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## MIDDLETON CITY COUNCIL MARCH 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the Middleton City Council on March 1, 2017 was called to order by Mayor Darin Taylor at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll call:** Council Members Beverlee Furner, Carrie Huggins, Rob Kiser and Council President Lenny Riccio were all present.

Mayor Taylor asked to add a payment to Horrocks Engineering to item 3A Accounts Payable and to add item 4E Consider waiving the building permit and plan review fees for the Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District (GMPRD) to remodel the restroom at the Middleton Community Center.

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** Motion by Council President Riccio to approve the agenda with the addition to item 3A a payment to Horrocks Engineering and adding item 4E Consider waiving the building permit and plan review fees for the Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District (GMPRD) to remodel the restroom at the Middleton Community Center, both items being added to the agenda at the meeting because they were received since the agenda was first posted, was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously.

The Mayor and City Council recognized the Middleton High School girls' basketball team and President Riccio articulated congratulations to the team on its state championship.

### 3) Administrative Action/Consent Agenda:

Mayor Taylor introduced the item.

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously.

### 4) New Business:

#### 4)A. Consider approving a proposal from JEH Construction for roof repair at Trolley Station in an amount not to exceed \$7,350.

Mayor Taylor introduced the item, and asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak to council about the item: none.

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to approve a proposal from JEH Construction for roof repair at Trolley Station in an amount not to exceed \$7,350 was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously.

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**4)B. Consider approving a Task Order to SPF Water Engineering for 2017-2018 NPDES Stormwater Permit Engineering Support in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.**

Mayor Taylor introduced the item, and asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak to council about the item: none.

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to approve a Task Order to SPF Water Engineering for 2017-2018 NPDES Stormwater Permit Engineering Support in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously.

**4)C. Consider approving a renewal of medical and vision employee benefit plan with Blue Cross of Idaho.**

Mayor Taylor introduced the item, and asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak to council about the item: none.

**Motion:** Motion to approve a renewal of medical and vision employee benefit plan with Blue Cross of Idaho, was seconded by Council Member Furner and carried unanimously.

**4)E. Consider waiving the building permit and plan review fees for the Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District (GMPRD) to remodel the restroom at the Middleton Community Center.**

Mayor Taylor introduced the item, and asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak to council about the item:

Scott Brock asked who owns the building, and Mayor Taylor answered that the Middleton School District owns the building and is leasing it to GMPRD on a long-term lease.

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to approve waiving the building permit and plan review fees for the Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District (GMPRD) to remodel the restroom at the Middleton Community Center was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously.

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### 5) Old Business:

#### 5)A. Consider approving Resolution No. 385-17 to remove the unnecessary directional wording on road names in Middleton.

Mayor Taylor introduced the draft resolution specifically identifying the approximately 20 road names that would be affected, and answered Council's questions.

Council Member Furner asked how many residences would be affected by the proposed changes, Mayor Taylor answered less than 1,000, mainly in the Middleton Lakes, The Estates, and Powder River subdivisions. Council Member Furner asked if they have been asked or if they have a preference, and Mayor Taylor answered that they have not been asked but that he can send letter if council would like

Council President Riccio suggested putting the proposed changes it in the newsletter and added that the changes make sense.

Council Member Huggins asked what the time frame for the change will be, and Mayor Taylor answered that the City would like to change the road signs on an as needed basis, so there is no definite time frame.

Mayor Taylor asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the item:

Bob Pittman asked if he will have to change his checking account and other items if this change is approved, Mayor Taylor answered that he would not need to make an immediate change and that his mail will continued to be delivered but that he could drop the directional from the road name next time he purchased checks or updated his accounts. Mr. Pittman then asked if the proposed change is okay with the post office, Mayor Taylor answered that he has not spoken with the post office but is certain it will be okay because it clarifies and simplifies road names.

Council President Riccio said that he would like the proposed changes to be in the next newsletter and make a decision after hearing back from the public. Mayor Taylor replied that it can be in the April 2017 newsletter.

Mayor Taylor then asked what is Council's hesitation with moving forward on the item. Council Member Furner answered that her hesitation is there are possibly 1,000 residences like Mr. Pittman that might be concerned and that she is not fully confident that mail would still be delivered.

Mayor Taylor then said it that this item would not be on a future agenda because he is just trying to clarify the road names in town so they make sense, and that this is the second time before council without a majority support, and it does not make sense to ask all residents their thoughts when the change would affect three subdivisions.

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**5)B. Consider approving Resolution No. 386-17 approving a police department procedures handbook.**

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to table the item until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 15, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously.

**5)C. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 588 amending Middleton City Code (third reading):**

**Title 5: An Ordinance of the City of Middleton, Canyon County, Idaho, Amending Title 5 of the Middleton City Code Updating the General Zoning Provisions, Modifying and Updating General Zoning Definitions and Regulations for Traffic Buffers, Buffers Between Residential and Industrial Zones, and Access Restrictions; Modifying the Standards for Design Review Districts, Making Other Minor Modifications and Providing an Effective Date, and**

**Title 6: An Ordinance of the City of Middleton, Canyon County, Idaho, Amending Title 6 of the Middleton City Code Updating the General Subdivision Definitions and Regulations, Adding Road Names for Section and Quarter-section Line Roads to the Right-of-Ways Width Table, Modifying and Updating Traffic Buffer Requirements, Restrictions on Flag Lots, Modifying Required Dedication Language, Making Other Minor Modifications and Providing an Effective Date.**

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to read Ordinance 588 by title only was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to approve Ordinance 588 was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

### **7) Public Comments:**

Bob Pittman asked if there is a place he can find the plan for Piccadilly Park and when the rest of the park is going to be built. Mayor Taylor answered that the plan is on the City's website and that the parking lot and farmers' market area are scheduled to be constructed in 2017, the restrooms and splash pad are scheduled for construction in 2018, the climbing structure and zip line in 2019, and the amphitheater and fitness equipment in 2020. Mr. Pittman then asked if Council agendas are on the website, and City Clerk Crofts answered that they are under the City Clerk tab.

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Mayor Taylor introduced Steele Sommers, the MYAC City Liaison who presented the MYAC report and answered questions.

### **8) Department Comments:**

City Engineer Amy Woodruff reviewed the submitted engineer report and answered Council's questions.

Mayor Taylor declared a recess at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### **4) New Business continued:**

#### **4)D. Consider approving changes to the City's insurance coverage approach from a percentage to a fixed dollar amount (defined benefit) approach.**

City Clerk Crofts presented the item for discussion and questions.

Mayor Taylor asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the item:

Bob Pittman stated that the presentation was very well put together. He then asked if Blue Cross was asked if they would match deductibles, Lindsay Clarke the City's insurance representative, answered that they cannot do that now for small group plans because of the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Pittman added that as an employer you do not want to lose good employees because you are not competitive and that he recommends keeping the current plan until October and reconsider changing at budget time.

Officer Chris Graham said that the proposed change would be a 65% increase for him. Mayor Taylor asked if Council decides to go to the defined contribution would his request then be that the City's contribution be higher than then proposed \$850, and Officer Graham replied yes please consider a higher defined contribution.

Council Member Furner asked what the reality out of pocket is for him, Officer Graham answered that his family is close to meeting out of pocket at this time. Council Member Furner asked would a \$6,000 or \$10,000 maximum be doable, and Officer Graham said that it would be too much for his family financially.

Middleton Public Library Librarian Kate Lovan stated that she is very conflicted with this situation. As a librarian, she currently is within budget but stated that the federal government will come down if she chooses to hire her next employees because employing them is cheaper than someone else, so it puts her in a bad position as a department head. She added that she understand that as benefit costs go up it is hard to hire qualified employees.

Officer Greg Langley stated that his plan will increase significantly. He came to Middleton for to be closer to family and has thoroughly enjoyed being here. He added that the quality of employees in the City and Police Department are top notch and he

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does not want to lose anyone. He said that he believes that having options is desirable for everyone.

Sergeant Alan Takeuchi stated that his fear is that if top notch employees can't afford the proposed plan they will leave. Council Member Furner asked what plan he would pick if he had a choice, and he answered that he would stay the same.

Lindsay Clarke stated that she is grateful to be able to meet with the City and its employees and receive feedback. She would like to work until something is found that is best for everyone. She added that it is very important that the culture of city is maintained and she does not want this decision to disrupt that.

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to table the item until the budget workshops to gather more information was seconded by Council Member Furner and carried unanimously.

9) **Mayor's Comments:** none.

10) **Council Comments:** none.

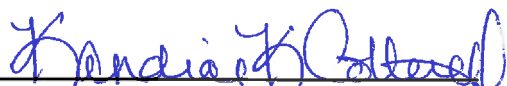
11) **Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code and possible decision(s) to follow:**  
74-206(1)(f) Potential and pending litigation

12) **Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Motion by Council President Riccio to adjourn was seconded by Council Member Kiser and carried unanimously. Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Mayor Darin Taylor

  
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Kandice Cotterell, Deputy City Clerk  
Approved: April 5, 2017

