



## Watertown City Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,  
Council President

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

John M. Airasian  
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays  
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,  
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,  
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,  
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,  
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,  
District D Councilor

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022, 7:00 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER

#### MINUTES

#### 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. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (TollFree) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344 #
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#### 1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors John M. Airasian, Caroline Bays, Nicole Gardner, Lisa J. Feltner, Emily Izzo, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor John G. Gannon attended via Zoom. Also present were Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, and Joseph Fair, Town Attorney.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

David Cain – Attended the School Committee meeting where the mask wearing policy was relaxed the previous evening. He had two concerns: The relaxation was too late as he felt masks have harmful effects on the children and there is no mandated enforcement of policy. Teachers could still retain the old policy.

Ida Toro – 36 Westminster Avenue – Lives near where buses park for school. The neighborhood has a lot of noise and traffic already. The addition of the hockey rink will not help to abate the noise. The project is being rushed without any responses to questions previously raised.

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Road - Stated the population of the City is around 36,000 while the student population is about 2,500. Services should also help the other segments of the population. Parks are a shared City resource. The plan for Moxley Field does not reflect the concerns of the November 2017 discussions. The impact on the neighborhood is large with various developments and upgrades occurring in the area. She requested that the rink not be included in the park modifications.

Thomas Sullivan – 11 Upton Road – Stated the recreational facility is not only for the students; adults can and do use the facilities. He questioned whether street hockey creates more noise than basketball. There will be shrubbery planted to deaden the noise. With the High School and the Middle School in the area, it would be nice for the students to have the facilities available for physical education. He supports the changes because both students and adults can use the fields.

There being no other speakers, the public forum was closed.

#### 4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

##### A. Consideration and Vote on Moxley Park Court Renovation Project Design Option

Mr. Magoon stated there was a second meeting on February 15, 2022 regarding Moxley Field; two options were presented – upgrading the current design or a reconstruction that allowed for the addition of a multi-use rink with a retaining wall, and more direct lighting. Concerns were raised at the meeting especially the increased noise; many spoke in favor of the change as it provided for a wider range of opportunities. The cost estimate for the project would be \$1,700,000.

He stated there is a rush to complete the project as the area will house the temporary High School. It would be advantageous to have recreation amenities available while the High School is there. He received correspondence that both favored the change and raised concerns about it.

The consultant looked for a manufacturer who could provide some noise abatement with the rink. There is a rink with insulation on the board and an added covering. He mentioned this would increase the cost by \$20,000 but would address the noise concerns. He asked for the Council's favorable consideration to move forward with the design and bidding.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to have the City Council move forward with the Moxley Project Design Option 1, the multipurpose rink, the basketball court, and the tennis court as presented with the noise treatment for the rink boards; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion.

In the discussion, these items were raised:

- When asked if there were any metrics relating to the noise levels, it was stated there was nothing specific but the noise might vary based on the type of ball used. Mr. Magoon stated he would try to get more specific measurements
- The sports that could be played in the rink might include roller or street hockey; box lacrosse and indoor lacrosse; and foot salle and soccer. Other games could be played such as pickleball by painting the rink. The area could be used by students for their physical education classes
- Casey Field lights are on until 10:00 pm. The lighting at Moxley could be turned off earlier; there may be some relief at Casey once Moxley is available allowing for an earlier light shut off. A comment was made that it is late for someone to have to listen to the noise until 10:00 p.m. Nine p.m. seems to be a reasonable time to end park lighting.
- There will be no ice hockey use of the rink.
- The park has and will continue to function as an informal neighborhood use area. It will be for use by a mixed age population; there is no intention to turn it into an athletic complex that will be rented to outside groups after hours.
- The lighting will be the same as that used at Victory Field

Councilor Piccirilli moved to amend the motion to read to move forward with the Moxley Project Design Option 1, the multipurpose rink, the basketball court, and the tennis court as presented with the noise treatment for the rink boards, with lights to go off at 9:00 p.m.; Councilor Gardner seconded the amended motion.

The discussion continued:

- There would be no alteration to the shaded areas; no trees are being removed
- Fencing is being added for purposes of safety.
- The courts can be used year-round depending on the weather. Sound does care more in the winter but field use could be limited if there is ice and snow.
- There is some confusion about the renovation – It is a place where the use is more casual and not necessarily for the schools. The field will not be used for school team play
- There is a concern the City is investing in something that reduces the public's usage.
- The addition of the rink allows for a more diverse set of uses for a wider

range of people, which a second tennis court will not do.

- The open space is basically the same, the only added use of space is the hillside that is being used for a retaining wall; this change is worth the investment for the diversity of use
- A concern was raised regarding the change of hours. All lit courts close at ten and the courts remain open till ten. Adding the option of another sport should not be a reason for changing the time of use. There is no data showing that it is noisier at ten than at nine. There appears to be no benefit of changing the time.
- The concerns raised by the community were a need for an upgrade so that the available amenities would be in a playable useful condition, especially during the time Moxley is being used as a temporary site for the High School.
- The new lighting will be better and more directed

The amendment to the motion regarding the change in time for the lights was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

The motion as amended to proceed with the Moxley Project Design Option 1, the multipurpose rink, the basketball court, and the tennis court as presented with the noise treatment for the rink boards and with lights to go off at 9:00 p.m. was adopted on a roll call vote of 7-2. All councilors voted in the affirmative except for Councilors Feltner and Gardner who voted in the negative.

## 5. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### A. City Council Meeting – February 23, 2022

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes as written; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote – Councilor Palomba was missing for this roll call.

## 6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Council President Sideris stated the School Committee permitted the wearing of masks as optional in the classroom. He also stated the school opening of the Hosmer School has been successful and is a testament to the community.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

### A. Day of Solidarity for Ukraine

Council President Sideris read the Proclamation. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Proclamation; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for a Grant of Location for the Installation in Coolidge Hill Road Southerly from Pole 2/3, Approximately 248± Feet West of Kondazian Street a Distance of About 10± Feet of Conduit. This Work is Necessary to Provide OH/UG Electric Service to 19 Coolidge Hill Road. Upon Completion of the Department of Public Works Review, Said Work is Subject to the Recommendations and Conditions Set Forth Should the Grant of Location Be Approved for the Application
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These items were not taken up and referred to another meeting.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance to Modify Hours of Operation of the Administration Building and Senior Center

Mr. Tracy stated this was the annual request to modify the hours of operation for the Administration and the Senior Center from Memorial to Labor Day that has been in effect since 2002. All offices will be open on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and will close on Fridays at 2:00 p.m.

- B. High School

First Reading 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 onehundredths 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.

In order to work on the Watertown High School Project, the City needs to demonstrate to the MSBA there is a financial commitment to funding the project for an amount totaling \$198,844,252. This matter will be considered at the March 22, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Council President Sideris added the financial commitment is a requirement of the MSBA which recently approved the project. The State will provide \$44,000,000 to the project.

C. Three Elementary Schools Project

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Mr. Tracy stated the requested funds would be used to complete the punch list, the demolition of the old Hosmer School, and site work including O'Connell Field. The Loan Order is needed to award a contract for the renovation and expansion of the Lowell Elementary School. The matter would be taken up at the March 22, 2022 City Council Meeting.

D. Streets and Sidewalks

First Reading 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.

Mr. Tracy stated this is the annual loan order request for the local reconstruction of road projects. The matter will be discussed at the March 22, 2022 City Council meeting.

E. Play Equipment

Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$551,044 from the Fiscal Year 2022 Debt Retirement – Planned Debt to the Fiscal Year 2022 Transfer to Capital Projects – Arsenal Park Improvement, to move forward with the Pre- Purchase of Play Equipment for Arsenal Park Phase B.

Mr. Tracy stated CDM at its presentation to the City Council on January 11, 2022 suggested there would be cost savings with the early purchase of the playground equipment. The Conservation Commission has since confirmed its support for the park improvements as well as the equipment. This is a request for the Council's approval of such purchase.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$551,044 from the Fiscal Year 2022 Debt Retirement – Planned Debt to the Fiscal Year 2022 Transfer to Capital Projects – Arsenal Park Improvement, to move forward with the pre- purchase of play equipment for Arsenal Park Phase B; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

F. Arsenal Street Corridor

Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$800,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2022 Transfer to Capital Projects – Arsenal Street Corridor Improvements \$800,000 to move forward with the MassWorks Arsenal Street Corridor Matching Share of \$1.7 million.

Mr. Tracy stated the City received a \$3,400,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for improvements along the Arsenal Street corridor to reconstruct Arsenal Street from Greenough Boulevard to Arsenal Way. The design work is under way and construction will begin this summer.

Alexander Real Estate will provide a \$1,700,000 share and the City will provide an equal amount. City funds will be used for the development mitigation funds; \$900,000 is available and the transfer of \$800,000 will make up the City's portion. The total project cost will be \$6,800,000. He requested the Council's approval.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$800,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2022 Transfer to Capital Projects – Arsenal Street Corridor Improvements \$800,000 to move forward with the MassWorks Arsenal Street Corridor Matching Share of \$1.7 million; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Human Services Regarding the Reappointment of Cynthia Galligan as a Member of the Watertown Housing Authority for a Term to Expire on May 15, 2026

Councilor Palomba read the Committee Report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Committee Report regarding the reappointment of Cynthia Galligan as a member of the Watertown Housing Authority; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to reappoint Cynthia Galligan as a member of the Watertown Housing Authority for a term to expire on May 15, 2026; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Referral to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization to Discuss and Recommend City Council Compensation

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization the discussion and recommendation of City Council compensation; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### 12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

On March 17, 2022 at 10:16 a.m., there would be a remembrance ceremony in memory of Firefighter Joseph Toscano at the corner of Merrifield Avenue and Bigelow Avenue on the fifth anniversary of his in the line of duty death

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

There were no requests for information.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Sideris stated that on March 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., the Search Committee for a City Manager would be holding a hybrid public meeting for the consultants to explain the selection process. The Committee would then enter into executive session to begin reviewing the applications. The deadline for their receipt would be Friday March 11, 2022.

Councilor Bays noted that YardArt is back in Watertown and would last until April 3, 2022. A map of the locations could be found online.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

David Cain – Pleasant Street – Stated he was happy the Council was not using masks. He urged the City to try to use more facts and less fear when making public policy for City.

Jackie VanLeeuwen – Asked if the March 17 meeting would include any consideration for public interaction. Council President Sideris stated that the process only would be laid out.

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 9 for, 0 against, 0 present on April 12, 2022.

  
Mark S. Sideris, Council President  
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RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER  
WITH REMOTE ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Agenda Item – Informational Presentation Moxley Court Renovation – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – March 3, 2022 – Item 4A
2. Proclamation Regarding a Day of Solidarity for the People of Ukraine Sunday 13, 2022 – March 8, 2022 – Item 7A
3. Proposed Ordinance to Modify Administration Building and Senior Center Hours – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – March 1, 2022 – Item 9A
4. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding the Financing of the New Watertown High School Building – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – March 3, 2022 – Item 9B
5. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding the Renovations and Expansion of the Lowell Elementary School and the Construction of the Cunniff and Hosmer Elementary Schools – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – March 3, 2022 – Item 9C
6. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding Local Road Construction Projects for the Summer of 2022 – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – March 3, 2022 – Item 9D
7. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Arsenal Park Pre-Purchase of Equipment – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – March 3, 2022 – Item 9E
8. Agenda Item – transfer of Funds Request MassWorks Grant for Improvements Along the Arsenal Street Corridor – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – March 3, 2022 – Item 9E
9. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding the Reappointment of Cynthia Galligan as a Member of the Watertown Housing Authority as a Labor Representative – Anthony Palomba, Chair – February 8, 2022 – Item 10A

*Addendum to  
the Minutes of the  
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  - 4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION
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  - 5. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
    - A. City Council Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2022
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  - 7. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION
    - A. Day Of Solidarity For Ukraine
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**CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

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

\*COUNCILOR GANNON JOINED REMOTELY

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

|                                       | YES          | NO                | PRESENT           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ANTHONY PALOMBA                       | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| 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> |
| MARK S. SIDERIS,<br>COUNCIL PRESIDENT | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

AMENDED MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MOXLEY PROJECT DESIGN OPTION 1, THE MULTIPURPOSE RINK, THE BASKETBALL COURT, AND THE TENNIS COURT AS PRESENTED WITH THE NOISE TREATMENT FOR THE RINK BOARDS, WITH LIGHTS TO GO OFF AT 9:00 P.M.

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

|                                       | YES               | NO                | PRESENT           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| EMILY IZZO                            | <u>  X  </u>      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| ANTHONY PALOMBA                       | <u>  X  </u>      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| VNICENT 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>          </u> | <u>  X  </u>      | <u>          </u> |
| JOHN G. GANNON                        | <u>  X  </u>      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| NICOLE GARDNER                        | <u>          </u> | <u>  X  </u>      | <u>          </u> |
| MARK S. SIDERIS,<br>COUNCIL PRESIDENT | <u>  X  </u>      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE MOXLEY PROJECT DESIGN OPTION 1, THE MULTIPURPOSE RINK, THE BASKETBALL COURT, AND THE TENNIS COURT AS PRESENTED WITH THE NOISE TREATMENT FOR THE RINK BOARDS AND WITH LIGHTS TO GO OFF AT 9:00 P.M.

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 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,<br>COUNCIL PRESIDENT | ___X___ | _____ | _____   |

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2022 CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** Ukraine has been a sovereign and independent country since the collapse of the former Soviet Union; and,

**WHEREAS:** The United States and Ukraine share common values, including freedom, democracy, and the rule of law; and

**WHEREAS:** At the direction of President Vladimir Putin, Russian forces have invaded Ukraine in violation of international law; and

**WHEREAS:** As the Ukrainian People face this unprovoked invasion of their country, we commend their strength, courage, and bravery in their fight for freedom; and,

**WHEREAS:** Watertown stands and offers support and solidarity to our neighbors with Ukrainian roots; and,

**WHEREAS:** Furthermore, the good people of Watertown hope for a swift end to this senseless violence in Ukraine whose people want to live their lives peacefully; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED:** That the City of Watertown hereby proclaims Sunday, March 13, 2022, as

### **DAY OF SOLIDARITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

And further, the trees in the heart of Watertown will illuminate with the colors of Ukraine, Blue and Gold.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set our hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the City of Watertown  
to be affixed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 2022

  
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Mark S. Sideris, Council President  
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**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

|                                       | YES          | NO                | PRESENT           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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> |
| VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI                 | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| JOHN M. AIRASIAN                      | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| MARK S. SIDERIS,<br>COUNCIL PRESIDENT | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$551,044 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 DEBT RETIREMENT – PLANNED DEBT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS – ARSENAL PARK IMPROVEMENT, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PRE- PURCHASE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR ARSENAL PARK PHASE B



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### RESOLUTION #14

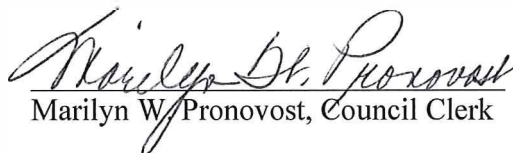
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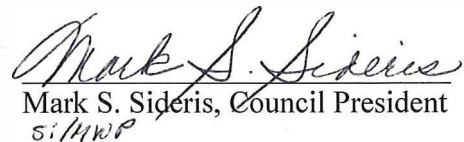
**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the City Council of the City known as the City of Watertown hereby approves the transfer amount of \$108,484 from the Fiscal Year 2022 Debt Retirement – Planned Debt Account #0171000-590927 to FY 2022 Transfer to Capital Projects – Arsenal Park Improvements 0193059-596502.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That a copy of said transfer is forwarded to the Town Auditor and Town Treasurer/Collector

  
Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 for, 2 against, 0 present on March 8, 2022.

  
Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

  
Mark S. Sideris, Council President

**TRANSFER AMOUNT \$551,044**

FROM: FY 22 DEBT RETIREMENT- PLANNED DEBT  
0171000-590927

\$ 551,044

TO: FY 22 TRANSFER TO CAP. PROJECTS - ARSENAL PARK IMPROVE.  
0193059-596502

\$ 551,044

I hereby certify to the availability, authority of funding source, mathematical accuracy  
and appropriate fiscal year.

3/4/22  
DATE

Sharon A. Gallop  
CITY AUDITOR

**CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

|                                       | YES          | NO                | PRESENT           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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> |
| 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> |
| MARK S. SIDERIS,<br>COUNCIL PRESIDENT | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS – ARSENAL STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS \$800,000 TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MASSWORKS ARSENAL STREET CORRIDOR MATCHING SHARE OF \$1.7 MILLION



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Lisa J. Feltner,  
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,  
District D Councilor

### RESOLUTION #15

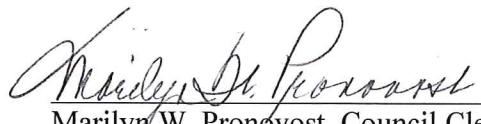
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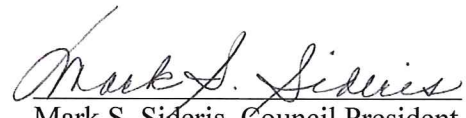
**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the City Council of the City known as the City of 800,000wn hereby approves the transfer amount of \$800,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 Council Reserve Account #0111152-570780 to FY 2022 Transfer to Capital Projects – Arsenal Street Corridor Improvements 0193059-596502.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That a copy of said transfer is forwarded to the Town Auditor and Town Treasurer/Collector

  
Emily Izzo  
Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 for, 2 against, 0 present on March 8, 2022.

  
Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

  
Mark S. Sideris, Council President

**TRANSFER AMOUNT \$800,000**

FROM: FY 22 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE  
0111152-570780

\$ 800,000

TO: FY 22 TRANSFER TO CAP. PROJ. - ARSENAL ST. CORRIDOR IMPR.  
0193059-596502

\$ 800,000

I hereby certify to the availability, authority of funding source, mathematical accuracy  
and appropriate fiscal year.

3/4/2022  
DATE

Shev H.  
CITY AUDITOR

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA GALLIGAN AS A MEMBER OF THE WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

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

MOTION TO REAPPOINT CYNTHIA GALLIGAN AS A MEMBER OF THE WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON MAY 15, 2026



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District D Councilor

## RESOLUTION #16

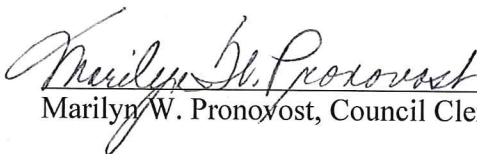
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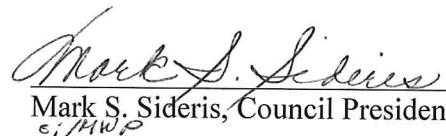
### RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA GALLIGAN AS THE LABOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the reappointment of Cynthia Galligan to the Watertown Housing Authority for a term to expire on May 15, 2026.

  
Emily Izzo  
Council Member

I hereby certify that as a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on March 8, 2022

  
Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

  
Mark S. Sideris, Council President

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

|                                       | YES          | NO                | PRESENT           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| EMILY IZZO                            | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| ANTHONY PALOMBA                       | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| VNICENT 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> |
| MARK S. SIDERIS,<br>COUNCIL PRESIDENT | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

MOTION TO REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL AND CITY ORGANIZATION THE  
DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 2022**

|                                       | YES          | NO                | PRESENT           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ANTHONY PALOMBA                       | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| 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> |
| MARK S. SIDERIS,<br>COUNCIL PRESIDENT | <u>  X  </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 PM