



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Parker Building Meeting Room 2E
124 Watertown Street

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:30 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 P.M.
 - A. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. - City Auditor - Council Clerk
 - 3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
 - 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - 5. PUBLIC FORUM
 - 6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting July 14, 2026
 - 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Proposed Resolution regarding the Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Process

- B. Heather Angstrom Appointment to the Stormwater Committee
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance Adjusting the City Auditor's Salary
 - B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance Adjusting the Council Clerk's Salary
- 9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. Consideration and Action on the Expenditure of \$990,000 in Community Preservation Act Funds for the Second Phase of the Walker Pond Project
 - B. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order Amendment stating that Order No. 2026-0-11 of the City Council passed February 10, 2026 authorizing a borrowing in the amount of \$300,000 for the Electric Vehicle Charging Platform project is hereby amended to increase the authorized borrowing amount for such project to \$439,580, which amended order shall read as follows in its entirety: "ORDERED: That the sum of \$439,580 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a SparkCharge Level 3 mobile electric vehicle charging platform for the police station, including all other costs incidental and related thereto; 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; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by this order shall be reduced by any grant amount received for this purpose."
 - C. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order Amendment stating that Order No. 2026-0-12 of the City Council passed February 10, 2026 authorizing a borrowing in the amount of \$900,404 for the Level 3 electric vehicle chargers for the police station project is hereby amended to increase the authorized borrowing amount for such project to \$1,026,078, which amended order shall read as follows in its entirety: "ORDERED: That the sum of \$1,026,078 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing three Level 3 electric vehicle chargers for the police station, including all other costs incidental and related thereto; 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; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by this order shall be reduced by any grant amount received for this purpose."
 - D. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds from Watertown Wheels to the Watertown Food Pantry
- 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - A. Committee on Public Safety Report regarding its meeting on July 9, 2026 - Gardner, Chair
 - B. Committee on Parks and Recreation Report regarding its meeting on July 14, 2026 - Offei, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the appointment of Ian Edwards-Clancy to the Conservation Commission to a term ending February 15, 2027

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the appointment of Rachel Slater to the Conservation Commission to a term ending February 15, 2028

- C. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on July 15, 2026 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the reappointment of Cliff Cook as a member of the Watertown Affordable Housing Trust to a term expiring June 30, 2029

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the reappointment of James O'Connor as a member of the Council on Aging to a term expiring May 15, 2029

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the reappointment of Helen Oliver as a member of the Watertown Affordable Housing Trust to a term expiring June 30, 2029

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Referral to the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight regarding Water and Sewer Rates
- B. Referral to the Committee on Climate and Energy regarding the Minerva Group Study of Carbon Storage Assessment at Whitney Hill

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Board of Election Commissioners
- B. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Memorialization Committee
- C. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation - Board of Directors
- D. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Watertown Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee
- E. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Historic District Commission

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

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. PUBLIC FORUM

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor

Theophilus Offei,
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor