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**Middletown City Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall – 11803 Old Shelbyville Road
April 10th, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call- City Clerk Brittany Veto called the roll:

- Commissioner Amy Oliver – Present
- Commissioner Paul Hayden – Absent
- Commissioner Mark Stigers – Present
- Commissioner Ron Wolf – Present
- Mayor Byron Chapman – Present
- Treasurer Tracy Dohn- Absent

4. Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the March 13, 2025, meeting minutes with no corrections made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Stigers. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve the general fund treasurers report made by Commissioner Oliver, seconded by Commissioner Stigers. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve the road fund treasurers report made by Commissioner Stigers, seconded by Commissioner Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Middletown Cemetery Association, Inc., Board of Trustees

- A motion to approve the Cemetery Fund Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Stigers and seconded by Commissioner Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Announcements/Updates

- Commissioner Wolf updated on legislative items, including opposition to House Bill 253 and information on Senate Bill 59 and SB 129.
- Rep. Markus Winkler introduced himself and offered ongoing legislative support.
- Commissioner Wolf confirmed the Easter Egg Hunt would be held April 19 at 10:00 AM.

8. Presentations

Aida Copic, Director of Planning at TARC, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the TARC 2025 network redesign initiative. She explained that TARC, like many transit agencies nationwide, is facing a significant operational funding shortfall projected at \$30 million by 2026. Over the past year, TARC has reduced its annual vehicle revenue hours from 600,000 to below 400,000 while operational costs have continued to rise. In response, TARC has proposed several potential service models, including a limited network that reduces coverage but increases service frequency, an enhanced network offering better reliability and reach through 2030 without additional funding, and a growth network that would require substantial new funding to implement. The community has shown a preference for improved service quality over broader but less reliable coverage. Unfortunately, Middletown would lose service east of Hurstbourne Parkway under current redesign options. Copic noted possible alternative solutions such as micro transit partnerships to connect residents to core TARC routes. She invited input from the Commission and the public as TARC continues its outreach and finalizes its proposal this summer.

9. Reports

- **Middletown Police Department-** Major Joey Webb reported on a recent homicide (first in over a decade), grant awards for body armor, and partnership with Metro and federal agencies. Noted need for increased resources due to city growth.
- **Middletown Operations/Public Works Department-** Chris Mann reported ongoing storm debris cleanup, FEMA documentation, and upcoming playground project completion by April 14. Ribbon cutting and media release planned.
- **Middletown Business License & OCC Registration-** The mayor noted ongoing license collections and annual registrations.
- **Middletown Historic Museum-** Commissioner Stigers announced new FamilySearch license. Computer use remains high.
- **Middletown Chamber of Commerce-** The Chamber was not in attendance. A written report submitted. Next event is the golf scramble.
- **Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency-** ARPA Report- ARPA reporting due end of April; final allocations in progress.
- **Events-** The Commission discussed several key events planned for the year. The City will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 at 10:00 AM, which has become a favorite community tradition. In addition, the City is organizing a series of summer "Concerts in the Park" events to promote family-friendly entertainment and community engagement. Planning is also underway for seasonal activities including a potential ribbon cutting and media event for the reopening of the playground, as well as additional initiatives around the Fourth of July and fall festivals. Commissioners expressed support for promoting these events through press releases and collaboration with local media outlets to ensure strong attendance and civic pride.

10. General Public Comment- Councilman Anthony Piagentini provided a detailed update on the Louisville Metro Council's upcoming budget process. He had just completed a meeting with the Louisville Mayor and shared that infrastructure and public safety would be major funding priorities. Piagentini affirmed his ongoing support for Middletown, particularly in securing Metro resources for suburban cities, and commended the Middletown Police Department for its professionalism and coordination during recent incidents. He emphasized the importance of maintaining strong city-county partnerships and pledged continued collaboration on transportation and emergency preparedness efforts.

11. Contracts/Municipal Orders/Ordinances/Resolution

- **Storm Update-Middletown Disaster Plan- Mayor** Chapman detailed coordination with Metro and federal resources during recent storm. Commissioner Oliver and Commissioner Wolf emphasized the need to formalize Middletown's disaster response plan using KLC templates. Meeting scheduled for April 22 at 5:00 PM to begin drafting a comprehensive plan.

12. City Attorney Report

- Only one pending item to address during the meeting: a request from a property owner at 1200 Brinley. Mayor Chapman recommended deferring the matter until the next meeting when Treasurer Dohn could be present to provide full context and answer questions. No formal action was taken at this time.

13. Executive Session 61.810 (f) Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee

- A motion was made by Commissioner Oliver, seconded by Commissioner Stigers, to go into executive session per KRS 61.810 (f). Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Stiger, seconded by Commissioner Oliver, to end executive session and return to regular session. Motion passed unanimously.
- No action was taken in executive session.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Oliver, to raise the salary of our clerk from \$28 per hour to \$32 per hour effective May 1, 2025, the end of her 90-day probationary period. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Oliver, seconded by Commissioner Stigers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:28pm.

Attest: _____

Brittany Veto, City Clerk



J. Byron Chapman, Mayor

