



City Council Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Remote Meeting

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on July 24, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. Location: Remote Meeting
- 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. DISCUSSION
 - A. Consideration and action on a proposed letter to Republic Waste Services re: Trash collection dispute.
 3. 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,
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To Republic Waste Services:

The City Council of the City of Watertown, along with the City Administration, has been closely monitoring the current issues involving Republic Waste Services and the collection of trash from our City streets. The Council's primary obligation is to the City's residents and citizens and the protection of public health and safety. While the City Administration has worked hard to reduce impacts on Watertown residents as much as possible and assure that solid waste collection services remain available to residents even as the labor dispute drags on, the current situation needs to come to an end. It is past time for this situation to be resolved in the greater public interest.

The City Council does not have a role in private labor contract disputes; however, the Council is keenly aware of the impact such disputes have on residents when critical services are disrupted. The City is respectful of private business activities, but cannot ignore the need for all workers to be treated fairly and receive appropriate wages and benefits. Resolution of the current labor dispute would benefit business interests and workers alike, but most importantly would address existing public health concerns. The City Council therefore urges Republic to redouble its efforts to work with its labor force to resolve this matter in the most expeditious manner possible. It is necessary for both sides to come together and meet for as long and as many times as is necessary to resolve this dispute for the good of the public.

I request, on behalf of the Watertown City Council, that you please do your best to protect the residents of our City. I implore you to put down the gloves and come to the table with a mind to getting everyone back to work. This certainly won't be easy, but it is time that public confidence be restored and public health be protected.

The City Council eagerly awaits a positive outcome.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Sideris
City Council President