



Watertown City Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
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Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
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John M. Airasian,
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Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

Report of the Committee on Public Safety Meeting Date: May 7, 2024

The Committee convened on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Office. Present were John Airasian, chair; Emily Izzo, vice chair; and Vincent Piccirilli, secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct an interview for the Traffic Commission.

Robert Airasian is seeking reappointment to Traffic Commission, having served since 2022. As a life-long resident, and a real estate agent who works in Watertown, he has a deep understanding of Watertown and its traffic issues. The biggest problem right now is complaints about all the different road projects going on at the same time, and lack of notification about the work. This is especially true with traffic pattern changes from developer mitigation projects, which sometimes happen years after the projects were originally approved and publicized. He also said the Commission's Wednesday afternoon meeting times was good for staff, but often not too convenient for residents, but they do try to schedule evening meetings when there is an issue with lots of public interest.

➔ **Action Item:** Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Izzo, to recommend that the City Council confirm Robert Airasian for reappointment to the Traffic Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2026. Voted 3-0.

Note: For the record, Councilor Airasian disclosed that Robert Airasian is his brother, and that stated there was no conflict of interest, as the position on the Traffic Commission is that of an unpaid volunteer.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Report prepared by Vincent Piccirilli