



Watertown City Council

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District D Councilor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 24, 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):
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vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:15 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 Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Clyde Younger – Stated a petition was submitted on behalf of the voters in accordance with charter requirements to declare a historic district around City Hall. This would be a request to cease and desist construction in and around properties listed in the petition until the matter is heard.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting - April 27, 2022

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 27, 2022 as written; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Consideration and Vote on Selection of City Manager Candidate – Finalist for Consideration: John Curran, Norman Khumalo, George Proakis. After the Meeting, the City Council Will Go into Executive Session

Councilor Piccirilli moved to suspend the rules to bring up Item 6A; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

6. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

A. Proclamation Honoring Police Chief Michael Lawn on His Retirement

Council President Sideris read the Proclamation honoring Chief and presented it to Chief Lawn along with a captain's chair for his service.

Chief Lawn acknowledged his family and his co-workers and stated the hard part of leaving is parting from those who were there for you at each step. He wanted to thank the Council for their consistent support over the years. He said the things you remember most is the good things you do for others in the job, those things that go unheralded.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Proclamation; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. Council President Sideris thanked Chief Lawn for his service and presented him with a captain's chair.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Consideration and Vote on Selection of City Manager Candidate – Finalist for Consideration: John Curran, Norman Khumalo, George Proakis. After the Meeting, the City Council Will Go into Executive Session

Councilor Piccirilli moved that George Proakis be selected from three finalists as the City Manager candidate subject to negotiation of an appropriate employment contract prior to appointment and that the City Council proceed to consider the process for negotiating an appropriate employment contract with that candidate; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion.

Council President Sideris stated the City went through a rigorous search process with 23 candidates applying for the position paring down those candidates to three finalists. He supported the motion because Mr. Proakis seems to be able to provide what the city is looking for today and will help guide the city through to the future.

In the discussion, the following was discussed

- All of the candidates were amazing
- The screening committee members and Paradigm Consultants were thanked for their efforts
- Any of these candidates would have been good for the city
- Mr. Proakis seemed to understand Watertown, display large picture thinking, inspired those who worked for him, and worked well with others
- Mr. Proakis' approach of focusing on data to guide the community through change; his values of community involvement in the change; being the most prepared fits into what the people of Watertown are looking for and what the future of Watertown is looking for
- Mr. Proakis understood the form of Watertown's government and seemed open to working collaboratively.
- The selection process was commendable

The motion to select George Proakis as the City Manager was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Council President stated the terms of the contract would be discussed and voted upon in Executive Session.

6. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

B. Proclamation Celebrating June as Pride Month – 2022

Councilor Gardner read the Proclamation. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the proclamation; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ### A. Public Hearing and a Vote on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Sum of \$500,000 Is Appropriated to Pay Costs of Installing and Replacing a Water Main Located at Partridge Street and Highland Avenue through Ridgelawn Cemetery to Warren Street, Including All 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, §8(5), or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the City Therefor; that the Treasurer, with the Approval of the City Manager, Is Authorized to Borrow All or a Portion of

Such Amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the “Authority”) Pursuant to the Authority’s Local Water Service Assistance Program and in Connection Therewith to Enter into a Loan Agreement and/or Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority and Otherwise to Contract with the Authority with Respect to Such Loan and for Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing Thereof; and That the City Manager is Authorized to Accept and Expend Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing thereof, Provided that the Amount of the Authorized Borrowing for the Project Shall Be Reduced by the Amount of Any Such Grants or Aid Received

Mr. Tracy provided some background information. Tom Watkins, Deputy Director of Administration and Finance, stated this would be an interest free loan from the MWRA program to be paid over 10 years. It would be the installation of approximately 1200 linear feet of 8-inch pipe that connects Partridge Ave. and Highland Ave. through Ridgelawn Cemetery and connects over to Warren Street to improve water quality and increase system resiliency to the northwest corner of the City. He requested the Council’s support.

Council President Sideris opened the Public Hearing; there being no speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize the appropriation of for the sum of \$500,000 to pay costs of installing and replacing a water main located at Partridge Street and Highland Avenue through Ridgelawn Cemetery to Warren Street, including all 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, §8(5), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the “Authority”) pursuant to the Authority’s Local Water Service Assistance Program and in Connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the City Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; Councilor Garner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Sum of \$300,000 is Appropriated to Pay Costs of Replacing Lead Pipes that Connect Service Lines to Water Mains, Including All 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; That the Treasurer, With the Approval of the City Manager, Is Authorized to Borrow All or a Portion of Such Amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the “Authority”) Pursuant to the Authority’s Lead Service Line Replacement Program and in Connection Therewith to Enter into a Loan Agreement and/or Financial Assistance Agreement With the Authority and Otherwise to Contract with the Authority With Respect to Such Loan and for Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing Thereof; and That the City Manager Is Authorized to Accept and Expend Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing Thereof, Provided that the Amount of the Authorized Borrowing for the Project Shall Be Reduced by the Amount of Any Such Grants or Aid Received

Mr. Watkins stated this was an interest free loan from MWRA to continue the replacement of another 100 lead services in the city by the engineering team working with the DPW.

Council President Sideris opened the Public Hearing; there being no speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize an appropriation for the sum of \$300,000 pay costs of replacing lead pipes that connect service lines to water mains, including all 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; that the treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the “Authority”) pursuant to the Authority’s Lead Service Line Replacement Program and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the City Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion.

Mr. Watkins, when asked, stated DPW would seek funding to replace all lead services identified in the City. With this order, that would leave approximately 500 lead services to go.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Sum of \$750,000 is Appropriated to Pay Costs of Designing, Engineering and Constructing Sewer System Improvements, Including All 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

Mr. Watkins stated this is supplemental funding to the MWRA to provide various improvements to the sewer system by preventing infiltration and inflow to the sanitary sewer system and eliminating the cross connection between the sanitary sewer and stormwater systems. Much of the money will be focused in the Greenough Boulevard area pairing with the mitigation funds of the Alexandria and the OTC development projects.

Council President Sideris opened the Public Hearing:

Clyde Younger – Asked if this was in support of the construction. Mr. Watkins confirmed it was in support of new and ongoing construction.

There being no other speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize the appropriation for the sum of \$750,000 to pay costs of designing, engineering and constructing sewer system improvements, including all 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; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of the Final Commercial Development and Housing Nexus Study Prepared by Karl F. Seidman Consulting Services and ConsultEcon, Inc., and a Request for the Administration to Draft Language for Council Consideration of a Home Rule Petition Authorizing the City to Establish a “Linkage Fee” on New Large-Scale Commercial Development for the Funding of Affordable Housing

Mr. Magoon provided background information regarding a study completed for a “linkage fee” on new large scale commercial development to fund affordable housing. He stated that Mr. Seidman was selected for his past work and for his work with Boston and Cambridge regarding this issue.

Mr. Seidman described his methodology to estimate the need for affordable housing. He stated Watertown is expected to have 2,600,000 sq ft of new development in the next ten years providing new employment to 6,213 people. Of this group, it is anticipated 968 would like to live in Watertown. About 360 units of the 968 would need to be affordable housing.

To determine the costs, he looked at what the cost would be to develop the 360 units; how much of the cost could be supported by the income of the residents; and what would be the funding gap. He considered a combination of rental and ownership units with the assumptions being 219 units would be needed for rental purposes and 141 would be needed for ownership. Of the rentals, it was assumed all low-income units would be rental; 70% of moderate income would be rental, and 40% of the middle-income units would be rental. The development costs would be a little more than \$95,000,000. The income of the occupants could support about \$30,000,000 leaving a funding gap of \$62,000,000 to build 219 rental units. To develop 141 ownership units would cost about \$65,000,000 with about \$46,000,000 being supported by the income of the occupants, leaving a gap of about \$18,500,000. The total subsidy was divided by the number of new developments to get a maximum linkage fee if the total subsidy cost were to be covered for a rate of \$31.31/sq ft. of new development.

There are several Federal and state resources that can contribute to rental units; however, there are less for ownership units. It is assumed the full cost for ownership units would come from local share. There are two scenarios to consider: The local share would be set at 6.4% based on data from a recent study bringing the fee to be \$9.44/sq. ft. and the second being where the local share would be 11% for a linkage fee of \$11.12/sq. ft. In comparison, Boston established the fees in 1983 and currently charges \$13.03 for projects with a minimum of 100,000 sq. ft.; Cambridge established the fees in 1988 with a current rate of \$21.02 for projects with a minimum of 30,000 sq. ft.; and Somerville established their fees in 1990 with a current rate of \$10.57 for projects with a minimum of 30,000 sq. ft. Rates have been adjusted over time for inflation and new analysis. He believed the impact of the fees cost would be very small for either scenario.

In the discussion, these matters were brought up:

- Thanks were given to the Department of Community Development and Planning for their efforts
- A question was raised as to how the fee was reduced from \$31 to the \$9 - \$11 range. It was assumed that the City would be able to access federal and state sources for the funding of the rental units along with tax credits which would reduce the required subsidy.
- A concern was raised that the City should be more aggressive with rate setting number. In response, it was clarified that the authorization would be just for drafting the language for the special legislation and that there

would be a range so that the fee could be adjusted periodically

- It was clarified that the proposed legislation would be referred to the Council for their approval to be sent to the General Court for its approval. Upon the passage of the legislation, the matter would then be referred to Committee for its review.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to request the Administration to draft language for the Council's consideration of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to establish a range of fees on new large-scale commercial development for the funding of affordable housing; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Parks and Recreation Report Regarding a Special Needs Baseball/Softball Diamond, Dark Sky Lighting for All City Parks, and Park Signage - Anthony Palomba, Chair

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Referral to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances to Make Recommendations on a Tree Protection Ordinance as Advocated by the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee and Trees for Watertown

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances to make recommendations on a Tree Protection Ordinance as advocated by the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee and Trees for Watertown; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for the Confirmation to Reappointments to the Licensing Board

Mr. Tracy asked for the reappointment of two Full Members to the Licensing Board: Sandra Hoffman for a term to expire on February 15, 2024 and Donna Doucette for a term to expire on February 15, 2025 and for the Alternate Member Jimmy Tsekrekis for a term to expire on February 15, 2025. The matter was referred to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization under City Council Rules.

- B. Request for the Confirmation to Reappointments to the Planning Board

Mr. Tracy requested the reappointments of Janet Buck for a term to expire

on February 15, 2025 and Abigail Hammond for a term to expire on February 15, 2025 to the Planning Board. The matter was referred to the Economic Development and Planning Committee under City Council Rules.

C. Request for the Confirmation to Reappointments to the Board of Election Commissioners

Mr. Tracy requested the reappointment of Eugene Slaven to Board of Election Commissioners for a term to expire on April 1, 2026. The matter was referred to the Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government Committee under City Council Rules.

D. Request for the Confirmation to Reappointments to the Board of Assessors

Mr. Tracy requested the reappointment of Richard Moynihan for a term to expire on May 15, 2025. The matter was referred to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization under City Council Rules.

E. Request for the Confirmation to Appointments to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee

F. Mr. Tracy requested the appointment of Shin Nagpal for a term to expire on November 15, 2022 and Carina Wallack for a term to expire on November 15, 2024 to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee. The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Works under City Council Rules.

Mr. Tracy stated the City Hall's modified hours for the summer began on that night and will continue until September 2, 2022.

Mr. Tracy stated City Hall would be closed on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022. Several events were planned for the holiday:

- Wednesday, May 25, 2022, around 5:00 pm. cemetery flags and grave markers would be placed at St. Patrick's Cemetery
- Thursday, May 26, 2022, around 5:00 pm. cemetery flags and grave markers would be placed at Ridgelawn Cemetery
- Friday, May 27, 2022, gardeners were invited to participate in the planting of the Freedom Garden at the Commander's Mansion with the formal unveiling of the garden taking place at 5:30 p.m. and closing remarks scheduled for 7:30
- Monday, May 30, 2022, the Memorial Day Parade would begin at 12:00 p.m at the Administration Building and end at Victory Field

Mr. Tracy announced the free Saltonstall Concert Series would be every Wednesday, starting on June 1, 2022.

The Watertown Extravaganza would be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Saltonstall Park from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Farmer's would open its ninth season on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 from 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m and every Wednesday thereafter.

Mr. Tracy thanked Gina Molan, Tammy Mc Kenna Fernandez, Marsha Osmond, Joanna Hand, Steve Magoon, and Council President Sideris for their assistance with the event honoring Michael Driscoll.

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

Councilor Feltner asked what the approach would be with the concerts during bad weather. Mr. Tracy stated there would be more concerts this year. If there is a cancellation, the concerts will not be rescheduled and nor moved inside.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Bays mentioned the City is reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. If anyone is interested in contributing, please go to the website and take a survey.

14. PUBLIC FORUM

Jimmy Mello – 100 Warren Street – Stated the signage in the Administration Building needs to be changed from Town Clerk, Council, Manager, Auditor to City Clerk, Council, Manager, Auditor along with any other relevant office's sign.

15. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(2) - to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel – City Manager Candidate with the Council not returning to open session; Council Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote. The Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(2) - To Conduct Strategy Sessions in Preparation for Negotiations with Nonunion Personnel – City Manager Candidate

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 June 28, 2022.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
WITH REMOTE ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES**

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting – April 27, 2022 – Item 4A
2. Proclamation Honoring Police Chief Lawn on His Retirement – May 24, 2022 – Item 6A
3. Proclamation Honoring Celebrating June as Pride Month – 2022 – May 24, 2022 – Item 6B
4. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding the Borrowing of Funds from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to Pay Costs of a Water Main Replacement Project – Thomas J. Tracy, Acting City Manager to City Council – May 5, 2022 – Item 7A
5. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding the Borrowing of Funds from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to Pay Costs of Replacing Lead Pipes that Connect Service Lines to Water Mains – Thomas J. Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – May 5, 2022 – Item 7B
6. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding the Borrowing of Funds to Pay Costs of Sewer System Improvements – Thomas J. Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – May 5, 2022 – Item 7C
7. Watertown Commercial Development and Housing Nexus Study Final Draft to Department of Planning and Community Development City of Watertown – Karl F. Seidman Consulting Services ConsultEcon, Inc. May 2022 – Item 8A
8. Committee on Parks and Recreation Report Regarding Location of a Special Needs Baseball/Softball Diamond, Park Signage, and Dark Sky Lighting for City Parks – Anthony Palomba, Chair – May 11, 2022 – Item 9A

*Addendum
to the Minutes of the
May 24, 2022
City Council
Meeting*

CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: MAY 24, 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, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 24, 2022**

	YES	NO	PRESENT
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___	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	___X___	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	___X___	_____	_____

MOTION THAT GEORGE PROAKIS BE SELECTED FROM THREE FINALISTS AS THE CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION OF AN APPROPRIATE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL PROCEED TO CONSIDER THE PROCESS FOR NEGOTIATING AN APPROPRIATE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THAT CANDIDATE



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PROCLAMATION HONORING POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL LAWN ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS: Police Chief Michael Lawn has served the City of Watertown for 32 years beginning as a Police Officer on October 30, 1989 and continuing a family tradition; was appointed sergeant in March, 2000; and then appointed lieutenant in May 2002 later serving as Commander of the Detective Division and Commander of the Day-Shift Patrol Division, and finally as Police Chief on January 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Chief Lawn served as one of the City's first Community Police Officers from 1996 -1999 and the Police Department spokesperson responsible for all media relations since 2001; obtained a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice; organized the Police Athletic League; assisted in the development of the Cops and Kids afterschool program at the Middle School; and served as an instructor in the Citizens Police Academy; and

WHEREAS: Chief Lawn, has faithfully executed his responsibilities of providing for the safety of the public; providing leadership to the Department; and managing Department personnel, resources, and policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS: Chief Lawn has engaged the Police in community services by holding "Coffee with the Chief" with senior citizens; establishing a Cops & Rec program with the Recreation Department; and reestablishing the Citizen's Police Academy to show the community what policing services are; and

WHEREAS: Chief Lawn has improved policing services by obtaining funding for the Restorative Justice Program; receiving funding to redo the entire radio infrastructure with Fire Chief Quinn, for the city's public safety; working to fund a second full-time clinician to enhance the jail diversion program; re-establishing the K-9 program; being awarded \$150,000 of state funding for the Department's Drug Interdiction and Community Policing Programs; and creating an ATV "Mule Patrol" to deliver basic necessities to the homeless; and

WHEREAS: Chief Lawn has labored to better the working conditions for his fellow police officers: he began the Annual Police Department Road Race to benefit the Police Relief Committee; improved the morale of the Department; guided the Department through the recent pandemic; transitioned the Department from 40 calibre handgun to a 9 mm handgun to improve officer effectiveness and safety; and established with other departments the CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Task Force to improve the health and welfare of his officers; and

WHEREAS: Chief Lawn achieved the honor of having Watertown's Police Department accredited twice by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, which establishes high professional standards and requires the Department's provision of best practices to the community, an achievement that only 27% or 95 out of 351 Commonwealth communities have achieved.

WHEREAS: Chief Lawn wishes the community to know how fortunate it is to have a such a dedicated police force and to acknowledge their dedication and support these officers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of Watertown extends its congratulations to

MICHAEL LAWN ON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE WATERTOWN POLICE CHIEF

IN WITNESS HEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Watertown to be
Affixed on this 24th day of May 2022

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PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH - 2022

WHEREAS: Our nation has officially celebrated Pride Month in June since 1999; and

WHEREAS: During Pride Month, Americans everywhere recognize the right of each of us to live freely and authentically, consistent with our country's vision of equality for all; and

WHEREAS: While society at large increasingly supports Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and their Allies (LGBTQIA+) equality, the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS: The Watertown Free Public Library and Watertown Public Arts and Culture are offering a robust month of programs including Pride Extravaganza to show the vibrancy and strength of the City of Watertown because of this diversity; and

WHEREAS: The City of Watertown stands in solidarity with LGBTQIA+ people and calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace the dignity of every individual and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS: celebrating Pride Month builds awareness and provides support and advocacy for the City of Watertown's LGBTQIA+ people and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to build acceptance and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Watertown hereby proclaims the month of June 2022 Pride Month and urges all citizens to join the celebrations.

IN WITNESS HEREOF,

I have hereunto set our hand and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Watertown to be
affixed on this 24th day of May 2022


Mark S. Sideris, City Council President



**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 24, 2022**

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FOR THE SUM OF \$500,000 TO PAY COSTS OF INSTALLING AND REPLACING A WATER MAIN LOCATED AT PARTRIDGE STREET AND HIGHLAND AVENUE THROUGH RIDGELAWN CEMETERY TO WARREN STREET, INCLUDING ALL 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, §8(5), OR PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AND TO ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY THEREFOR; THAT THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY'S LOCAL WATER SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY AND OTHERWISE TO CONTRACT WITH THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LOAN AND FOR ANY GRANTS OR AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF; AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY GRANTS OR AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE AUTHORIZED BORROWING FOR THE PROJECT SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH GRANTS OR AID RECEIVED



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ORDER # 39

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

ORDER TO APPROVE THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY TO PAY COSTS OF A WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

John M. Arasian,
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

ORDERED: That the sum of \$500,000 is appropriated to pay costs of installing and replacing a water main located at Partridge Street and Highland Avenue through Ridgelawn Cemetery to Warren Street, including all costs incidental and related thereto;

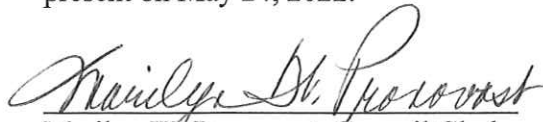
that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §8(5), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the Authority's local water service assistance program and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the City Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a copy of said Order be forwarded to the City Auditor and City Treasurer/Collector.



Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Order was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on May 24, 2022.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

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	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, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	___X___	_____	_____

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUM OF \$300,000 PAY COSTS OF REPLACING LEAD PIPES THAT CONNECT SERVICE LINES TO WATER MAINS, INCLUDING ALL 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; THAT THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT

FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY'S LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY AND OTHERWISE TO CONTRACT WITH THE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LOAN AND FOR ANY GRANTS OR AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF; AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY GRANTS OR AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE AUTHORIZED BORROWING FOR THE PROJECT SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH GRANTS OR AID RECEIVED



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ORDER TO APPROVE THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY TO PAY COSTS OF REPLACING LEAD PIPES THAT CONNECT SERVICE LINES IN WATER MAINS

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

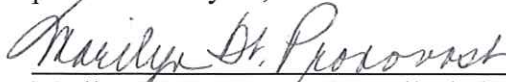
ORDERED: That the sum of \$300,000 is appropriated to pay costs of replacing lead pipes that connect service lines to water mains, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount 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; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the Authority's lead service line replacement program and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the City Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received.

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JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY COSTS OF DESIGNING, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTING SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ALL 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



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ORDER TO APPROVE THE BORROWING OF FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

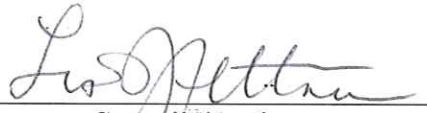
Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

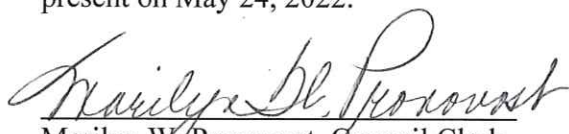
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

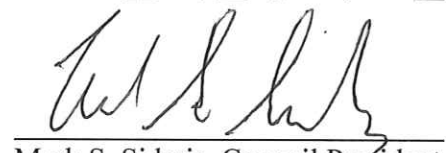
ORDERED: That the sum of \$750,000 is appropriated to pay costs of designing, engineering and constructing sewer system improvements, including all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow 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.

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EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 30A, SEC. 21(A)(2) - TO CONDUCT STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL – CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE WITH THE COUNCIL NOT RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION