



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Parker Annex Building - Meeting Room 2E

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. Location: Parker Building Meeting Room 2E - 124 Watertown Street, Watertown, MA 02472 - Second Floor
- 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. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting June 23, 2026
 - 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Presentation of a Historically Accurate Printing of the Declaration of Independence
 - 6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from NSTAR Electric DBA Eversource for a Grant of Location in Main Street northwesterly thence northeasterly from manhole MH11279, approximately 90 feet east of Whites Avenue, to install approximately 92 feet of conduit. This work is to provide electrical service to a newly installed

pedestrian-actuated flashing crosswalk sign, as part of the City's project, 2026-12 Main Street at Whites Avenue Bus Stop Improvements. 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 Petition from NSTAR Electric DBA Eversource for a Grant of Location in Chapman Street - easterly side, approximately 80 feet south of Carey Avenue, to relocate utility pole 199/20 to approximately 8 feet north of its current location. This work is to accommodate a fully permitted new driveway and to provide a new overhead wired electrical service for 128 Carey Avenue. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.
- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$750,000 is appropriate to pay costs of purchasing a fire engine for the Fire Department, as more fully described in the City's Fiscal Year 2027 through 2031 Capital Improvement Plan, and the payment of all 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.
- D. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Establishing Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2027
- E. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Noise Ordinance

8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Clerical Correction to the Administrative Code - Licensing Board Appointment Date
- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$360,000 from various Fiscal Year 2026 Departmental Expenditure accounts to the Fiscal Year 2026 ESCO Capital Project Stabilization Fund
- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$850,000 from the Fiscal Year 2026 City Health Insurance and Fiscal Year 2026 School Health Insurance accounts to the Fiscal Year 2026 Transfer to OPEB Trust Fund
- D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$18,800 from the Fiscal Year 2026 Manager Salary Adjustment account to various Fiscal Year 2026 Personnel accounts
- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$1,250,200 from various Fiscal Year 2026 Departmental Personnel accounts to various Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvements accounts
- F. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$200,000 from various Fiscal Year 2026 Departmental Expenditure accounts to the Fiscal Year 2026 Transfer to Capital Projects - Public Buildings account
- G. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$690,000 from various Fiscal Year 2026 Waste Disposal accounts to the Fiscal Year 2026 Transfer to Capital Projects - City account
- H. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$22,000 from the Fiscal Year 2027 City Council Reserve to various Fiscal Year 2027 City Manager Personnel accounts

- I. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$1,700,000 from various Fiscal Year 2026 Debt Services accounts and the Fiscal Year 2026 City Council Reserve to various Fiscal Year 2026 Stabilization accounts
- J. Resolution Approving the Expenditure of a Gift of Funds from the Armenian Memorial Church
- K. Consideration and Approval of Exemptions of Interests of Existing City Employees in Contracts with the City Including Summer, Winter, Holiday, and After-School Program Employment Positions in Response to Disclosures Filed with the City Clerk by Prospective Employees and Certification by the Recreation Director that No Employee of that Department is Available to Perform those Services as part of their Regular Duties in Accordance with G.L. c. 268A, sec 20(b)
- L. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance adjusting the City Auditor's Salary
- M. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance adjusting the Council Clerk's Salary

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on June 23, 2026 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council appoint Phyllis Perrone as a member of the Council on Aging to a term expiring May 15, 2029

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To recommend that the City Council appoint Ryan Nicholson as a member of the Council on Aging to a term expiring May 15, 2029

- B. Committee on Education and School System Matters Report regarding its meeting on June 23, 2026 - Izzo, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council appoint Adrienne Roberts as a member of the Watertown Cable Access Corporation - Board of Directors, filling the unexpired term of Christopher McKenzie, to a term expiring September 15, 2027

ACTION ITEM

To recommend that the City Council appoint Lindsay Graham as a member of the Watertown Cable Access Corporation - Board of Directors to a term expiring September 15, 2029

- C. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report regarding its meeting on June 22, 2026 - Gannon, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Simone Worsdale as an appointed member of the Cultural Council to fulfill the unexpired term of Nick Haddad expiring May 15, 2027

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Kevin Lee as an appointed member of the Historical Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Marilynne Roach expiring

October 1, 2026

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Phyllis Perrone for reappointment to the Cultural Council to a term expiring May 15, 2029

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS
13. PUBLIC FORUM
14. 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