



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM

AMENDED

Parker Building Meeting Room 2E

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Location: Parker Building Meeting Room 2E - Second Floor - 124 Watertown Street, Watertown, MA 02474
- 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: wscd@watertown-ma.gov
- G. Please Visit the City Council Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/350/City-Council>

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
 - 2. ROLL CALL
 - 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 P.M.
 - A. To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body — Including, but not limited to, the Watertown Square Demonstration Project
 - 4. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
 - 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - 6. PUBLIC FORUM
 - 7. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting August 11, 2026

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Watertown Square Demonstration Project Update
- B. Willow Park Update
- C. Request for Authorization to Send a Letter to the United States Post Office Regarding the Watertown Square Post Office on Behalf of the Watertown City Council
- D. Referral to the Committee on Public Works Regarding the Arsenal Street Sidewalk

9. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Middle School Construction Cost Update**

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on Proposed Loan Order Stating that Order No. 2026-O-11 of the City Council passed February 10, 2026 authorizing a borrowing in the amount of \$300,000 for the Electric Vehicle Charging Platform (SparkCharge Level 3) project is hereby amended to increase the authorized borrowing amount for such project to \$439,580, and to update type of unit to the ChargeRigs FLEXX 420 Gen 2 level 3, 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 ChargeRigs FLEXX 420 Gen 2 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."
- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order Stating that Order No. 2026-O-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."

11. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Order Relative to a Public Pedestrian Easement at 53 Pleasant Street to be Conveyed to the City of Watertown and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Pedestrian Access Easement Agreement on Behalf of the City
- B. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds in the amount of \$12,188.36 to the Watertown Food Pantry
- C. Resolution Requesting to Repurpose Funds in the amount of \$150,000 in Tax Revenue from Line 64 of the Fiscal Year 2027 - 2031 Capital Improvement Program to Document Scanning, Archiving, and Shredding Initiatives

- D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$8,600 from the Fiscal Year 2027 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2027 City Auditor Full Time Salaries and Fiscal Year 2027 City Council Part Time Salaries accounts
 - E. 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 Library 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)
- 12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Stormwater Committee
 - B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointments to the Historical 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
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