



Watertown City Council

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District B Councilor

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>
- B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- C. The Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344 #
- D. The Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

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- 1. ROLL CALL
 - 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - 3. PUBLIC FORUM
 - 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Request the Administration to Draft Language for Council Consideration a Home Rule Petition Requesting that the City of Watertown Be Allowed to Go Back to the 175% Shift on the Tax Rate for Commercial Properties
 - B. Consideration of Extending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Submission Date from April 12, 2022 to April 26, 2022
 - 5. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Honoring Those Who Served in Vietnam on National Vietnam War Veterans Day
 - 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance to Modify Hours of Operation of the Administration Building and Senior Center
 - B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order Authorizing the City Treasurer, with the Approval of the City Manager, to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Million Eight Hundred Forty-Four Thousand

Two Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$198,844,252) for the Purpose of Constructing a New Watertown High School located at 50 Columbia Street in Watertown, Massachusetts, Including the Payment of All Costs Related to Designing the Project, Demolishing the Existing Building, Equipping and Furnishing the School, Site Improvements, and All Other Costs Incidental and Related Thereto (the “Project”), Which Appropriation Shall Be in Addition to Amounts Previously Appropriated to Pay Costs of the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design Phase of the Project and Which School Facility Shall Have an Anticipated Useful Life as an Educational Facility for the Instruction of School Children of at Least 50 years, and for which the City May Be Eligible for a Grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”), Said Amount to Be Expended Under the Direction of the Watertown School Building Committee; That to Meet this Appropriation the Treasurer, with the Approval of the City Manager, Is Authorized to Borrow Said Amount Pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) or G.L. c.70B, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the City Therefor; that the City Acknowledges that the MSBA’s Grant Program is a Non-Entitlement, Discretionary Program Based on Need, As Determined by the MSBA, and Any Project Costs the City Incurs in Excess of Any Grant Approved By and Received From the MSBA Shall be the Sole Responsibility of the City; That Any Grant that the City May Receive from the MSBA for the Project Shall Not Exceed the Lesser of (1) Forty-Nine and Thirty-Three One Hundredths Percent (49.33%) of Eligible, Approved Project Costs, As Determined by the MSBA, or (2) The Total Maximum Grant Amount Determined by the MSBA; That the Amount of the Borrowing Authorized by This Order Shall Be Reduced By Any Grant Amount Set Forth In and Received Pursuant to the Project Funding Agreement that May Be Executed Between the City and the MSBA; and That the Design/Bid/Build Delivery Method Is Hereby Authorized to Carry out the Project Pursuant to the Provisions of G.L. c.149

- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order Authorizing the City Treasurer, with the Approval of the City Manager, to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$48,895,000 is Appropriated to Pay Costs of Renovating and Constructing Additions to the Lowell Elementary School and Constructing the new Hosmer and Cunniff Elementary Schools, Including the Costs of Equipping and Furnishing the Schools, Making Site Improvements at the Schools and All Other Costs Incidental and Related to Such School Projects, Which Appropriation Shall Be in Addition to All Amounts Previously Appropriated for Such School Projects; 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 Loan Order Authorizing the City Treasurer, with the Approval of the City Manager, to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$2,500,000 Is Appropriated to Pay Costs of Constructing, Reconstructing, Paving, Repairing or Otherwise Improving Streets and Sidewalks, Including if Necessary, Convenient or Desirable Improving Underground Ducts and Conduits and Paying All Other Costs Incidental and Related to Such Street and Sidewalk Work; 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. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. An Order Accepting a Public Pedestrian Access Easement and a Traffic Signal Infrastructure Easement Across 101 Walnut Street and Authorizing the City Manager

to Execute the Acceptance of Said Easements

- B. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the City Auditor and the Acting City Manager's Compensation
- C. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Acting Deputy City Manager's Compensation

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding Conceptual Recommendations on the FY 2023 - FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
ACTION ITEMS:
 - 1. That the City Council Adopt the 34 Conceptual Recommendations listed in the Committee's Report
 - 2. That the City Council Recommend the City Manager Maintain the FY2023 Capital Spending so that it Does Not Exceed 8% of the Submitted FY2023 Operating Budget in Order to Meet the City Council's Budget Policy Guideline that the City Should Seek to Make Capital Expenditures (Including Debt and Exclusive of the School Building for the Future Initiative Funding and Enterprise Funds) Equal to at Least 7.5% - 8% of the Operating Budget
- B. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding Interviews for Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals
ACTION ITEM:
 - 1. That the City Council Confirm Gregory Girard for Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member for a Term to Expire on February 15, 2024
 - 2. That the City Council Confirm Michael Brangwynne for Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a Full Member for a Term to Expire on February 15, 2026
- C. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding the Appointment of Ms. Darya Mattes to the Conservation Commission
ACTION ITEM:
That the City Council Approve the Appointment of Darya Mattes to the Conservation Commission for a Term Ending February 15, 2024

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Referral to the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight a Request to Adjust the Compensation for Retirement Board Members
- B. Referral to the Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government to Discuss the Status of the 2022 Closing of Greenough Boulevard and to Request the DCR to Have Representation at the Meeting

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Board of Health
- B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointment to the Conservation Commission

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

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. PUBLIC FORUM

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

