



Watertown City Council

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 AT 7:00 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 City Council at 7:08 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

David Cain – He objected to the mandate to wear masks and to be vaccinated. He did not object to anyone wearing the mask, but he objected to the forceable wearing of the mask. He was opposed to wearing the masks and will continue his effort to make masks and vaccination voluntary.

Meghan – The Charter states ordinances cannot be passed on the date they are introduced. If there is an emergency, the emergency must be defined and declared in the ordinance’s preamble and must be voted upon by the City Council by a vote of six in the affirmative. There are no ADA accommodations being made for those who have hearing loss. It is difficult to understand when masks are on, and microphones do not project sound. All public hearings should be open to the public in person. Many people do not have the technology or the ability to use it and they are being discriminated against. Such actions violate the Open Meeting Law. This pandemic is no longer an emergency because by definition an emergency is something that is sudden and unexpected. An emergency does not last for two years. People know how to protect themselves, and anyone should be able to attend in person and not through Zoom.

Cynthia – She felt there is a large overreach of government in town that is destroying people’s freedom. Masks do not work, and this mandate is destroying a generation of children.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. City Council Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2021

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of December 14, 2021 as written; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. City Council Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2022

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of January 11, 2022 as written; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Consideration and Action on City Manager Job Posting

Bernie Lynch, the City Manager Hiring Consultant, was introduced to provide an overview of the document that was produced for potential City Manager candidates. Mr. Lynch utilized several outreach modes – interviewing employees and Council members, conducting surveys, and having a community meeting.

Mr. Lynch stated the document is a position statement that was produced as a result of outreach to and feedback from the council, department heads, the former manager, a community forum with about 90 people participating and a community meeting where about 350 participated. This provided information that helped generate a position statement. The information obtained can be used by the screening committee to develop questions to evaluate the candidates.

The document tries to present a sense of the community to an outsider, what are the challenges of the community, what is the form of government, why the prior manager is leaving (in this case, it is retirement after several years of service), what is the financial condition of the city, what the education system is like, what are the City's accomplishments, and what are the economics of the city. A considerable challenge for Watertown is that the departments are in transition: several new heads and several more to be appointed due to the retirement of current department heads. The document lists the ideal candidate that Watertown is looking for. Hyperlinks to other documents are added to further information such as the revised Charter, the City Code, the budget documents, and other plans that are prepared.

These items were mentioned in the following discussion:

- At the Community meeting, there was an emphasis placed on environmental issues and it should be incorporated into the document. Mr. Lynch stated this could be added to reflect climate issues and the creation of net-zero schools.
- In the challenges section, there should be more describing the desire to create and enhance a welcoming multi racial community especially in the area of racial justice.
- Asked if the survey would be made public, Mr. Lynch stated they are often used to form questions, but the quality of the responses can vary. The information is provided to the screening committee for their use. He did state that there could be a way to get out the information without being damaging to the city or the process.
- In the list of city projects it is conducting or has conducted, a request was made to include the Energy and Climate Action Plan, the establishment of the Affordable Housing Trust, and the two shuttle buses.
- A question was raised as to why there was a requirement for a strong knowledge of municipal laws and rules and not Massachusetts rules and laws. Later a question was raised as to why that qualification was necessary as it could narrow the scope of candidates. While there is value to a highly qualified MA candidate, the city should not limit the pool of candidates. Mr. Lynch stated he could change the words to read a strong knowledge of municipal operations and practices to focus on municipal experience. He further clarified that no person could know all the states' laws; therefore, it was not added in the description.
- What is the success rate of out-of-state managers because the future City Manager will need to have knowledge of Massachusetts. Mr. Lynch stated the candidates would most likely come from Massachusetts, but the market is very tight in the state. There have been successes with out of state candidates – Reading has a manager for about 30 years that came from New Jersey; Bedford has a manager for about 30 years from Maryland; Lexington has a manager from Colorado; Truro has a manager from Colorado; Worcester had a manager for eight years from

Ohio. While candidates usually come from a similar geographic area, there have been good out of state people that make the geographic transition.

- The description should emphasize the inclusive quality of the community and its welcoming neighborhoods.
- The document should have a statement that the Manager should provide a vision for the community. It was proposed that this might be discussed as an interview question.
- Asked how long the position would stay open, Mr. Lynch stated the advertisement would be out by the end of the week and stay open for four weeks.
- Was the listed annual salary comparable to other towns? Mr. Lynch responded that for the type of manager the community is seeking, \$200,000 is a starting salary. Managers in the greater Boston area are receiving salaries of \$200,000+.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the City Council authorize the publishing of the job posting incorporating the comments during the meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Council President Sideris stated the Screening Committee would consist of three Councilors, two citizens, and two employees. He announced the employees would be Dr. Galdston, Superintendent of Schools who heads up the largest budget in the City, and Steve Magoon, a long time employee who knows the community well. He named Daniel D'Amico and Felicia Sullivan as the citizen participants because he was looking for a younger perspective of people who are engaged in the community. He mentioned that many volunteered, and he wanted to thank each person for offering to serve. He asked these people to remain active in the community by participating as members of the boards and commissions.

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

A. Confirmation of Proclamation Honoring Leone Cole on Her Retirement as Library Director

Councilor Piccirilli read the proclamation. Councilor Piccirilli moved to confirm the proclamation honoring Leone Cole on her retirement as Library Director; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. Council President Sideris thanked Ms. Cole for her years of service and for her many accomplishments. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Coolidge School Apartments: Request of Lessee, Coolidge School LLC, for Consent to Refinance Leasehold Mortgage Loan from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority

Mr. Tracy stated the Coolidge School Apartments need the city's consent to refinance their leasehold mortgage loan with the MHFA. By doing this, Coolidge Schools LLC will lower its interest rate, will retain the same debt service, will allow it to add to its replacement reserve fund, will help maintain the building, and will provide some capital improvements.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to consent to the Coolidge School LLC, Lessee, request to refinance the Leasehold Mortgage Loan from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Consideration and Vote to Adopt M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 33B Regarding the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by On-Premise Licensees on Sundays and Certain Legal Holidays; Sales Between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

This request came from the City Clerk's office. Restaurants open prior to noon on Sundays and certain legal holidays are not permitted to serve alcohol with brunch. By accepting Chapter 138, Section 33B, the local licensing board will be able to approve a restaurant's sale of alcohol during the 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon period.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 33B regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages by On-Premise Licensees on Sundays and certain legal holidays for sales between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

In the discussion, the following matters were addressed:

- How many have asked for this change? Ms. Gilligan, Head Clerk of the City Clerk's Office, stated the City Clerk's Office received about four inquiries in the last two years and if the City would accept the changes, about ten restaurants would probably want to make this change immediately. This would not be a general grant of authority; the licensee would have to apply with the ABC Commission and be approved and then apply with the local Licensing Board for approval of a change of hours. The process for this change is the same as any other change request.
- Would the bar be open during brunch? This is where the local licensing authority would need to provide the approval. Not all restaurants would be interested in pursuing this privilege. This would affect those places that open around 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., many of which are at Arsenal Yards.

- Would this affect just restaurants or include liquor stores? This matter was previously corrected for liquor stores and would affect only restaurants.
- Would this apply to those restaurants for customers who are seated or would it include the bars? Watertown does not have just bars; they have common victualer licenses.
- The acceptance of this statute would allow for the expansion of Sunday hours for establishments known as common victualers, inn holders, and hotels. It is not intended for bars.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Consideration and Action to Amend the Current Regulations Under Section 2B (Show Cause Hearings) of the Watertown Licensing Board's Rules and Regulations

Mr. Tracy stated this request is to amend the Licensing Board regulations regarding Show Cause Hearings by allowing the Board to give warnings and fines for infractions. Currently the only action the Board may pursue is either the revocation or suspension of a license. This change provides more options for the Licensing Board.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to amend the current regulations under Section 2B (Show Cause Hearings) of the Watertown Licensing Board's Rules and Regulations; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

The Councilors had the following questions:

- Does the present licensing procedure provide for fines versus suspensions? The current regulations do not. This change would not contravene the State authority.
- Who establishes the fines? The Licensing Board would propose the fine scheme, but it would be the Council that approves the schedule.
- Are there other communities that use the fining schedule? That was unknown; however, the information would be provided to the Council

The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought forward to the Council.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Tracy reminded everyone that the Administration Building would be closed on February 21, 2022 for Presidents' Day.

He mentioned that Mr. George, the Veterans' Agent, wanted to remind people that it has been two years since the last Memorial Day Parade. He asked that any

interested veteran or organization wishing to participate in the 2022 parade should contact Mr. George at 617-972-6416 or writing him at pgeorge@watertown-ma.gov .

Mr. Tracy thanked the residents for cleaning the snow around fire hydrants and asked them to continue to do so during the remainder of the winter; the Fire and the IT departments for their assistance; and especially Jeanne Ostroff for creating a social media contest that was received quite well by the public.

He mentioned that two press releases were sent out. The first release related to the Board of Health which is seeking a physician residing in Watertown to be a member of the Board for a term that expires February 2023. A physician is a required member of the Board. If anyone is interested, please send a letter of interest and a resume to the City Manager's Office by February 28, 2022.

The other release stated the City is seeking three residents to be on the Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan Updating. If anyone is interested in serving, please submit a letter explaining your background and interest in the matter to Liz Helfer at ehelfer@watertown-ma.gov by February 22, 2022.

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

There were no requests for information from the Council.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Piccirilli announced that on Monday, February 14, 2022, there would be a Zoom meeting regarding the Moxley Playground Renovations.

Councilor Bays announced that the Personnel and City Organization Committee created a questionnaire for the Councilors to complete regarding what they would like in a City Council Analyst. The questionnaire was handed out and it would also be sent by email. She requested that the questionnaire be completed by February 22, 2022 and returned to the Council Clerk.

Council President Sideris stated there was a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Hosmer School that was highly successful. The School is a building all citizens should be very proud of. He thanked the team for their efforts and stated this would be great for the children of Watertown. The pre-school would be occupied in a few days.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

David Cain – Stated that if a deaf person wanted to participate in their government, they could not because of their hearing handicap. If the Council were sincere, it could complete its obligations under the American with Disabilities Act by using clear shield masks, having a sign language interpreter

in the Chamber, and providing closed caption text on the screen. He stated the meeting violated the ADA statute by not providing reasonable accommodations.

Elodia Thomas – She praised the event at the Hosmer School and stated both new schools are an exciting achievement. She requested how the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds would be applied.

Council President Sideris noted the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Committee will be reviewing this.

13. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 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 22, 2022.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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WITH REMOTE ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES**

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting – December 14, 2022 – Item 4A
2. Minutes of the City Council Meeting – January 11, 2022 – Item 4B
3. Watertown, MA – City Manager Position Statement – Bernard Lynch, Community Paradigm Associates – Item 5A
4. Proclamation Honoring Leone Cole on Her Retirement As Library Director – February 1, 2022 – Item 6A
5. Resolution Consenting to the Coolidge School Apartments Request of the Lessee, Coolidge School LLC, to Refinance Leasehold Mortgage Loan from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority – February 8, 2022 – Item 7A
6. Requests from the Licensing Board – Janet M. Murphy, City Clerk, to Mark Sideris, City Council President – January 24, 2022 – Item 7B and 7C

*Addendum to
the Minutes of the
February 8, 2022
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CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 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, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



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PROCLAMATION HONORING LEONE COLE ON HER RETIREMENT AS LIBRARY DIRECTOR

WHEREAS: Leone Cole has served Watertown as its Library Director for 27 years beginning March 20, 1995 and has created a library that removes access barriers by expanding library hours of operation to 70 hours a week, abolishing library fines, and adopting cutting edge technology. Through her leadership the library was among the first in the region to provide computers, internet service, a library website, and other technology to increase access to library resources; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Cole directed a multi-million-dollar library renovation in 2006 that preserves the original library and adds a modern building that is welcoming and greatly loved by patrons; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Cole has preserved and displayed the rich local history of Watertown with a dedicated Local History room to showcase Watertown's past with a local author collection, art, photographs, and other ephemera documenting Watertown's past. In 2016 the Library began highlighting this collection with digital displays and providing access to hundreds of digitized primary sources on the library website; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Cole successfully advocated for funding resulting in a 211% increase during her tenure to enlarge support for Project Literacy; establish the Hatch Makerspace; add new positions including Outreach Librarian, Local History Librarian, and Makerspace Coordinator; increase collection funding; establish a Library of Things collection; and create a soon to be launched bookmobile; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Cole exhibited exemplary leadership during the pandemic by providing remote programming opportunities, curbside access to books and library materials, and reopening to the public safely; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Cole has been a fierce advocate for intellectual freedom in the public library, maintaining an environment where no content is arbitrarily censored; and

WHEREAS: Watertown Free Public Library, the staff, and Trustees are constantly praised as the "gem of the city" made possible by Ms. Cole's dedication to provide exceptional library services.

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

LEONE COLE ON HER RETIREMENT AS LIBRARY DIRECTOR

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Watertown to be
Affixed on this 1st day of February 2022.


Mark S. Sideris, Council President
MS/SWP





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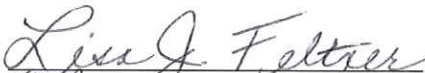
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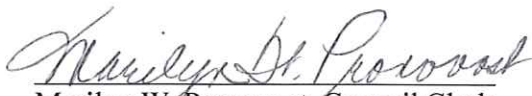
WHEREAS: The City is the Lessor under a Lease Agreement between the City of Watertown and Coolidge School LLC (as “Lessee”) for the land and building thereon located at 319 Arlington Street, Watertown, dated as of November 29, 2007, and is also a subordinated leasehold mortgagee to the Lessee pursuant to a certain HOME Investment Partnership promissory note dated December 7, 2007 by the Lessee payable to the City in the original principal amount of \$390,000 and certain other agreements evidencing such HOME loan; and

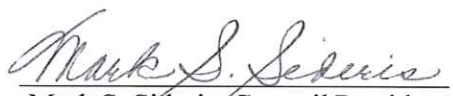
WHEREAS: Coolidge School LLC is also the borrower (“Borrower”) under a Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority (“MHFA”) first priority leasehold mortgage loan, and has requested that the City consent to the Borrower refinancing that existing MHFA loan; and Coolidge School LLC has represented to the City that: the refinanced MHFA loan will be in the approximate restated principal amount of \$5,700,000 and that the basic terms will be for a term of seven (7) years, at an interest rate at the then 10 year United States Treasury rate plus approximately 190 basis points, amortizing pursuant to a 35 year amortization schedule; and there will be included in the restated principal amount a re-advance of loan proceeds which will be used to (i) fund a replacement reserve in excess of \$1,000,000 and (ii) repay a deferred developer fee loan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby consents to the refinancing of the MHFA loan as requested and represented by Coolidge School LLC, and authorizes the City Manager to execute such documents as are necessary and appropriate to evidence this consent to the Lessee/Borrower or to other financing parties, including (i) an amendment to the existing intercreditor agreement for the loan or an amended and restated intercreditor agreement as deemed necessary or appropriate, (ii) an updated landlord estoppel and agreement, and (iii) such other agreements as deemed necessary or appropriate to effectuate the MHFA loan refinance.


Lisa J. Feltner
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 vote of 9 for, 0 against, 0 present on February 8, 2022.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President