



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on June 24, 2025 at 6:00P.M. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
- B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=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>

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- 1. ROLL CALL
 - 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 P.M.
 - A. Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The chair does so declare.
Claimant: Lori Moran (3141917108)
 - B. Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The chair does so declare.

Litigation Update

- City of Watertown v. Zygoma, LLC
- First Path Inc. and the University Prints Building LLC v. City of Watertown Zoning - (31400-0186)
- First Path Inc. and the University Prints Building LLC v. City of Watertown Zoning - (31400-0176)
- The University Prints Building LLC and First Path Inc. v. City of Watertown Zoning - L.C. Case 25 MISC 000265 (RBF)
- City of Watertown/City Auditor v. Right Turn Biz Inc. and Cynthia Wachs and Eastern Bank
- City of Watertown/Zoning Enforcement v. Steven Miller, Rose Miller, and Rosangela Caloiero and Franceso Caloiero, as Trustees of the Caloiero Family Revocable Trust

- City of Watertown/Animal Control v. Steven Miller
- Artur Bazyan and Ekaterina Torganchuck v. Watertown Historical Commission/Department of Community Development & Planning
- David Andrew Freeman v. City of Watertown Police
- City of Watertown v. Watertown Firefighters Association Local 1347

3. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:00 P.M.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC FORUM

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote of a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$8,932,206 is appropriated to pay costs of construction and reconstruction of the municipal outdoor recreational and athletic facilities located at Victory Field, including all other 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.
- B. Public Hearing and Vote of a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$5,778,000 is appropriated to pay costs of renovating Parker Annex, including masonry costs, fire suppression system installation, second floor renovations, and ADA update requirements, including all other 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.
- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a proposed Ordinance adjusting the City Auditor's Salary
- D. Public Hearing and Vote on a proposed Ordinance adjusting the Municipal Policy Analyst's Salary

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Approving the Expenditure of Gifts of Funds in the amount of \$26,545.80 for the Watertown Food Pantry
- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$125,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 Planned Debt account to the Fiscal Year 2025 Transfer to Capital Projects - City account (fire alarm upgrades)
- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$160,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 Planned Debt account to the Fiscal Year 2025 Transfer to Capital Projects - Recreation account (Recreation AEDs)
- D. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 Authorized/Unissued Debt account to the Fiscal Year 2025 Transfer to Capital Projects Stabilization account (ongoing capital projects in Five-Year General Fund CIP)

- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$265,500 from the Fiscal Year 2025 Authorized Unissued Debt account to the Fiscal Year 2025 Transfer to Capital Project - Fire & Fiscal Year 2025 Transfer to Capital Project - City accounts (buy-down of debt)
- F. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$104,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 Planned Debt account to the Fiscal Year 2025 Transfer to Capital Projects - Public Buildings account (Parker Renovation)
- G. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 Planned Debt account to the Fiscal Year 2025 Transfer to Middle School Stabilization account
- H. Resolution Establishing Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditure Limits for Revolving Funds
- I. Motion to Appropriate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funds for Fiscal Year 2026
- J. Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Retiree Health Insurance Appropriation and Authorization of Expenditures from the OPEB Trust Fund
- K. First Reading on a proposed Order Establishing Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2026

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report regarding its meeting on June 10, 2025 - Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the reappointment of Richard Moynihan to the Board of Assessors for a term expiring May 15, 2028

- B. Committee on Public Works Report regarding its meeting on June 4, 2025 - Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council instructs the Administration that the appropriation from the state of designated Fair Share Amendment funds for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation shall be kept in a separate MUNIS account, and should be used on projects to support public transportation and pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council authorizes the Administration to use designated Fair Share Amendment funds for the Main Street Bus Stop and Crosswalk improvements as described in the MBTA and Watertown Memorandum of Understanding.

- C. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on May 6, 2025 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the full City Council vote to approve the reappointment of Gabriel Camacho to the Human Rights Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2028

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the full City Council vote to approve the reappointment of Elizabeth Bruise to the Human Rights Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2028

- D. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on June 10, 2025 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the full City Council vote to approve the reappointment of Corey Barr to the Human Rights Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2028

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Community Preservation Committee
- B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointment to the Licensing Board
- C. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Affordable Housing Trust
- D. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Traffic Commission

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

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. PUBLIC FORUM

15. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor