



Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER

Agenda

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- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
- 3. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance - "Skip the Stuff" Waste Reduction Ordinance
 - B. Consideration and Potential Action on the Revised and Updated Administrative Code - public comment will be permitted
 - C. Consideration of Temporary Modification to the Winter Parking Ban Regulation Enforcement Period to begin on January 1st, 2026 and Recommendations from the Traffic Commission on Revised Fines and Penalties during Snow Emergencies - Policy Guidance to be Provided to the City Manager for Further Action
- 4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. Qualifications and Qualities for the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and Planning per Charter Article 3 Section 3A.
- 5. 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



George J. Proakis
City Manager

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: November 7, 2025

RE: Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Attached please find correspondence from City Auditor Megan Langan regarding a proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The amendment increases revenues to support revised expenditures, including a second ambulance, school funding, restoration of unspent Opioid Funds for Human Services, and transfer of the Veterans Service Officer salary to that department.

A public hearing and formal vote on the budget amendment are scheduled for November 18, 2025.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



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Megan Langan
City Auditor

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TO: GEORGE PROAKIS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: MEGAN LANGAN, CITY AUDITOR
DATE: November 5, 2025
RE: AGENDA ITEM – PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

Below please find for your review a Proposed Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

This amendment, consistent with the Preliminary Budget Overview, adjusts revenues based on increased new growth, final state aid figures, and the appropriation of certified free cash. The increased revenues will be used to fund expenditure line items, including those aligned with the final "Cherry Sheet" numbers. The amendment also allocates funding to fully support a second ambulance and provides additional resources to the School Department.

A key component of this amendment is the use of free cash to restore unspent Opioid Funds from the operating budget of fiscal years 2023-2025. These funds, which were previously carried over into certified free cash, will now be available for use by the new Human Services Department. Additionally, the salary line item for the Veterans Service Officer has been formally transferred from the Veterans Services Department budget to the Human Services Department budget.

REVENUE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,030,620	\$ 175,270,936
UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH	\$ 285,456	\$ 11,185,456
STATE AID	\$ 149,232	\$ 17,075,638
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENT	\$ 1,465,308	
EXPENDITURES	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
SCHOOL CHOICE ASSESSMENT 0182056-560629	\$ 71,280	\$ 274,151



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METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL 0182056-560641	\$	(32)	\$	21,382
MBTA ASSESSMENT 0182056-560661	\$	(326)	\$	2,705,579
CHARTER SCHOOL ASSESSMENT 0182056-560630	\$	15,303	\$	133,435
EDUCATION 0195000-590999	\$	211,875	\$	62,105,787
FIRE FULL TIME SALARIES 0122051-510111	\$	681,752	\$	9,897,053
VETERANS FULL TIME SALARIES 0154351-510111	\$	(110,139)	\$	-
HUMAN SERVICES FULL TIME SALARIES 0153051-510111	\$	110,139	\$	460,364
FIRE MEDICAL SUPPLIES 0122052-550500	\$	40,000	\$	108,065
CITY HEALTH INSURANCE 0191200-510180	\$	160,000	\$	6,899,723
TRANSFER TO OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND 0194000-596822	\$	285,456	\$	285,456
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENT	\$	1,465,308		

Given this Amendment #2, the Fiscal Year 2026 Revenues and Expenditures will each be increased by \$1,465,308. Therefore, the revised Fiscal Year 2026 Revenues and Expenditures would be \$227,198,539.

Brendan McCarthy
Watertown City Council
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AD PREVIEW:

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The City Council of Watertown hereby gives notice of a public hearing and vote to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Richard Mastrangelo Chamber Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA and online at the following link <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344> which may be found on the City of Watertown's website, on the following proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 City Budget:

The Fiscal Year 2026 Revenues and Expenditures will each be increased by \$1,465,308. Therefore, the revised Fiscal Year 2026 Revenues and Expenditures would be \$227,198,539. Interested parties are encouraged to participate in this public hearing. A copy of the proposed budget amendment is available for inspection at the Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472 in the City Clerk's Office Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday evening up to 7:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.; and on the City's website page: www.watertown-ma.gov.

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