

JUNE 11, 2024



Watertown City Council

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6470

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 149 MAIN STREET**

MINUTES

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
- B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>
- C. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- D. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344
- E. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
- F. Please Visit the City Council Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/350/City-Council>

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors John M. Airasian, Caroline Bays, Lisa J. Feltner, John G. Gannon, Nicole Gardner, Emily Izzo, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were George Proakis City Manager, Mark Reich, City Attorney, and Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no participants in Public Forum.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes from City Council Meeting May 28, 2024

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes from City Council Meeting May 28, 2024 and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Call Vote.

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Sideris announced that the “Topping Off” ceremony for the new Watertown High School took place last week and expressed that it was an exciting time as the vision is coming to fruition. They expect a ribbon cutting in the next few months.

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

A. Juneteenth Proclamation

Councilor Piccirilli presented the proclamation.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the proclamation and Councilor Gardner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Vote.

B. Pride Proclamation

Councilor Gardner presented the proclamation.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the proclamation and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Vote.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Public Hearing and Vote on the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Related Matters

City Manager Proakis expressed thanks to the Councilor for their collaboration in the process and getting the City Budget to the point of vote. He invited the City Auditor to present the line items.

City Auditor Langan stated that she will be reading the associated numbers per department, and instructed the Council to note “pass” at any possible area that they would like to discuss.

President Sideris noted that any item that is not “passed” is adopted, and any items that are will be addressed with discussion.

City Auditor Langan presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget with appropriate departments and line items.

Councilor Gannon asked if the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds pay the services off other town departments.

City Auditor Langan replied that it represents an all in figure which includes indirect costs related to labor.

Council President then stated that the FY25 Budget has been adopted, and thanked all the individuals for their hard work that went into the process.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to reconsider the budget in hopes that the motion will fail and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion to reconsider the budget failed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

B. Public Hearing, Consideration, and Vote on the Reorganization Plan by Administrative Code submitted by the City Manager pursuant to Section 6-2 of the City Charter

City Manager Proakis stated that he submitted an additional minor adjustment to the reorganization plan that was passed a year ago.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the plan and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Palomba requested that once this passes, it is quickly put on the website for viewing with scalable viewing accessibility.

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Vote.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Membership, Leadership, and Responsibilities of the Traffic Commission

City Manager stated that this ordinance reflects the agreed upon language that came out of Committee and Council discussions.

B. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$945,000 is appropriated to pay costs of HVAC improvements for the first floor and basement levels of the Watertown Middle School as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Program, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

City Manager Proakis presented the proposed order. He remarked that the total cost of the project will be \$2,298,000, but that the substantial portion of the project will be funded by the “Esser 3” program.

C. Motion to Appropriate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funds for Fiscal Year 2025

City Auditor Langan presented the voted on action item from the Community Preservation Committee meeting on May 16, 2024 which asks the City Council to appropriate and transfer from the FY25 Community Preservation Funds (\$3,650,000) as follows:

5% (\$182,500) for administrative expenses
10% (\$365,000) to the affordable housing reserve
10% (\$365,000) to the historical preservation reserve
10% (\$365,000) to the open space/recreation reserve
65% (\$2,372,500) to the undesignated fund balance

Councilor Piccirilli moved to appropriate the funds and the recommended percentages and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Gannon asked what the total balances of the three tranches would be if the motion is approved.

City Auditor Langan replied that she did not have the exact figures in front of her, but she would send that information.

Councilor Gardner added that she would like to see the comprehensive breakdown on all the categories including administrative expenses and fund balance.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$29,500 from Various FY24 Police Accounts to the FY24 Police Vehicle Replacement

Account

City Manager Proakis stated that in his presentation of the budget, the Police Department had asked for additional funds to purchase a new vehicle, but that the administration was able to fund that request via several transfers within the department which is what is presented.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of funds and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- E. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds in the amount of \$5,000 from Mount Auburn Cemetery to support the "100 Years of Arshile Gorky" mural project overseen by the Public Arts & Culture Committee

City Manager Proakis presented the resolution and thanked the Mt. Auburn Cemetery for their support in this item as well as the support of arts and culture in Watertown.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the gift and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- F. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds in the amount of \$1,200 from The Hawaiian Tournament to support the Pequossette Summer Program

City Manager Proakis presented the resolution and thanked the Hawaiian Tournament, a registered 501 nonprofit dedicated to providing helping hands to disadvantaged children and families, for their generous gift.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the gift and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Ad Hoc Committee for HRC Confirmation Report regarding its meetings on April 10, 2024 and May 24, 2024 - Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council approve the appointment of the following persons to the Human Rights Commission:

Corey Barr for a term expiring April 1, 2025

Elizabeth Brusie for a term expiring April 1, 2025

Gabriel Camacho for a term expiring April 1, 2025
Lisa Laplante for a term expiring April 1, 2026
Melvin Poindexter for a term expiring April 1, 2026
Xin Peng for a term expiring April 1, 2027
Sarah Zoen for a term expiring April 1, 2027
Susan Musinsky for a term expiring April 1, 2026

Councilor Bays presented the report. She then remarked that since the time of the report, one of the appointee's, Quyen Tran, has removed themselves from consideration for the Human Rights Commission.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the confirmations of each appointment to their appropriate terms and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Each motion for each appointment was approved unanimously in Voice Votes.

B. Committee on Parks and Recreation Report regarding its meeting on June 3, 2024 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Patrick Towler for appointment as a member of the Conservation Commission to a term expiring February 15, 2027

Councilor Palomba presented the report.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the action item and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Feltner thanked the Residents Advisory Committee for their hard work in recruiting qualified individuals to sit on these boards.

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Vote.

11. COMMUNITCATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Planning Board

City Manager Proakis requested the confirmation of Sarah Scott for appointment as the associate member of the Planning Board.

President Sideris stated that this referral goes to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning.

B. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Affordable Housing Trust

City Manager Proakis requested the confirmation of Cliff Cook, Helen Oliver, Joey Weintraub, and Zoey Weintraub for reappointment to the Affordable Housing Trust.

President Sideris stated that this referral goes to the Committee on Human Services.

C. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Cable Access Corporation

City Manager Proakis requested the confirmation of James Vershbo for appointment to the Cable Access Corporation.

President Sideris stated that this referral goes to the Committee on Education and School Systems.

D. Zero Emission Vehicle Policy

E. Zero Overtime Purchasing Policy

City Manager Proakis stated that items D and E will be brought back at the next meeting. They are part of a goal to bring Watertown into being part of a statewide program called Climate leader Communities.

City Manager Proakis announced that the City performed their latest bond sale for \$64,105,000, including the second \$50,000,000 tranche of the \$150,000,000 borrowing for the Watertown High School. The combined interest rate is about 3.8%, which he remarked was relatively good in the current market. He also stated that Watertown maintains their AAA bond rating, which is the highest possible rating.

City Manager Proakis then announced that the 311 service has been launched. There are a few glitches to work out, and it is not a 24/7 operation, but they are excited to have this service available to the public. He then announced a Flag Day celebration, ongoing Pride events, the beginning of the annual Farmer's Market, summer concert series, and a Watertown Square Area Plan meeting.

12. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

There were no Requests for Information.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Gardner announced that the annual Juneteenth Celebration will not be held with Belmont this year, as it typically is, but at 114 Riverside Street from 2 PM- 4 PM.

14. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no participants in Public Forum.

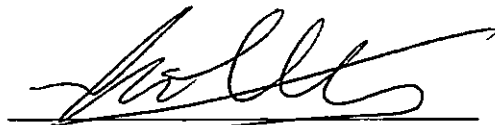
15. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion was adopted unanimously in a Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, 0 present on June 25, 2024.



Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM
List of Documents

- 1. Juneteenth Proclamation - Item 6A**
- 2. June as Pride Month Proclamation – Item 6B**
- 3. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Line Item– Item 8A**
- 4. Fiscal Year 2025 Reorganization Chart – Item 8B**
- 5. Traffic Commission Ordinance – Item 9A**
- 6. Middle School HVAC Loan Order – Item 9B**
- 7. Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preservation Fund – Item 9C**
- 8. Police Vehicle Transfer of Funds – Item 9D**
- 9. Mount Auburn Cemetery Gift of Funds – Item 9E**
- 10. Hawaiian Tournament Gift of Funds – Item 9F**
- 11. Ad Hoc Committee Report – Item 10A**
- 12. Committee on Parks and Recreation Report – Item 10B**
- 13. Request for Confirmation – Planning Board – Item 11A**
- 14. Request for Confirmation – Affordable Housing Trust – Item 11B**
- 15. Request for Confirmation – Cable Access Corp – Item 11C**

**ADDENDUM TO THE
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11,
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Agenda

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CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to adopt the Minutes from City Council Meeting May 28, 2024

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to accept the Juneteenth Proclamation



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JUNETEENTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Juneteenth Independence Day was established as a federal holiday in 2021; and

WHEREAS: Juneteenth celebrates the end of legal slavery in the United States, commemorating the announcement by a Union officer in Galveston, TX on June 19, 1865 of the end of the civil war and of slavery almost 2-1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect; and

WHEREAS: Many Black Americans have chosen since 1866 to celebrate their independence on Juneteenth, as their enslavers and those of their ancestors excluded them from the benefits of national independence declared in 1776 and observed on July 4; and

WHEREAS: Juneteenth celebrates the freedom, achievements, and contributions of African Americans to the United States, and recognizes the historical struggles of Black Americans in the face of slavery, racism, and inequality; and

WHEREAS: The people of Watertown acknowledge the past and ongoing impacts of racism and discrimination in our community, and affirm our commitment to promoting social justice, equity, and inclusion for all residents, recognizing the need to learn from the past, confront the present, and strive towards a better future for all;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Watertown hereby proclaims Wednesday, June 19, 2024 as Juneteenth Day and urges all residents to celebrate and honor the history and contributions of African Americans, to learn more about the legacy of slavery and racism, and to work towards creating a more equitable and just society for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set our hand and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Watertown to
be affixed on this 11th day of June 2024

Mark S. Sideris, City Council President



CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to accept the June as Pride Month Proclamation



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PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH – 2024

WHEREAS: Our nation has officially celebrated Pride Month in June since 1999; and

WHEREAS: During Pride Month, Americans everywhere recognize the right of each of us to live freely and authentically, consistent with our country's vision of equality for all; and

WHEREAS: While society at large increasingly supports Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and their Allies (LGBTQIA+) equality, the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS: The City of Watertown is offering a robust month of programs including Pride Extravaganza to show the vibrancy and strength of the City of Watertown because of this diversity; and

WHEREAS: The City of Watertown stands in solidarity with LGBTQIA+ people and calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace the dignity of every individual and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS: Celebrating Pride Month builds awareness and provides support and advocacy for the City of Watertown's LGBTQIA+ people and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to build acceptance and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Watertown hereby proclaims the month of June 2024 Pride Month and urges all residents to join the celebrations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set our hand and caused
the Great Seal of the City of Watertown to be
affixed on this 11th day of June 2024

Mark S. Sideris, City Council President



CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	_____	___X___	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	_____	___X___	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	_____	___X___	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	_____	___X___	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	_____	___X___	_____
EMILY IZZO	_____	___X___	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	_____	___X___	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	_____	___X___	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	_____	___X___	_____

Motion to reconsider the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

CITY OF WATERTOWN					
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND FY 2025 BUDGET					
	(510100 to 510199)	(520200 to 570799)	(580800 to 590999)		
	PERSONNEL	SUPPLIES	CAPITAL		
	RELATED	AND	COSTS/		
DEPARTMENTS	COSTS	SERVICES	OTHER		DEPARTMENTAL
					TOTAL
CITY COUNCIL	\$206,168	\$3,552,100	\$35,000		\$3,793,268
CITY MANAGER	\$1,093,256	\$170,450	\$0		\$1,263,706
CITY AUDITOR	\$527,870	\$140,275	\$0		\$668,145
PROCUREMENT	\$288,288	\$279,636	\$40,000		\$607,924
CITY ASSESSOR	\$447,513	\$137,864	\$0		\$585,377
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	\$508,521	\$124,800	\$0		\$633,321
CITY ATTORNEY	\$0	\$275,000	\$0		\$275,000
HUMAN RESOURCES	\$501,705	\$132,430	\$0		\$634,135
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$620,470	\$1,554,195	\$150,000		\$2,324,665
CITY CLERK	\$342,215	\$8,100	\$0		\$350,315
ELECTIONS	\$146,873	\$63,350	\$0		\$210,223
COMM. DEV. & PLANNING	\$2,514,008	\$352,300	\$0		\$2,866,308
CONSTITUENT SERVICES	\$179,686	\$32,500	\$0		\$212,186
PARKING LOTS & METERS	\$182,003	\$147,500	\$15,000		\$344,503
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$1,275,283	\$1,576,560	\$335,000		\$3,186,843
POLICE	\$11,668,819	\$617,501	\$343,000		\$12,629,320
FIRE	\$12,927,836	\$643,539	\$195,000		\$13,766,375
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$2,660	\$59,252	\$0		\$61,912
PUBLIC WORKS	\$4,732,467	\$10,286,586	\$377,500		\$15,396,553
HEALTH	\$713,346	\$351,913	\$0		\$1,065,259
SENIOR SERVICES	\$471,165	\$66,913	\$15,000		\$553,078
VETERAN'S SERVICES	\$107,979	\$153,600	\$0		\$261,579
LIBRARY	\$3,110,995	\$1,053,654	\$101,000		\$4,265,649
RECREATION	\$508,429	\$71,400	\$0		\$579,829
RYAN SKATING ARENA	\$269,960	\$45,400	\$30,000		\$345,360
DEBT RETIREMENT		\$0	\$33,848,601		\$33,848,601
STATE & COUNTY CHARGES	\$0	\$3,178,445	\$0		\$3,178,445
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$8,932,717		\$10,082,717
INS. & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$16,018,782	\$1,311,278	\$4,585,000		\$21,915,060
TRNS/CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0	\$0	\$2,440,000		\$2,440,000
MISC./OTHER FIN. USES	\$0	\$0	\$5,925,079		\$5,925,079
EDUCATION					\$59,704,263
TOTAL	\$60,516,297	\$26,386,541	\$57,367,897		\$203,975,000

CITY OF WATERTOWN FY 2025 PROPOSED OTHER FINANCING SOURCES GENERAL FUND					
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:					
TRANSFER FROM SALE OF LOTS FUND				\$20,000	
TRANSFER FROM PARKING METER FUND				\$250,000	
TRANSFER FROM CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE FUND				\$10,000	
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL PROJECT STABILIZATION FUND				\$500,000	
TRANSFER FROM ESCO CAPITAL PROJECT STABILIZATION FUND				\$493,225	
TRANSFER FROM WATER FUND				\$1,615,298	
TRANSFER FROM SEWER FUND				\$1,718,878	
		TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$4,607,401	
CITY OF WATERTOWN FY 2025 PROPOSED OTHER FINANCING SOURCES GENERAL FUND					
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:					
UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH				\$2,000,000	
		TOTAL UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH/OVERLAY SURPLUS		\$2,000,000	
CITY OF WATERTOWN FY 2025 PROPOSED WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGETS					
	(510100 to 510199)	(520200 to 570799)	(580800 to 580899)	(590900 to 599999)	
	PERSONNEL	SUPPLIES		OTHER	
	RELATED	AND	CAPITAL	FINANCING	
FUND	COSTS	SERVICES	COSTS	USES	TOTAL
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$1,281,231	\$5,064,413	\$286,000	\$3,001,758	\$9,633,402
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$885,697	\$7,843,350	\$1,405,000	\$2,412,653	\$12,546,700
TOTAL	\$2,166,928	\$12,907,763	\$1,691,000	\$5,414,411	\$22,180,102

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve the reorganization plan



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF WATERTOWN

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TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: George Proakis, City Manager

DATE: April 30, 2024

SUBJECT: FY 2025 ORGANZATIONAL CHANGES – EXPLANITORY MESSAGE

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, Section 6-2 of the City of Watertown Home Rule Charter, I herewith present the attached Administrative Reorganization Plan for the administrative reorganization of City departments by administrative code. This Administrative Reorganization Plan shall be subject to the referral, public hearing, report, and approval process as specified in Section 6-2 of the Home Rule Charter as further explained below.

1. Reorganization Plan by Administrative Code – City Charter Process

As noted above, this Administrative Reorganization Plan is being submitted pursuant to Article 6, Section 6-2 of the City of Watertown Home Rule Charter. This provision of the Charter authorizes the City Manager to “from time to time prepare and submit to the city council reorganization plans which may, unless prohibited by general law or the charter, reorganize, consolidate, or abolish any existing city agency in whole or in part, establish new city agencies, and prescribe the functions of any city agency.”

The process for consideration of such a reorganization by administrative code is as follows:

- A. The City Manager may submit a reorganization plan to the City Council with an explanatory note
- B. Upon receipt of the plan by the City Council, City Council shall refer plan to an appropriate standing committee for study and report.
- C. Within thirty days of such referral a public hearing on the plan would be held either before the standing committee or the full City Council.
- D. Within fourteen days following conclusion of the public hearing, a report of the standing committee would be filed, either approving or disapproving the plan.
- E. Upon the ninetieth day following City Council receipt of the plan (unless the plan itself specifies a later date) the plan becomes effective unless disapproved by the City Council.
- F. A reorganization plan submitted by administrative code may not be amended by the City Council but shall either be approved or disapproved in the form as submitted.

2. Explanatory Note

Article 3, Section 3-2 of the City of Watertown Home Rule Charter designates the City Manager as the City's chief administrative officer. The powers and duties of the City Manager include administration of all officers appointed by the City Manager and their respective agencies. The City Manager is also responsible for the coordination of activities of all agencies under his control with the activities of all other City agencies, whether elected or appointed by other elected officials. This Administrative Reorganization Plan is submitted pursuant to and in fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager and in the interest of improving the effectiveness of the City's administration. This plan is hereby offered to the City Council for action in accordance with Article 6, Section 6-2 of the City's Home Rule Charter.

3. Reorganization Plan

Included with this Explanatory Message is the proposed Administrative Reorganization Plan submitted to the City Council by the City Manager pursuant to Article 6, Section 6-2 of the City's Home Rule Charter. With the honorable City Council's approval of the organizational changes contained in the Administrative Reorganization Plan pursuant to the Charter procedures outlined above, and in accordance with the FY 25 budget submission, the City Departments will operate with the following organizational changes:

Assistant City Manager for Finance

The position noted in the FY 2024 organizational chart as Chief Financial Officer will be known as the Assistant City Manager for Finance. The Assistant City Manager for Finance will be a part of the City Manager's office, and will supervise direct staff, including but not limited to the Management & Grant Analyst, and will also become the direct supervisor of:

- City Treasurer / Collector
- Chief Assessor
- Procurement Director

The Treasury Department, Assessing Department and Procurement Departments will be city departments (not divisions), as initially planned in the FY 2024 budget and administrative ordinance.

Community Development & Planning

Community Development & Planning will be reorganized, to be divided into three divisions and four teams, as follows

- Inspectional Services Division
- Community Design Division
- Planning & Zoning Division
- Events Team
- Wellness Team
- Zoning & Code Enforcement Team
- Sustainability Team

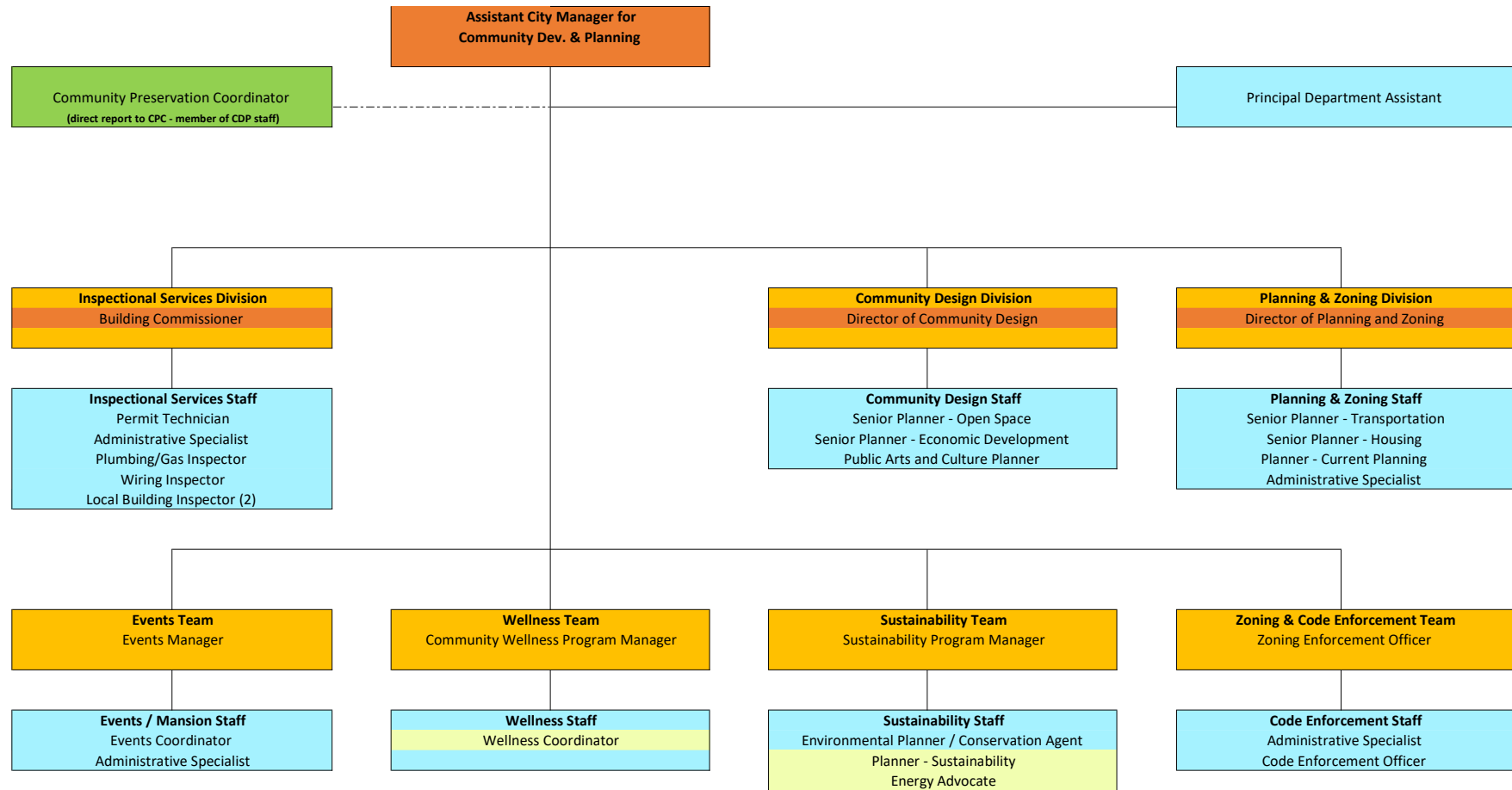
Public Buildings

Public Buildings will have four divisions, one of which includes four teams:

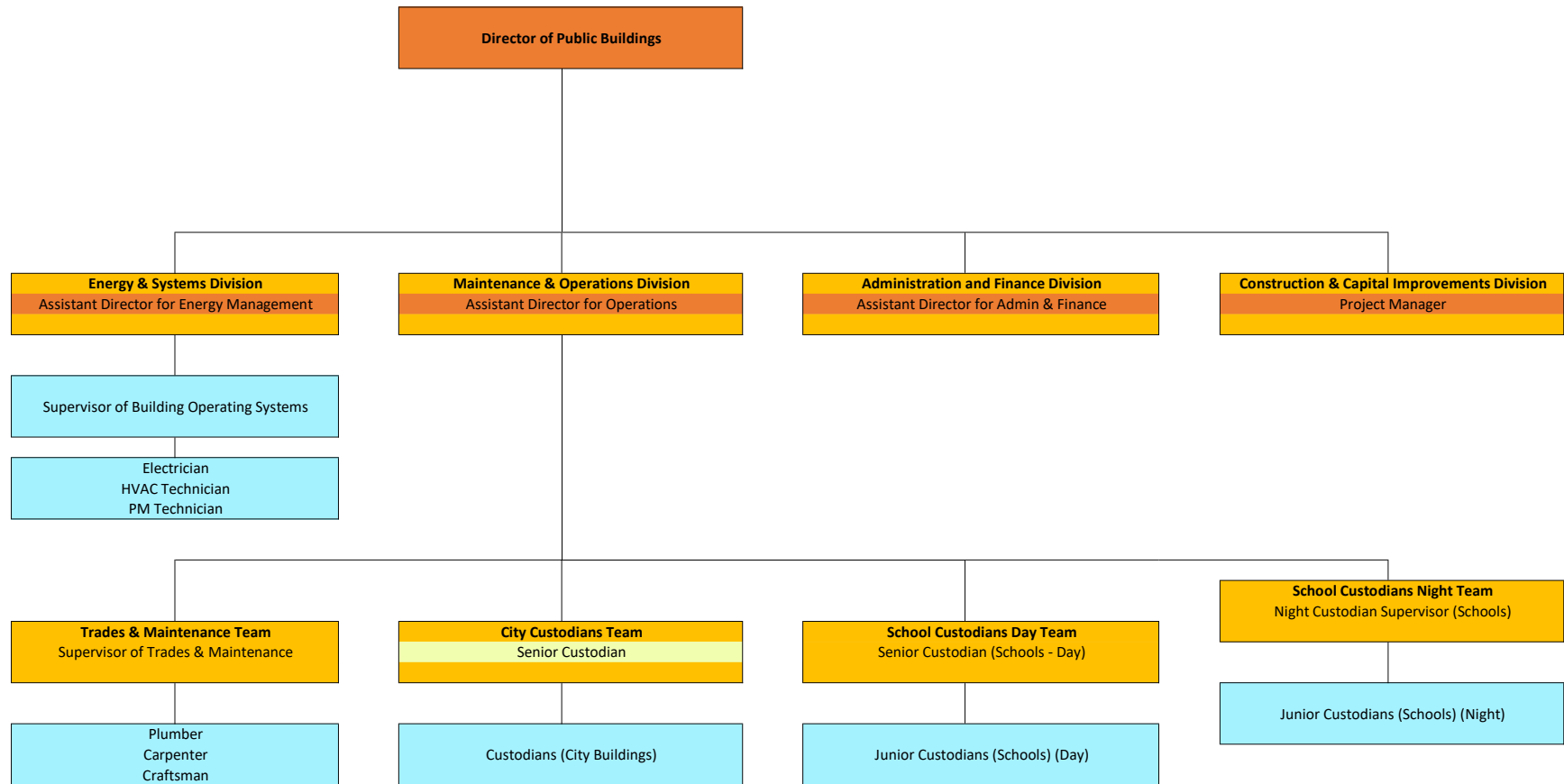
- Administration & Finance Division
- Construction & Capital Improvements Division
- Energy & Systems Division
- Maintenance and Operations Division, with the following teams: Trades & Maintenance Team; City Custodians Team; School Custodians Day Team; School Custodians Night Team

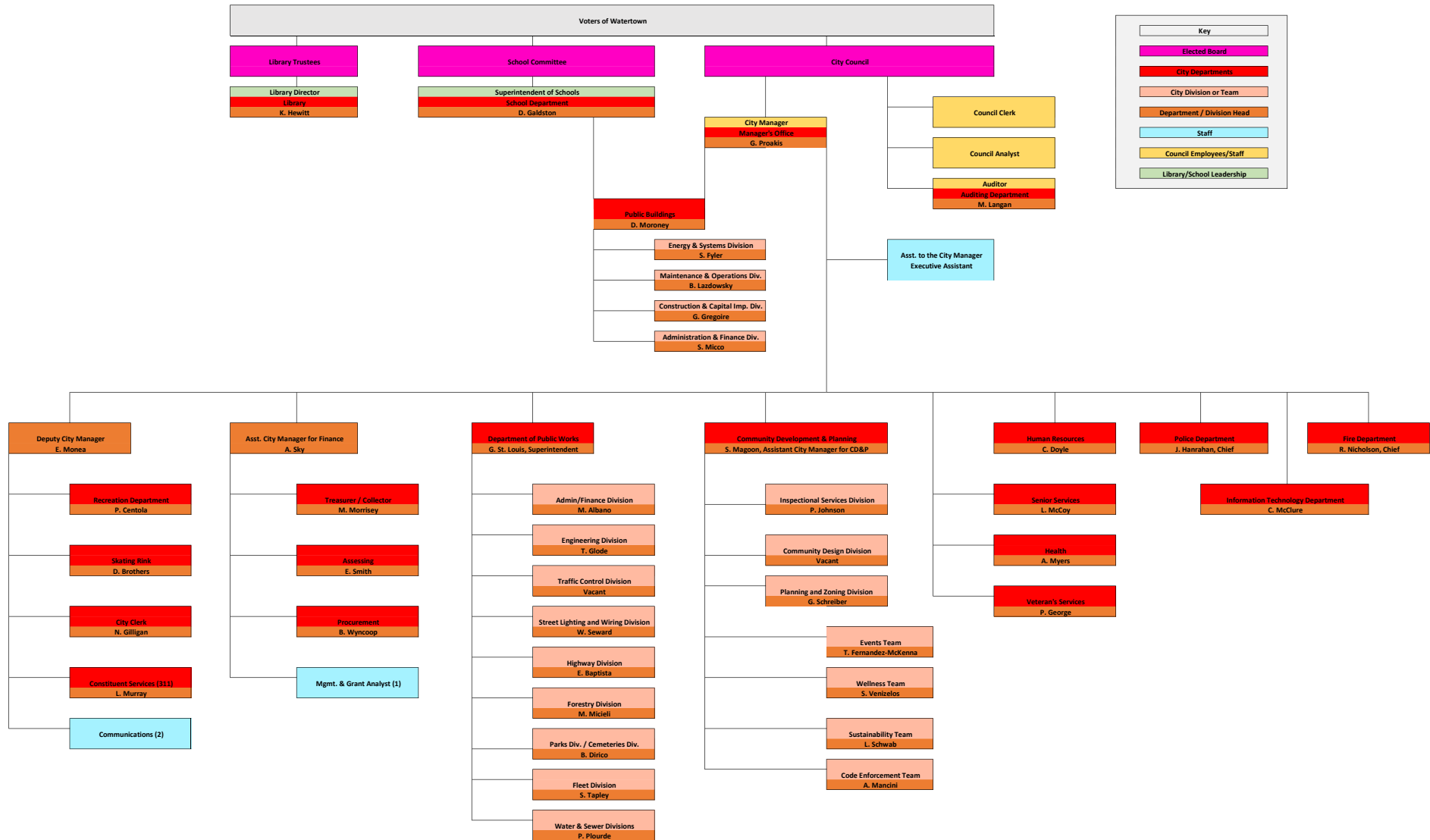
All other organization of departments will remain as established in the FY 2024 Organizational Message.

Community Development and Planning - Proposed Amended Organization



Public Buildings - Proposed Amended Organization







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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

ORDINANCE #

2024 – O –

WHEREAS, the City seeks to further define and clarify the membership, leadership, and responsibilities of the Traffic Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of City of Watertown that Title VII, Chapter 70, §§70.02, 70.04, and 70.05 of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, relative to the membership, officers and duties and responsibilities of the Traffic Commission, are hereby amended by deleting said §§70.02, 70.04, and 70.05 in their entirety and replacing those sections with the language as follows:

§ 70.02 Membership.

The Traffic Commission shall be composed of members as follows:

- (A) The Chief of the Police Department or their designee;
- (B) The Chief of the Fire Department or their designee;
- (C) The Superintendent of Public Works;
- (D) The City Engineer;
- (E) The Director of the Department of Community Development & Planning or their designee;
- (F) Four residents of the City, representing a broad range of road users including pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists, motorists, and commercial users appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council for staggered terms of two years each.

§ 70.04 Officers.

- (A) *Chair*. The Traffic Commission shall select one of its members to serve as the chair of the Commission.
- (B) *Secretary*. The City Manager shall designate a staff person to serve as the secretary of the Commission in a non-voting capacity. The Secretary shall arrange meetings, supply records, obtain data, prepare reports and attend to the other duties as shall be decided by the Commission.
- (C) *Police Liaison*. The Police Chief shall designate a staff person to serve as a liaison to the Commission in a non-voting capacity. The staff liaison shall provide recommendations to the Commission based upon best practices in community policing.

§ 70.05. Duties and Responsibilities.

The Traffic Commission shall suggest and advise the City Manager in ways and means to regulate traffic in the City with a view towards implementing the City's comprehensive plan and complete streets strategies, reducing crashes, addressing traffic congestion, and increasing safety for motor vehicle drivers and passengers, pedestrians, bicyclists and users of alternative modes of transportation. The Commission shall study and make recommendations on road design projects and any proposed addition or deletion of crosswalks, stop signs, traffic signals, signage, parking meters or parking spaces, as well as on any proposed traffic calming measures or traffic directional changes.

Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Ordinance was adopted by a vote of ____ for and ____ against on _____, 2024.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

Brendan McCarthy, Council Clerk

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George J. Proakis
City Manager

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: June 6, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order

Attached please find correspondence from Denise Moroney, Director of Public Buildings requesting that the necessary actions be taken to authorize the Treasurer to fund \$945,000 for the Watertown Middle School HVAC Improvements for First Floor and Basement levels.

I respectfully request the attached proposed Loan Order be placed on the June 11, 2024 City Council Agenda as a First Reading.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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June 7, 2024

George J. Proakis
City Manager
Administration Building
149 Main Street
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RE: Draft Loan Order – Middle School HVAC

Dear George:

As requested, I suggest the following form of loan order in connection with the Middle School HVAC project:

ORDERED: That the sum of \$945,000 is appropriated to pay costs of HVAC improvements for the first floor and basement levels of the Watertown Middle School as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Program, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

The order must be published at least five days prior to the holding of a public hearing with respect to the order and its final passage and requires the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all members of the City Council, as in the case of any other loan order for bonds.

Please call me if there are any questions about the suggested proceedings.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chelsea A. Tryder

Chelsea A. Tryder



CITY OF WATERTOWN
Department of Public Buildings

Denise Moroney
Director of Public Buildings
124 Watertown Street, Suite 3F - Watertown, MA - 02472
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dmoroney@watertown-ma.gov

June 6, 2024

George Proakis
City Manager
City of Watertown
149 Main Street
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Dear Mr. Proakis

In order for the Department of Public Buildings staff to complete capital projects in the limited Summer vacation period, we need to have funding approved and in place no later than July 1, 2024 so that purchase orders can be created for the vendors to place orders for materials starting July 1, 2024. We are requesting the Middle School HVAC project loan funds be submitted for approval to the City Council with a first reading on 6/11/24 and a second reading on 6/25/24. We are continuing with the phased approach for the installation of air conditioning systems which will serve to improve temperature control in the building while also improve fresh air ventilation throughout the Middle School for students and staff. We are seeking approval for the next phase focusing on the first and ground floor classrooms.

A total loan order request for \$945,000 is required from the FY23 CIP in order for us to proceed with the project. Enterprise Equipment was the low bidder at \$2,022,700 for the project. The project is being funded with \$945,000 in borrowing funds from the FY23 CIP along with the balance being covered by the School's ESSER3 funds. Please see the attached recommendation letter dated May 20, 2024 from Gienapp Architects in support of moving forward with Enterprise Equipment based on our direct experience with them on prior phases of this project as well as the positive references they received.

Thank you,
Denise Moroney
Director of Public Buildings

May 20, 2024

Town of Watertown
149 Main St
Watertown, MA 02472

**RE: Watertown Middle School Ground and First Floor HVAC Upgrade
Contractor Certification and Reference Review**

Dear Brian Wyncoop:

Gienapp Architects has reviewed the low bidder on the Watertown Middle School Ground and First Floor HVAC Upgrade project. The lowest bid received was by Enterprise Equipment Co. Inc., of Weymouth, MA.

Gienapp Architects has worked with Enterprise in the recent past and found them capable of good to great work. The references we reached out to gave reviews that reported similar experiences working with Enterprise. Also, their DCAMM evaluation lists 36 projects with an average score of 98 out of 100. Based on our findings, we find them to be acceptable to perform the renovation project at the Watertown Middle School.

The bid amount submitted by Enterprise Equipment was \$1,328,300 for the base bid and \$694,400 for the work of Alternate #1 for a total construction cost of \$2,022,700 if Alternate #1 is selected. We recommend securing a 10% contingency for project related costs, the following:

Base Bid:	\$1,328,300
Alternate #1:	<u>\$694,400</u>
Total Bid Amount:	\$2,022,700
10% Project Contingency:	<u>\$202,300</u>
Total Funding Required:	\$2,225,000
*GA Construction Admin Fee:	<u>\$73,000</u>
<i>Total with GA Fee:</i>	<i>\$2,298,000</i>

*Gienapp Architects Fee was previously submitted and approved on 10/11/23 as part of GA's fee proposal dated 9/26/23.

Should any further information become available, it will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Bottari
Gienapp Architects, LLC
cc: Imelda Barnhurst

GA Proj #: 614.30



CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to appropriate the CPA funds for Fiscal Year 2025



Megan Langan
Town Auditor

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TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Megan Langan, City Auditor 

DATE: June 04, 2024

RE: Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preservation Fund Budget

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) requires that the City Council approve the Community Preservation Fund Budget. Furthermore, the CPA requires that the estimated revenue for each Fiscal Year be reserved as follows:

A minimum of 10% for Affordable Housing
A minimum of 10% for Historical Preservation
A minimum of 10% for Open Space/Recreation

Additionally, up to 5% of the estimated revenue may be appropriated for CPC Administrative purposes. The remaining estimated revenue would be reserved for designation for a later date.

As you may be aware, at the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting on May 16, 2024 voted the following:

- On a motion made and seconded it was voted to request the City Council to appropriate and transfer from the fiscal year 2025 Community Preservation Funds (T= \$3,650,000) the following funds: 5% (\$182,500) for the administrative expense of the Community Preservation Committee, 10% to the affordable housing reserve (\$365,000), 10% to the historical preservation reserve (\$365,000), 10% to the open space/recreation reserve (\$365,000), and 65% to the undesignated fund balance (\$2,372,500).

Therefore, I would respectfully request that the Honorable City Council adopt this recommended action for Fiscal Year 2025.

Please be advised that before any project can be approved for funding by the CPC, the Honorable City Council would need to approve the funding of the project.

cc: Community Preservation Committee

FY2025 CPA Budget Allocation Vote

The Community Preservation Committee requests the City Council appropriate and transfer FY 2025 CPA funds which total \$3,650,000 to the following: 5% totaling \$182,500 for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee; 10% to the community housing reserve totaling \$365,000; 10% to the historical preservation reserve totaling, \$365,000; 10% to the open space/recreation reserve totaling, \$365,000; and 65% to the undesignated fund balance totaling, **\$2,372,500.**

5-16-24 CPC Meeting Agenda Item

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve the Transfer of Funds from Various FY24 Police Accounts to the FY24 Police Vehicle Replacement Account



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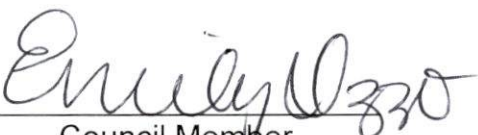
RESOLUTION# 66

2024 – R – 66

RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM VARIOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 POLICE ACCOUNTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 POLICE VEHICLE ACCOUNT

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of Watertown hereby approves the transfer of funds in the amount of \$29,500 from various Fiscal Year 2024 Police Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2024 Police Vehicle Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of said transfer is forwarded to the City Auditor and City Treasurer/Collector.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on June 11, 2024.


Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

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District D Councilor



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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: June 4, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request

Enclosed please find correspondence from Justin M. Hanrahan, Chief of Police requesting an internal transfer of funds in order to purchase a vehicle for departmental use.

Therefore, I respectfully request the attached transfer of funds be placed on the June 11, 2024, City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

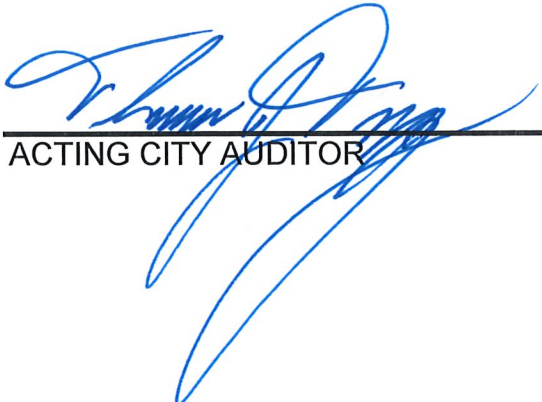
cc: Justin M. Hanrahan, Chief of Police
Steven Magoon, Assistant City Manager/CD&P Director
Melissa A. Morrissey, City Treasurer/Collector
Brian Wyncoop, Chief Procurement Officer

TRANSFER AMOUNT \$29,500

FROM:	FY 2024 POLICE FULL TIME SALARIES 0121051-510111	\$ 10,000
	FY 2024 POLICE SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL 0121051-510141	\$ 4,500
	FY 2024 POLICE OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 0121052-520240	\$ 5,000
	FY 2024 POLICE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 0121052-520245	\$ 10,000
TO:	FY 2024 POLICE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT 0121058-580869	\$ 29,500

I hereby certify to the availability, authority of funding source, mathematical accuracy and appropriate fiscal year.

6/6/24
DATE


ACTING CITY AUDITOR



WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

JUSTIN M. HANRAHAN
CHIEF OF POLICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: GEORGE PROAKIS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: JUSTIN M. HANRAHAN, CHIEF OF POLICE 

DATE: MAY 31st, 2024

SUBJECT: ACCOUNT TRANSFER – FY24

The police department has identified monies in order to purchase a vehicle for departmental use. At this time, I am requesting a transfer of funding from the following appropriations budget accounts to the Fiscal 2024 Vehicle Replacement Account – 0121058-580869. The individual amounts requested from each account are listed as follows:

One Vehicle

0121051-510111	Full Time Salaries	\$10,000.00
0121051-510141	Shift Differential	\$4,500.00
0121052-520240	Office Equip. Maintenance	\$5,000.00
0121052-520245	Vehicle Maintenance	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total amount of transfers requested:		\$29,500.00

I am requesting your assistance in placing this transfer request before the Honorable City Council for its review and action. Please contact me with any questions and I thank you for your attention to this matter.

JMH:jp

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to accept the Gift of Funds from Mount Auburn Cemetery to support the "100 Years of Arshile Gorky" mural project



Watertown City Council

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RESOLUTION # 67

R-2024 - 67

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GIFTS OF FUNDS

WHEREAS: From time to time, this community is the beneficiary of a gift donated towards improving the quality and spirit of its inhabitants' lives; and

WHEREAS: Mount Auburn Cemetery has offered to make a generous contribution in the amount of \$5,000 to support the "100 Years of Arshile Gorky" mural project overseen by the Public Arts & Culture Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of Watertown, hereby accepts and appropriates, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, monetary gifts totaling \$5,000 to support the "100 Years of Arshile Gorky" mural project overseen by the Public Arts & Culture Committee.

Council Member

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Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: May 31, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Approval and Acceptance of Gifts of Funds and Expenditures

I am pleased to inform you that Mount Auburn Cemetery has offered to make a generous contribution in the amount of \$5,000 to support the “100 Years of Arshile Gorky” mural project overseen by the Public Arts & Culture Committee.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, any expenditure of gifts of funds needs the approval and acceptance of the City Manager and City Council.

I respectfully request the attached Resolution approving these gifts of funds and expenditures be placed on the June 11, 2024 City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and action on this matter.

Resolution #

R – 2024 -

Resolution approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds

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Brendan McCarthy, Council Clerk

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A National Historic Landmark

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY

May 14, 2024

Dear Honorable City Councilors,

Mount Auburn Cemetery is pleased to support the “100 Years of Arshile Gorky” commemoration effort with a \$5000 contribution to the mural project overseen by the Public Arts & Culture Committee. The donation will be made to the City of Watertown care of the Public Art Fund.

With support from Mount Auburn Cemetery, the Watertown Public Arts and Culture Committee is collaborating with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to commission a mural through an open call along the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway that commemorates the life and work of Arshile Gorky, who, notably, forged the birth of Abstract Expressionism in the United States. The mural is an extension of a larger project by a Watertown working group to memorialize Gorky’s time in Watertown, MA, and his contribution to modern art, led through a collaboration among resident Jack Dargon and the Public Arts and Culture Committee, the Armenian Museum of Watertown, the Mosesian Center for the Arts, and the Historical Society of Watertown.

The mural project aligns with Mount Auburn Cemetery’s values and vision to remember human stories and welcome all through an inclusive worldview. Gorky’s story is inherent to Watertown’s history and, as Mount Auburn Cemetery broadens community engagement in the city, this is a human story worth commemorating through compelling public art that both beautifies and educates.

Sincerely,

Matthew Stephens

PROPRIETORS OF THE CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN

53554

Vendor ID: TOWWAT_006 Vendor Name: City of Watertown 05/24/2024 53554

Invoice No.	Date	Invoice Amount	Discounts Taken	Net Amount
PUBLIC ART - GORKY MR	05/14/2024	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00

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580 MOUNT AUBURN STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138



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OF

City of Watertown
c/o Public Arts
Planning Office, 3rd Floor
149 Main St
Watertown, MA 02472



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CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to accept the Gift of Funds from the Hawaiian Tournament to help fund the Pequossette Summer Program



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RESOLUTION # 68

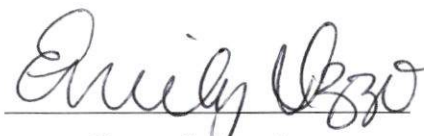
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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GIFTS OF FUNDS

WHEREAS: From time to time, this community is the beneficiary of a gift donated towards improving the quality and spirit of its inhabitants' lives; and

WHEREAS: The Hawaiian Tournament has offered to make a generous contribution in the amount of \$1,200 for support of the Pequossette Summer Program facilitated by the Recreation Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of Watertown, hereby accepts and appropriates, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, monetary gifts totaling \$1,200 for support of the Pequossette Summer Program facilitated by the Recreation Department.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 present on June 11, 2024.


Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk


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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: May 5, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Approval and Acceptance of Gifts of Funds and Expenditures

I am pleased to inform you that The Hawaiian Tournament has offered to make a generous contribution in the amount of \$1,200 for support of the Pequossette Summer Program facilitated by the Recreation Department.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, any expenditure of gifts of funds needs the approval and acceptance of the City Manager and City Council.

I respectfully request the attached Resolution approving these gifts of funds and expenditures be placed on the June 11, 2024 City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and action on this matter.

Resolution #

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Resolution approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds

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Brendan McCarthy, Council Clerk

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

5/10/2024

Hi Ernie,

I am a member of The Hawaiian Tournament (Hawaiian Open). It is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing a helping hand to disadvantaged children and families in need.

This organization started in 1990 and is committed to continue the work of our departed chairperson and dear friend Ray Forte. The Hawaiian Tournament's major annual golf fundraiser is set to be held at Sandy Burr Country Club in Wayland on Friday, June 7, 2024.

Our board met and decided that we would like to donate to Camp Pequossette so that every child has a chance to attend a summer camp. We would like to donate approximately \$1200. If you could give me a call to set up a meeting to discuss this, I would appreciate it.

Thank you,

Debbie Kelly
617-460-2932

Susan Griffin
508-380-2154

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to accept the Ad Hoc Committee reports from April 10 and May 24, 2024



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Report of the Ad Hoc Committee for HRC Confirmation Meeting Date: April 10, 2024

The Committee convened on Wednesday, April 10th, at 5:30 pm in the Council Office.

Present were Councilors Caroline Bays, Chair, Vincent Piccirilli, and Nicole Gardner. Residents Rita Colafella, Rachel Kay, and Merrie Najimy observed portions of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview nominees to the Human Rights Commission.

Corey Barr is an experienced human rights professional, with over 15 years of experience. She has particular expertise in developing and delivering educational training in social justice and human rights. She is eager to begin working with the other Commissioners on the foundational work of deciding how they will work together and the scope of the work -- what the HRC can and cannot do. She believes it will be very important to spend time and energy engaging with the community, to learn what the HRC means to people and then to work toward supplementing that knowledge and understanding. She sees the work as both reactive -- to grievances being raised -- and prospective, in terms of education and culture building.

Elizabeth Brusie is a State Attorney to the MA Commission on Judicial Conduct. Throughout her career she has worked on equity issues, and in developing formal systems to address injustices. She represented people in need for a large part of her career. In her current role, she looks at how biases can inform institutional processes, and finds ways to make things better. In thinking about how the Commission will work, she believes that people who have experienced bias and inequities should be guiding the mission and principles. Developing trust with the community will be critical and a key thing to focus on in the first few years. She also believes it is important to track and evaluate data over time, to identify progress and areas for work.

Gabriel Camacho has spent his career working for human rights, particularly for immigrants with the American Friends Services Committee and for unionized labor. He also brings lived experience, as the son of immigrants from Latin America

growing up in the South Bronx. He has traveled extensively in Latin America and the Caribbean, and understands the push and pull of forced immigration. He is currently the Political Director for the United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 1445, and spends much of his time working to support and expand the labor rights and interests of the working class. As a seasoned organizer who enjoys working in diverse communities, he believes in listening and learning to people from all backgrounds and perspectives.

Lisa Laplante is a Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for International Law and Policy. She writes and speaks on Human Rights often, and is a volunteer for the Harvard Mediation Program. In her early career most of her work was focused in Peru. After the murder of George Floyd, she became more focused on injustices in the US. As a parent, she wants to contribute her skills in her home community. She has spent a lot of her career on grievances, and looks forward to working with the other commissioners in determining the processes and roles if grievances are raised. She thinks it is critical that the community know about the HRC, and believe it to be safe and neutral.

Melvin Poindexter is a community organizer and active member of the Democratic National Committee. Over his career, he has worked for equity and justice for marginalized communities. He brings deep lived experience and passion to the Commission. He believes that people need to be heard and to be respected. They don't have to agree -- but it is critical they listen and share. He believes the Commission will be successful when people know they have a safe place to go to when they have a concern, and that they know the Commission will listen, and then strategize on how to address the issue. He wants residents (especially those who relocate here) to feel like they have a voice and will be heard; and people who work or visit here to feel truly welcomed.

Xin Peng is a software engineer with a passion for social justice, equality, and empowering marginalized communities. He brings lived experience as an Asian immigrant and member of the queer community. He joined other residents to advocate for the establishment of a Human Rights Commission in the revised Charter, and worked with others to draft an initial ordinance for the HRC which was used by the Rules & Ordinances Committee in its work. He Chairs of the Board of World in Watertown, a volunteer organization which promotes human rights in town. At work, he established and chaired the AAPI Employee Resource Group. He hopes that community organizations will work with the HRC on programming.

Sarah Zoen consults with companies on human rights and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. She has worked and studied in the US, Latin America, Africa, and Europe. She worked with others to draft an initial HRC ordinance which was used by the Rules & Ordinances Committee in its work. She is eager to translate her international human rights work to our local Watertown context. She is on the Board of World in Watertown. She looks forward to listening and learning from the community and educating the public about the indivisibility of human rights. Ultimately she envisions the HRC as creating a safe place for all community members, built on a foundation of respect for all.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.
Report prepared by Nicole Gardner

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee for HRC Confirmation Meeting Date: May 24, 2024

The Committee convened on Friday, May 24th, at 5:02 pm on the Library terrace.

Present were Councilors Caroline Bays, Chair, Vincent Piccirilli, Nicole Gardner, and HRC committee candidates Susan Musinsky and Queyen Tran

The purpose of the meeting was to interview nominees to the Human Rights Commission.

Susan Musinsky recently retired from a career focused on social justice in the Boston area. Most recently, she was the longtime executive director of the Social Innovation Forum which works with non-profits focusing on social impact. She joined the Forum at its start, and helped lead its growth. She's now eager to use some of her free time contributing to the community, and feels her expertise at growing new start up organizations will be valuable to the new Human Rights Commission. As a longtime resident who sometimes still feels like an outsider, she wants to ensure that the Commissioners will become well known and trusted enough in the community that any person with a question or concern will feel safe going to them to start a conversation.

Queyen Tran Queyen Tran is the education coordinator for TransTape, a medical grade gender affirming medical adhesive. She is a sought-after public speaker on LGBTQ+ issues, and is the creative director for Kingdom workshop on the art of drag king performances. In addition to identifying as a member of the Queer community, she is an immigrant, having arrived in the US from VietNam as a young child. She is passionate about making space safe for people who look different, for whatever reason, and especially wants immigrants to know that they are welcome here. She's pleased at the diversity of the Commissioners, representing the breadth of our community, and is eager to begin working together on behalf of all residents.

→ Action Item: Councilor Gardner made a motion, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and approved unanimously, that the Ad Hoc Committee recommend the City Council approve the appointment of the following persons to the Human Rights Commission:

Corey Barr for a term expiring April 1, 2025

Elizabeth Brusie for a term expiring April 1, 2025

Gabriel Camacho for a term expiring April 1, 2025

Lisa Laplante for a term expiring April 1, 2026

Melvin Poindexter for a term expiring April 1, 2026

Xin Peng for a term expiring April 1, 2027

Sarah Zoen for a term expiring April 1, 2027
Susan Musinsky for a term expiring April 1, 2026
Quyen Tran for a term expiring April 1, 2027.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.
Report prepared by Nicole Gardner

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Chair

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District C Councilor

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

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CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve the Action Item from the Ad Hoc Committee reports from April 10 and May 24, 2024



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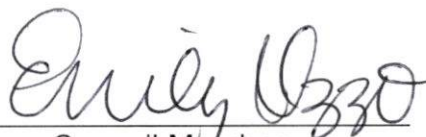
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RESOLUTION # 69

2024 - R - 69

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COREY BARR TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Corey Barr to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2025.


Council Member

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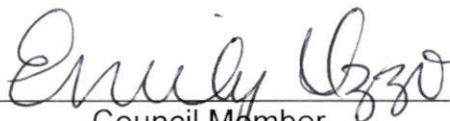
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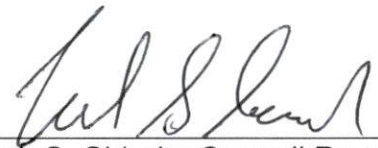
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH BRUSIE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSISON

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Elizabeth Brusie to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2025.


Council Member

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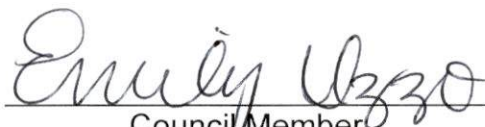
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RESOLUTION # 71

2024 – R - 71

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GABRIEL CAMACHO TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSISON

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Gabriel Camacho to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2025.


Council Member

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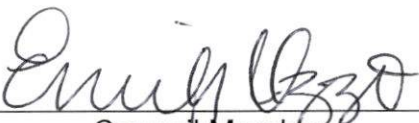
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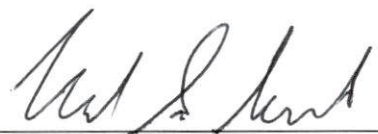
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA LAPLANTE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSISON

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Lisa Laplante to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2026.


Council Member

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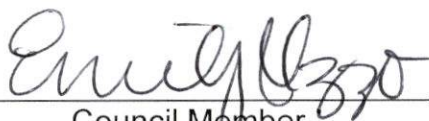
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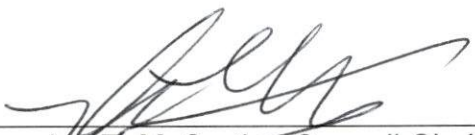
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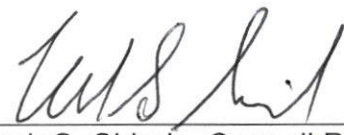
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MELVIN POINDEXTER TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSISON

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Melvin Poindexter to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2026.


Council Member

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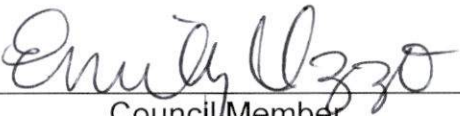
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RESOLUTION # 74

2024 - R - 74

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN MUSINSKY TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSISON

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Susan Musinsky to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2026.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the about Resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on June 11, 2024


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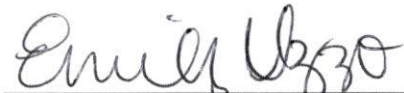
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RESOLUTION # 75

2024 – R - 75

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SARAH ZOEN TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSISON

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Sarah Zoen to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2027.



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RESOLUTION # 76

2024 – R - 76

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF XIN PENG TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Xin Peng to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2027.


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CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to accept the Committee on Parks and Recreation report from its meeting on June 3, 2024



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Committee on Parks and Recreation

**Councilor Palomba, Chair, Councilor Feltner, Vice Chair, Councilor Bays, Secretary
Committee Meeting**

Monday, June 3, 2024

5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers

The Committee on Parks and Recreation meeting was called to order June 3, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the City Council's Office. Present were Councilors Tony Palomba, chair, Lisa Feltner, vice-chair, and Caroline Bays, secretary. Also present was Patrick Towler, a candidate for the Conservation Commission.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview Patrick Towler for appointment to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on February 15, 2027.

Councilor Palomba called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Councilor Feltner asked Mr. Towler why he wanted to join the Conservation Commission. Mr. Towler explained that he has lived in Watertown for several years and wants to become more involved with the community by helping out. He spoke with a member of the Residents' Advisory Committee at a booth at the fair last fall and, after looking at various options, he felt that the Conservation Commission was a good fit for his interests and skill set.

He appreciates how much effort the city puts into preserving our green spaces and wetlands and is interested in participating in that effort. He currently works in IT at John Hancock as well as having some law school experience. In preparation for this position, he has read the wetlands conservation statute and has watched some of the meetings. Councilor Palomba said that he will get a lot of guidance from other members of the committee, and he will learn quickly especially if he listens to his fellow committee members.

Action Item:

Councilor Palomba made a motion, seconded by Councilor Feltner, to recommend that the City Council confirm Patrick Towler for appointment as a member of the Conservation Commission to a term expiring February 15, 2027.

The committee approved 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.
Minutes prepared by Caroline Bays

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Anthony Palomba,
Chair

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Vice Chair

Caroline Bays,
Secretary

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve the Action Item from the Committee on Parks and Recreation report
from its meeting on June 3, 2024



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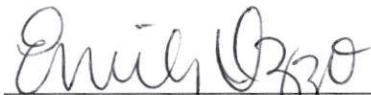
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RESOLUTION # 77

2024 – R - 77

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK TOWLER TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Patrick Towler to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on February 15, 2027.

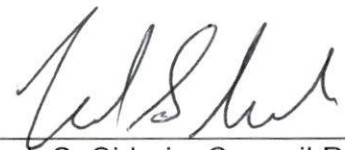


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George J. Proakis
City Manager

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Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: June 6, 2024

RE: Request for Confirmation – Appointment to the Planning Board

Pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter and Town Council Ordinance 2007-46, An Ordinance on the Timing and Process of Appointments to Town Boards, Commissions and Committees and An Ordinance to Add an Associate Member to the Planning Board, I am transmitting herewith a request for appointment to the Planning Board which requires Council confirmation.

- Sarah Scott - Appointment as an associate member of the Planning Board to a term expiring February 15, 2027

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.



George J. Proakis
City Manager

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: June 6, 2024

RE: Request for Confirmation - Reappointments to the Affordable Housing Trust

Pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter and Town Council Ordinance 2007-46, An Ordinance on the Timing and Process of Appointments to Town Boards, Commissions and Committees, I am transmitting herewith a request for reappointments to the Affordable Housing Trust which requires Council confirmation.

- Cliff Cook – Reappointment as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust to a term expiring June 30, 2026
- Helen Oliver – Reappointment as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust to a term expiring June 30, 2026
- Zoe Weinrobe – Reappointment as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust to a term expiring June 30, 2026

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.



George J. Proakis
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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: June 6, 2024

RE: Request for Confirmation – Appointment to the Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors

Pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter and Town Council Ordinance 2007-46, An Ordinance on the Timing and Process of Appointments to Town Boards, Commissions and Committees and Article IV, Section 2 of the Watertown Cable Access Corporation policies, I am transmitting herewith a request for appointment to the Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors which requires Council confirmation. The appointment of James Vershbow will be to fill an unexpired term of Ninos Hanna.

- James Vershbow – Appointment as a member of the Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors to a term expiring September 15, 2025

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.