



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on February 24, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
 - B. This is an in-person meeting - any remote access is provided solely as a courtesy and may not be relied upon as alternative access. Therefore, any interruption in remote access technology shall not interrupt the meeting, and the meeting will proceed accordingly in person. In the event of such interruption, in-person attendance is available and encouraged.
 - C. The in-person meeting will also be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=3>
 - D. The public may join the in-person meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
 - E. The public may join the in-person meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344
 - F. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
 - G. Please Visit the City Council Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/350/City-Council>
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1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC FORUM
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Referral to the Committee on Human Services to meet with the Director of Human Services to review current work and upcoming goals
5. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Nstar DBA Eversource for a Grant of Location in Pleasant Street easterly from manhole MH23549, approximately 120 feet west of Cross Street; to install approximately 100 feet of 2-4" conduit. This work is proposed to provide electrical service for 104 Main Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.
 - B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance - "Skip the Stuff" Waste Reduction Ordinance
6. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Approving Excess Expenditures for Snow and Ice Removal Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 31D, Massachusetts General Law
- B. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$750,000 is appropriated to pay costs of sewer system improvements for the Department of Public Works, as more fully described in line 51 of the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2026, 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.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Public Safety Report regarding its meeting on February 10, 2026 - Gardner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council confirm Jason Merkin for appointment to the Traffic Commission for a term expiring May 15, 2027

- B. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report regarding its meeting on February 12, 2026 - Gannon, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council confirm Amy Plovnick for reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee for a term expiring February 1, 2029

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To recommend the City Council confirm Dennis Duff for reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee for a term expiring February 1, 2029

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council confirm Payson Whitney for reappointment to the Planning Board for a term expiring February 15, 2029

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council confirm Sarah Baker for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring February 15, 2031

- C. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meeting on January 20, 2026 - Gardner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the Council Rules, as amended by the Committee, to the full Council

ACTION ITEM:

To seek referral to continue examining Board and Commission appointments after adoption of the administrative code

- D. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meeting on February 11, 2026 - Gardner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To adopt the ordinance amendments and to refer the ordinance to the City Council

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
9. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
11. PUBLIC FORUM
12. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large
Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor
Theophilus Offei,
Councilor At Large
Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor