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CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022 AT 6:00 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

ACCESS INFORMATION:

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- D. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors John M. Airasian, Caroline Bays, John G. Gannon, Nicole Gardner, Lisa J. Feltner, Emily Izzo, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, Thomas Tracy, City Auditor/Assistant Manager for Finance, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

- A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(A)(2), To Conduct Strategy Sessions in Preparation for Negotiations with Nonunion Personnel or to Conduct Collective Bargaining Sessions or Contract Negotiations with Nonunion Personnel – Interim City Manager

Councilor Piccirilli moved to enter into Executive Session; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a

roll call vote.

3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. ORGANIZATION

A. Selection of the City Council Vice-President

Councilor Palomba moved to nominate Councilor Vincent Piccirilli as Vice-President of the Council; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli thanked the Council Members for giving him the honor of serving as Vice-President for this City Council Session.

B. Selection of Seating Assignments for City Council Members

The Councilors picked their seating assignments by lottery. The order of seating is City Attorney, Council Clerk, Councilor Feltner, Councilor Airasian, Councilor Gannon, Councilor Piccirilli, Council President Sideris, Councilor Gardner, Councilor Palomba, Councilor Bays, Councilor Izzo, and City Manager.

C. Adoption of the Current Rules of the City Council as Temporary Rules of the City Council

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the current rules of the City Council as the temporary rules of the City Council; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Eileen Ryan – 48 Pearl Street – She urged the City Manager or the Interim City Manager to appoint a volunteer recycling advisory committee. The current recycling contract terminates in June. There is a need for a more effective and cost-effective plan. Watertown should consider a curb side composting or organic recycling plan. According to the MA DEP, food waste or other organic materials makes up 21% of total waste, equaling 950,000 tons in 2019. Therefore, a more environmentally friendly plan needs to be in place.

Jocelyn Tager – She would like to see the City Manager establish the Recycling Advisory Committee now. The state is requiring the reduction of waste by 30% by 2030. Organic Waste is the largest component of waste, and this must be reduced. She would like the Council to consider removing the words “engage in any activity independent of the Superintendent” because citizens should be

allowed to act. She would also like to have the regular reports to the DPW Superintendent also include a report to City Council. She urged that the membership be sworn in soon so that they could influence the next recycling contract.

Susan LaDue – 5 Stearns Road – She felt it was appropriate for both the DPW and the City Council to receive the reports so that both are informed.

7. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes of the City Council Meeting - November 23, 2021

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes as written with the correction of the title from Agenda to Minutes; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Committee Assignments of City Council Members

Council President Sideris read the Committee Assignments for the Council Members stating that most received their top two choices. The assignments are

	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice Chair</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
BUDGET AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT	Piccirilli	Izzo	Gardner
RULES AND ORDINANCES	Gannon	Airasian	Feltner
CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Palomba	Bays	Airasian
ECONOMIC DEV & PLANNING	Feltner	Gannon	Piccirilli
EDUCATION & SCHOOL SYS	Izzo	Gardner	Airasian
HUMAN SERVICES	Palomba	Bays	Gannon
PARKS AND RECREATION	Palomba	Feltner	Bays
PERSONNEL & CITY ORG	Bays	Gannon	Gardner
PUBLIC SAFETY	Airasian	Izzo	Piccirilli
PUBLIC WORKS	Piccirilli	Palomba	Feltner
STATE, FEDERAL, & REG. GOVT.	Gardner	Palomba	Izzo

Council President Sideris felt the Media and Public Outreach Committee should be terminated as most of its work is complete and said it would be revived if it was needed. He was instituting the Committee on Climate and Energy, but it would not begin its work until the Climate and Energy Master Plan is adopted to oversee the Administration of the Plan.

He also stated that the Charter required the establishment of a Human Rights Commission. The Council would be working on Charter changes as they affect the Council. He also stated there would be an ad hoc committee to screen for the new City Manager and that there would be seven members consisting of

Council President Sideris (Chair)
Councilor Vincent Piccirilli (Vice-Chair)
Councilor Caroline Bays (Secretary; Chair, Personnel & City Organization)
Two Administrators or employees
Two members of the public.

He mentioned that there would be a press release sent out the next day and the information would be placed on social media and the City's website. He asked all who are interested to notify the Council Clerk of their wish to serve by January 29, 2022. All parties would be interviewed for the position.

9. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Informational Presentation on the Proposed Moxley Park Court Renovation Project - Glen Howard, CDM Smith

Mr. Driscoll stated that with the temporary High School being located on the Moxley Park grounds, the work on the southern portion of the park would be limited until the High School is constructed. This created a greater need, however, to improve the northern portion of the park to meet the needs of the Middle School, the temporary High School, and the neighborhood. The presentation would culminate with a request for approval to proceed with the design of the improvements so the project can remain on schedule.

Mr. Howard from CDM Smith, Landscape Architect and Project Manager, began the presentation. In 2017, the Town requested a concept plan for Moxley Park. The present request focuses on the courts area (currently two tennis courts and a basketball court) that are in poor shape. A prefabricated hockey rink would be installed with a tennis court and a basketball court to expand recreational opportunities; the plan would require cutting into the slope and putting in a retaining wall. There would be gate and walkway improvements along Bemis Avenue.

About 25% of the comments from residents related to the design of adding the hockey rink; some wanted to retain the current design (no hockey rink) while others had no issues with the rink but were concerned about the noise level. It was felt the retaining wall should buffer the sound. The design group was seeking approval to move forward with a design so that bidding could occur in May and construction in July.

In the discussion, the Councilors mentioned:

- Would the changes provided by the PEP grant be removed. It was suggested the coliseum construction was an attractive nuisance and disliked by the neighborhood. Also, the removal would restore park green space.
- A concern was raised that there may be some limitations on removal based on the grant and this would need to be reviewed by the Schools.

- Another concern was to quickly complete the change as it would not be good to have both parts of the park under construction at the same time – the High School modulars are expected to be constructed at the park this year as well.
- When asked who the neighborhood contact would be, it was stated the construction company would be the primary contact with city departments answering questions outside of construction matters.
- Asked how the opposition to the neighbors' concerns were settled, it was noted they were not because the project was placed on hold due to COVID. The rink would be a multipurpose rink offering a wide variety of recreation sports opportunities. A statement was made that neighborhood concerns need to be addressed and the neighbors need to be involved in the consideration of the project design.
- A hockey rink would be no louder than a vigorous basketball game. The City needs to give students something to use as they are giving up a lot by having the school in their area. The rink can be used for several sports and the City should not delay
- The plan is not being opposed but neighbors should be notified of what is occurring and a neighborhood meeting done soon would not delay the project. It is a courtesy to those who live with the park in their neighborhood.
- There is a concern that a rink is a very different use from tennis or basketball. The retaining wall probably will not mitigate the noise factor. The design should be modified if it is not favorable to the community.
- A question was raised as to whether the use of the rink would be rented out to non-residents.
- There was a question raised on the cost differential with the hockey rink being replaced by another sport court. The rink is about \$100,000 and the retaining wall would be another \$80,000 - \$100,000. If the rink were to be replaced with another court, it would be about a savings of about \$150,000
- When asked if the hockey rink would be able to support pickle ball, Mr. Howard stated the tennis court would be lined for pickle ball.
- The park improvements are being done to remove any conflict with the building of the modular classrooms; to repair the courts which are not in good shape; and to maintain the timeline for the CIP recommendations

B. Informational Presentation on the Proposed Arsenal Park Phase B Improvements - Glen Howard, CDM Smith

The group has been working with the Council, Conservation Commission, and public groups to provide a community design effort. Phase A is nearing completion and Phase B will include the repaving of the parking lot with a focus on ADA needs through the drop off area; providing a new entry plaza; reducing hard scape; creating a new all ages playground near a new picnic and grill area; paving the loop path; creating a new backstop and a new promenade; creating three tennis courts with pickleball striping and two basketball courts,

a picnic and seating area; a new skate park; and a new community garden.

The bidding environment is difficult this year. Mr. Howard suggested separating the bidding into two projects: The skate park and the overall park improvements. The reason for separating the bids is to create a larger pool of bidders. Many general contractors will not bid on skate park project or will hire subcontractors which increases the costs. Those bidding on the skate park have a more specialized construction expertise and the more knowledge of how to the specialized products. Another way to control prices is if the City does not hold the contractor liable if the contract is not completed by December 2022. He also offered the option of the pre-purchase of the playground equipment which could provide a discount savings of \$400,000. The cost of the skate park is estimated at \$574,000 and may be high. The overall project cost is \$5,300,000 which includes the savings from the pre-purchase of the equipment. If approval is provided, the bids could be completed in February and construction could begin in May.

Mr. Driscoll stated the primary purpose of the presentation was to obtain the approval to proceed with the advance purchase of the playground equipment. This would assist in keeping the project, that has 90% design approval from the Conservation Commission and has approved the playground equipment, to maintain its current timeline.

Council President Sideris stated there would be no vote at this meeting because the request for a vote was not placed on the agenda and because the Conservation Commission had not yet provided their approval despite the fact the prepurchase is a good idea.

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First Reading and Referral to the Planning Board for Public Hearing of a Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that Would Add a New Use "Outdoor Transfer of Goods", to Table 5.02, Table of Accessory Uses

This request would make an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the delivery of goods to be transported cross town. It was a request by Stop & Shop and Target who received permission to do this during the pandemic. This is a request to make curbside sales a permanent opportunity, something that is not included in the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing of a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would add a new use "Outdoor Transfer of Goods", to Table 5.02, Table of Accessory Uses; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding a New Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee and an Organic/Food Waste Recycling Program - Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the City Council Pass the Resolution to Establish a Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee as Amended

Councilor Piccirilli read the Committee Report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the City Council pass the Resolution to Establish a Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee as amended; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. Councilor Piccirilli read the resolution.

Councilor Gannon offered a friendly amendment to the resolution: In Paragraph 2, he moved to add the words “and to the City Council” after the word “Superintendent” so that it would read: “The role of the Committee shall be to act as an advisory body to the Superintendent of Public Works, shall present reports and recommendations directly to the Superintendent and to the City Council, and shall not engage in any activities independent of the Superintendent.”; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion.

In the discussion, the following were considered:

- The Advisory Committee’s purpose is the management of the contract with the Superintendent of DPW: To advise how to carry out the policies of the City Council regarding waste and recycling and how to implement and execute those policies.
- To allow the change would muddy the water because it is not the Committee’s role to make recommendations to the City Council
- Nothing in the Resolution prohibits the Committee from sending information to the City Council or bringing issues before the Public Works Committee if the matter is urgent
- There was sympathy expressed with the intent of the amendment; however, there was unease with the wording because it seems to put the Advisory Committee on a footing where it would make recommendations to the City Council for a DPW function. There was no issue with requiring the Council to receive copies. The Advisory Committee should not be presenting the reports though because it oversteps the intent of the resolution.

Councilor Gannon withdrew his motion and Councilor Palomba withdrew his second. Councilor Gannon then proposed to add a new sentence at the end of

Paragraph 2 to read “Copies of such reports and recommendations shall be provided to the City Council.”; Councilor Bays seconded the motion.

- The amendment sounds reasonable because the Advisory Committee is just providing information to the City Council
- The Advisory Committee is a public body, and its records and minutes are available for anyone to view. Nothing prevents the Advisory Committee from copying the City Council, something that other boards and committees currently do
- Any recommendation of the Advisory Committee that the DPW Superintendent agrees with would make its way to the City Manager for presentation to the City Council for timely action; therefore, there is no need for such a requirement
- The Annual report was a way to provide the City Council with information on the Committee’s activity
- In some ways the need to provide such information to the City Council makes it appear that the Advisory Committee is serving two masters and not one
- The addition of the language does not make the Committee’s actions more efficient. It is uncertain what is there to be gained by adding the language.
- The parties have to trust that all are concerned about the topic and people are committed to working on the matter because of its essential nature.
- The Committee is empowered to report to the City Council as frequently as it would like.
- This is a matter of transparency and there should be a preference for having the information being sent rather than having to search for it.

The motion regarding the amendment to the resolution failed to be adopted on a roll call vote of 4-5. Councilors Bays, Gannon, Gardner, and Palomba voted in the affirmative; Councilors Airasian, Feltner, Izzo, and Piccirilli, and Council President Sideris voted in the negative.

The motion to pass the Resolution to Establish a Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee as amended was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Council President Sideris requested a referral to the Rules and Ordinance Committee to review the City Council Rules. Councilor Piccirilli moved to make the requested referral; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll had no items for the City Council.

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

Councilor Palomba requested a response to an earlier inquiry regarding the way the funds from the American Rescue Act will be spent and the details on the tax

exemption for solar energy.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Sideris reminded everyone there would be a community forum on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at a hybrid meeting to be held in the Council Chamber for the consultant to gather information into what the community is looking for in the next City Manager. He also stated the community had the opportunity to complete a survey online.

Councilor Gardner stated that on Thursday, January 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Magoon, would lead a zoom meeting intended to demystify the way someone may apply to be on a Committee, Commission or Board.

Councilor Palomba urged the City Manager to move quickly to appoint members to the Recycling Advisory Committee. It has been two years in the making and he urged people to apply and for the administration to move as quickly as possible.

16. PUBLIC FORUM

Jolly Tager – She wanted to reaffirm Council Palomba's request to have the Advisory appointed while Mr. Driscoll is here; the City should not want wait for the appointment of a new City Manager. It is too important an issue to delay.

17. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by a vote of ___ for, ___ against, ___ present on February 8, 2022.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
WITH REMOTE ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES**

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting – November 23, 2022 – Item 7A
2. Agenda Item – Informational Presentation Regarding Park Improvements for Moxley Courts Renovations and Lighting – Michael Driscoll, City Manager, to City Council – January 6, 2022 – Item 9A
3. Agenda Item – Informational Presentation Regarding Arsenal Park Phase B Improvements– Michael Driscoll, City Manager, to City Council – January 6, 2022 – Item 9B
4. Letter Regarding a Proposed Zoning Amendment and Authorization for Watertown Zoning Ordinance, Section 9.20 – Attorney William F. York, Gilman, McLaughlin & Hanrahan LLP, to Council President Sideris – October 25, 2021 – Item 10A
5. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding the Establishment of a New Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee (SWRAC) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair – December 13, 2021 – Item 11A
 - Resolution to Establish a Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee (Draft)
 - Resolution to Establish a Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee (Final)

*Addendum to the
Addendum of the
January 11, 2022
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CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: JANUARY 11, 2022

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	___X___	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	___X___	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	___X___	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	___X___	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	___X___	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	___X___	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	___X___	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI, JR.	___X___	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	___X___	_____	_____

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JANUARY 11, 2022

	YES	NO	PRESENT
CAROLINE BAYS	___X___	_____	_____
LISA J FELTNER	___X___	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	___X___	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	___X___	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	___X___	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	___X___	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI	___X___	_____	_____
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	___X___	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	___X___	_____	_____

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JANUARY 11, 2022**

	YES	NO	PRESENT
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

MOTION TO SELECT COUNCILOR VINCENT PICCIRILLI AS CITY COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
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	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	_____	___X___	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	___X___	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	_____	___X___	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	___X___	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	___X___	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	_____	___X___	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	___X___	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI, JR.	_____	___X___	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	_____	___X___	_____

MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NEW SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY ADDING A NEW SENTENCE AT THE END OF PARAGRAPH 2 TO READ "COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL."



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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION # 1

2022 – R – 1

WHEREAS, in October 2021 the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection issued its final 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan which establishes goals to reduce disposal statewide by 30 percent from 2020 to 2030, and sets a long-term goal of achieving a 90 percent reduction in disposal statewide by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Policy Guideline II. C. states, in part, to *"Improve the operational efficiency, flexibility, and capacity of the Public Works Department to meet the Town's growing needs to... comply with the MassDEP 2030 Solid Waste Management Plan..."*; and

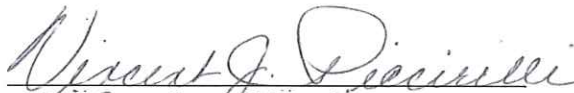
WHEREAS, the Town (now City) of Watertown had a Watertown Recycling Advisory Board created in 1992 which helped institute curbside recycling, which was disbanded in 2012 after Watertown implemented single stream recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Town (now City) Council's Public Works Committee met in 2020 and 2021 to examine the matter of recycling in Watertown, and concluded that with the aggressive goals of the Commonwealth's Solid Waste Master Plan, it would be prudent to establish a new *Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee* in Watertown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the creation of a *Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee* to be established as provided herein:

- 1) The Committee shall consist of six Watertown residents who will serve staggered three-year terms, with two expiring each year, to be appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council.
- 2) The role of the Committee shall be to act as an advisory body to the Superintendent of Public Works, shall present reports and recommendations directly to the Superintendent, and shall not engage in any activities independent of the Superintendent.
- 3) The Superintendent shall appoint a Department of Public Works employee to act as a liaison to the Committee.

- 4) The Committee's responsibilities are defined as follows:
- a. Research and make recommendations relating to recycling and reduction of solid waste so that Watertown can meet the Commonwealth's Solid Waste Master Plan milestones.
 - b. Develop and engage in communication, education, and community outreach to increase public awareness for recycling and reduction of solid waste, including Watertown Public Schools, the Farmers Market, Faire in the Square, and other venues.
 - c. Identify, manage, and implement community-based initiatives to divert material from the waste stream, such as "Buy Nothing" groups, repair workshops, and corporate partners that collect non-recyclable waste to turn it into raw material to be used in new products.
 - d. At the direction of the Superintendent perform other tasks for the implementation of best practices for recycling and reduction of solid waste in accordance with the Commonwealth's Solid Waste Master Plan milestones.
 - e. Make an annual progress report to the City Council's Public Works Committee.
- 5) The Committee shall conduct meetings in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and abide by all laws of the Commonwealth as they apply to public bodies.


s: HWP Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above resolution was adopted by a voice vote of 9 for and 0 against and 0 present on January 11, 2022.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President
s: HWP