councilmember O'Meara called for brief recess at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### 4. Regarding: Old Veteran Sign

Discussion with decision to follow: Consider donating the old Veteran Sign to the Cemetery District or the Lee Moberly Museum. – Ms. Hobbs

- -Ms. Hobbs presented the item and discussed the options for donating the sign. Council asked Ms. Hobbs to bring the item back before them when there is more concrete information. Councilmember Murray asked that she reach out to the VFW to get their opinion.
- -Motion to table the item to the next meeting made by Councilmember O'Meara and seconded by Councilmember Murray. Motion approved unanimously.
- 5. Consider approving the final plat for Middleton Industrial Park #2. Ms. Stewart
- -Ms. Stewart presented the final plat for Council Approval.
- -Motion to approve the final plat for Middleton Industrial Park #2 made by Councilmember O'Meara and seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Motion approved unanimously.
- 6. Consider approving Ordinance 695, An Ordinance Enacted By The Middleton City Council Amending Title 1, Chapter 15, Section 01-15-11-04, Middleton City Code, Pertaining To The Requirements And Criteria For Sign Permit Approval; Providing For An Effective Date; Providing For Severability; And Repealing All Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders And Parts Thereof, In Conflict Herewith. Ms. Stewart
- -Motion to table item to the next regularly scheduled meeting made by Councilmember O'Meara and seconded by Councilmember Murray. Motion approved unanimously.
- 7. Public Hearing: (Request to be tabled to September 4, 2024) Consider approving the Application by Connor Gray/AG Land & Development and Y Street Capital for preliminary plat with respect to the Creekside Terrace Subdivision located at 0 N. Hawthorne Ave., 0 Concord Street, 4 Concord Street, 611 N. Hawthorne Ave., 617 N. Hawthorne Ave., 725 N. Hawthorne Ave., and 801 N. Hawthorne Ave., (Tax Parcel Nos.



17953010, 179530, 179520, 17952012, 179550, 179540, 17952011, and 17952010). The proposed preliminary plat consists of 118 single family residential home lots and 16 common lots on approximately 34 acres of vacant land zoned R-4. - Ms. Stewart -Motion to table the public hearing for Creekside Terrace Subdivision to September 4, 2024, made by Councilmember O'Meara and seconded by Councilmember Murray. Motion approved unanimously.

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Alecia Swartz: Ms. Swartz thanked the Council for taking time to listen to the public. It is important to not lose Middleton's historical value.

Greg Baker: Mr. Baker asked how EDU's are calculated for the Industrial Park.

- -Mr. Van Gilder stated that the City Engineer looks at many factors when determining the EDU's.
- -Ms. Stewart stated that the Industrial Park has been part of the planned use for Middleton for years.

Budget Workshop: Ms. Miles reviewed the draft budget that will be brought forward next council meeting.

Councilmember O'Meara adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

nnica Reynolds, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved August 7, 2024





# **City Council Public Comment**

July 17, 2024

	Name	Address	Phone or Email	Topic/Agenda Item #
1	Sandi Fontana	1021 N. Bussalo	760-458-1647	creekside Ter. Subdivision
2	Theresa Denham	25381 Kimpton	on Lile	Codes when muleing decisions
3	Path Jo Lepel	Hawthoirne		
4	STORY ENOS	93004 BUSRIDE	200-200-1540	Alfernato
5	Kelly J. CNZV	835 Willow Dr.	208 74-57.84	TONACE Crack Sub.
6	TYSON SPARRUW	211 N CAMPBELL	208-513-4221	Sign ordinare
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#### Discussion of

Highway District 4's proposed

Memorandum of Understanding General Cooperation of Planning & Zoning, Annexation, Development and Maintenance

July 2024 Update

#### Jason Van Gilder

Public Works Directo City of Middleton



#### Past Agreements between Middleton and HD4

 $7/5/2006 - Permit/License \ for the \ Use of Right-of-Way for Domestic \ Water \ and \ Sewer \ Utility \ Pipelines \ and \ Appurtenances$ 

10/18/2006 - Exchange Maintenance [of Highways] Agreement [A Joint exercise of Power

Agreement]
10/31/06 Appendix A – District Highway Maintenance
10/31/06 Appendix B – City Highway Maintenance

12/8/11 Appendix A – District Highway Maintenance 12/8/11 Appendix B – City Highway Maintenance

11/7/2018 Appendix A - District Highway Maintenance 11/7/2018 Appendix B - City Highway Maintenance

7/24/2019 - Cooperative Agreement - Impact Fee Traffic Study

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#### HD4's Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

Draft dated 1/4/2024 - Memorandum of Understanding - General Cooperation of Planning & Zoning, Annexation, Development and Maintenance Activities

Notable Items: Incorporates "Condition Standards" for annexation of Highways, Bridges, and Culverts.

Expands annexation criteria.

Full right-of-way width adjacent to annexations.

Roads that include city services (water, sewer, pressure irrigation).

Describes an annual meeting to review roadways for possible annexation

Reference to the latest Maintenance and Utility License agreements currently in place.

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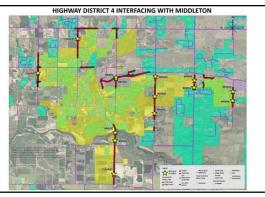
The most recent agreement on roadway maintenance responsibilities was completed in 2018.





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#### HD4's Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

#### Challenges:

- Considerably more roads to maintain for the City.
- Considerating more roads to maintain to the City.

  Need to equip the city with mag-chloride capabilities for ice clearing on steep slopes.

  More bridges and culverts.

  May affect the allocation and distribution of impact fees collected under the Mid-Star Traffic

Note: The City does not receive any additional funding based on the miles of road we maintain. Therefore, while maintenance costs will increase, we would not anticipate any corresponding increase in street funding. Highway district funding has some correlation to lane miles maintained, but the impact from the decrease in their lane miles is likely to be marginal.



#### HD4's Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

## Context: Nampa approved a similar MOU with HD4 in November 2023. Caldwell is currently considering a similar MOU with HD4.

Steps to Date
We have had internal discussions about this agreement with the Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, City Planner, and City Engineer.

- Next Steps
  Staff recommendation would be to negotiate provisions to address the following:

  A provision whereby HD4 agrees to only levy against the special levy in year swhere the general levy has been maximized.

  A greement to transfer ownership/maintenance of Willis Road immediately east of Middleton Road to HD4 until such time as the City is contiguous to that roadway.

  Review the potential impacts to the Mid-Star funding allocations to ensure funds can adequately address changes in roadway ownership between the agencies.

  Require city standards be used for future development within the City's "Area of Impact" or "Planning Area" instead of "adjacent to annexed frontage".

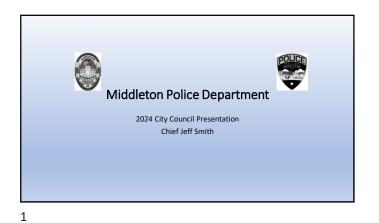


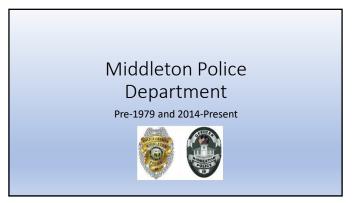
#### Questions and Discussion

#### Jason Van Gilder

Public Works Director City of Middleton

Exhibit 2

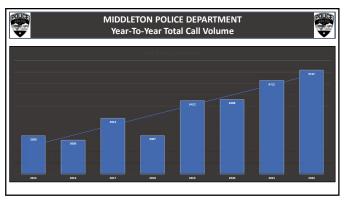




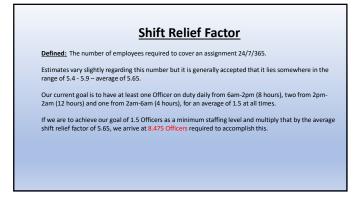
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Organizational Chart

14.5 Allocated Positions

1 Chief of Police
2 Sergeants
0 Detectives
2 School Resource Officers
8 Patrol Officers: 2 Dayshift
1 Swingshift
2 Graveyard
2 Field Training
1 Vacant
1.5 Non-Sworn Office Staff

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Patrol Schedule

Dayshift 6am-6pm
Swingshift 2pm-2am
Graveyard 6pm-6am

All Officers work either Sunday-Tuesday or Wednesday-Friday and every other Saturday.

Defined: The number of subordinates a supervisor directly oversees.

It is widely accepted in policing that a first-line supervisor, typically a Sergeant, can effectively supervise between 4-6 subordinates.

Previously, Sergeant Hilkey had been responsible for supervising twice that number with 9 Officers and 1.5 civilian staff.

Additionally, there were two of those Officers working the opposite side of the week who Sergeant Hilkey might never encounter while on duty.

In short, we were in desperate need of adding a Sergeant to assist with daily supervision of these Officers and we remedied that last year.

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Current Officer Resource Allocation

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## Patrol Vehicle Fleet

8 Dodge Chargers (2009-2020) 3 Chevrolet Tahoes (2016)

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Any Questions?

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Exhibit 3





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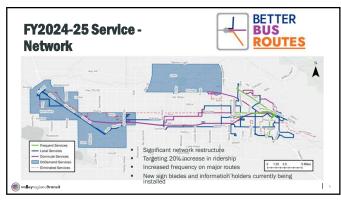
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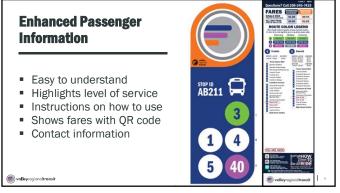
**Budget Process Overview** VRT Budget Breakdown **Budget Timeline** • Apr - CEO Intro letter • Apr/May - Preliminary funding request • May/Jun - Service and funding request discussions • Jul/Aug - Budget finalization • Aug/Sept - Cooperative agreements

**VRT Overview** STAFF 43 VRT STAFF 149 08M CONTRACTED TRANSIT CENTERS/
MAINTENENCE FACILITY

FACILITIES FLEET OTHER 7

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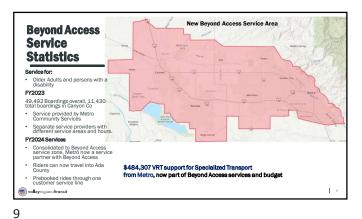




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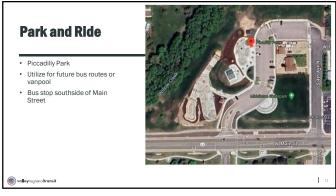






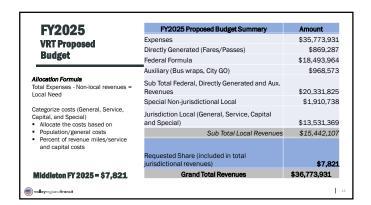
**TVT Service Statistics** FY2023 20,193 total boardings Ridership is up from FY2022 Non-Emergency Medicaid Medicaid eligible including Seniors and persons with disabilities, primarily to development workshops in Nampa and Caldwell Supported by Medicaid and non-jurisdictional local and federal funds FY2024 Changes No proposed changes

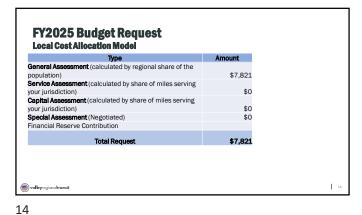
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**FY2025 Budget Request** 

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## FY2025 Funding Request

Request City of Middleton to consider supporting a \$7,821 contribution to public transportation.

- Provides specialized service to older adults and those with disabilities, provides essential medical trips
- · Leverages federal funding
- Growth Potential along Highway 44 or extend Canyon County OnDemand

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Thank you. Questions?
Elaine Clegg
eclegg@rideVRT.org



# **City Council Public Comment**

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	Name	Address	Phone or Email	Topic/Agenda Item #
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