



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, JUNE 14, 2022, 6:15 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>
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- D. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:15 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 P.M.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to enter into executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(2) - to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel – George J. Proakis; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. PUBLIC FORUM

David Kane – Stated the Supreme Court ruling on the policy of flying flags on public grounds presents two options. The first is only to represent the governmental organization or the second that would allow any flag someone requests. He requested that if the gay pride flag is flying, he would like to have the straight pride flag flying or otherwise he requested the Gay Pride flag be taken down.
6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes of the City Council Meeting – May 10, 2022

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of May 10, 2022 as written; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.
 - B. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting – May 12, 2022

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of May 12, 2022 as written; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.
7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
 - A. Deliberation and Vote on Approval and Execution of City Manager Contract
Deliberation and Vote on Appointment of George J. Proakis as City Manager

Councilor Piccirilli moved to appoint George J. Proakis as City Manager and to approve the contract as presented; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.
 - B. First Reading on Proposed Ordinance Amending the City Manager’s Compensation

The compensation will be advertised and taken up at the next regular City Council meeting.
8. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Honoring the Watertown Housing Partnership

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

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council President Sideris stated Item 10 would be taken up prior to Item 9 because Item 9 included transfers that needed to be taken up prior to the new budgets. Please see minutes after Item 10F.

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Retiree Health Insurance Appropriation and Authorization of Expenditures from the OPEB Trust Fund.

Mr. Tracy provided background and stated the payment for OPEB must be done through an annual resolution process. He asked for the Council's acceptance of the resolution.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Retiree Health Insurance appropriation and authorization of expenditures from the OPEB Trust Fund; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Resolution Establishing Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditure Limits for Revolving Funds.

Mr. Tracy stated the revolving funds resolution needs to be reauthorized via resolution. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the resolution establishing Fiscal Year 2023 expenditure limits for revolving funds; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Motion to Appropriate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funds for Fiscal Year 2023

Mr. Tracy said the CPA met on May 19, 2022 and voted to request the City Council to appropriate and transfer \$3,700,000 from the FY 23 CPA funds consisting of \$185,000 (5%) for administrative expenses; \$370,000 (10%) to the affordable housing reserve; \$370,000 (10%) to the historical preservation reserve; \$370,000 (10%) to the open/space/recreation reserve; and \$2,405,000 (65%) to the undesignated fund balance. He asked the Council to adopt this action for FY 2023.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to appropriate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$14,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 City Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2022 City Auditor Search Account

Mr. Tracy stated that in light of his desire to retire, he is requesting a transfer of funds from the City Council Reserve to cover the potential expenses for a search for the next city auditor.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$14,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 City Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2022 City Auditor Search Account; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$60,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 City Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2022 Transfer to Trust/Other Funds Account

Mr. Tracy stated the settlement funds would probably not be received until late June or July; therefore, he suggested transferring the settlement amount to the Opioid Settlement Fund prior to the vote on the FY 2023 Budget in order to use them in FY 2023 for substance abuse disorder services in the Health Department.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$60,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 City Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2022 Transfer to Trust/Other Funds Account; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Related Matters

Council President Sideris explained the meeting was being held in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter; that there would be a public hearing; the process for which the budget items could be passed upon and how the budget would be accepted; the limits of the appropriations amounts; and the process for adding new appropriations.

He then opened the public hearing. There being a typo on the link for the Zoom participants; he waited extra time to provide an opportunity to come in. Council President Sideris did state the meeting met public requirements because the meeting was being held in the Chamber in person, the full Council was present, and the Council was live streaming. There being no speakers after the time elapsed, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Tracy called the general budget. Councilor Gannon passed on the City Attorney's budget and the Department of Health's Supplies and Services appropriation.

Councilor Gannon asked what free seminars were available for the City to take advantage of. Attorney Reich listed some of the seminars K|P Law could provide. When asked if the City Attorney ever came in underbudget, Attorney Reich stated the amounts varied based on the legal needs of the community. As the Department is a reactive one, there is no adequate way to predetermine the necessary budget; however, the number has been estimated based on past experience.

Councilor Gannon asked about rodent control services as it related to the Department of Health: How does one complain about such an issue and is it possible for the Department of Health (DOH) to provide rodent control for the property owners. Mr. Tracy stated an extra \$100,000 was being appropriated to DPW to get ahead of the infestation especially during construction and that there were funds in the DOH budget; however, the City of Watertown is not in a position to be going onto private property to provide rodent services. Mr. Tracy stated DOH has contracted for rodent control services by putting devices in the sewers to disrupt rodents. Attorney Reich stated the city has no authority to go on private property and that there are issues regarding both liability and authority. The City cannot enter private property to benefit an individual. This was contested as a policy statement as other communities provided such services. It was suggested that this might be addressed by providing a proposal that could be referred to a subcommittee for study.

Councilor Gannon asked about the status of the study the Committee on Human Services requested regarding DOH services for substance abuse disorders. Mr. Tracy stated the Administration was charged with creating a draft of an RFP and that a more formal request would be made at a later date.

Mr. Tracy continued to call the budgets for Other Financing Sources, Free Cash and Overlay Surplus, and the Water and Sewer Enterprises; there were no other passes. Council President Sideris noted the Fiscal Year 2023 budget had passed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to reconsider the budget with the hope that it does not pass; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion failed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Council President Sideris thanked the Department heads for their work. He thanked Mr. Tracy especially as this would be his final budget and for the effort he made in this interim period to produce a solid budget for the City.

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

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- F. Consideration and Action Regarding a Resolution Authorizing a Petition to the General Court for Special Legislation Regarding an Affordable Housing Linkage Fee

Mr. Magoon, Director of Community Planning and Development/Acting Assistant Deputy City Manager, stated the special legislation being presented was for linkage fees to provide new affordable housing. A nexus was determined between development projects and the need for new affordable housing. The fees represent the cost to the community; the fee is set for projects of a certain square footage with a fee not to exceed \$18/sq ft. There is a provision allowing for the adjustment of the fee due to the cost of living; the rates will be reviewed every 5 years by the City Council with the City Manager recommending any adjustments for footage and fees. The fees will be deposited into a revolving fund. It was noted it is important to set the fee at a level that is competitive and inviting for companies to do business with the City. Once the legislation is passed, it will come back to

the Council for their adoption and that is where the specifics of the legislation can be discussed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt a resolution authorizing a petition to the General Court for special legislation regarding an affordable housing linkage fee; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion.

In the discussion that followed, these statements were made.

- The Department of Community Development and Planning, Mr. Fields, and the Watertown Housing Partnership were thanked for their efforts for a matter that had been in the works for 3 years. There was a hope expressed that the City's state delegation could move the legislation quickly and have it enacted before the fall so final figures could be set.
- A question was raised as to whether the use of a revolving fund was the proper vehicle for the fees and whether it should be part of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The response was that it was a method that was used by other communities. The proposed legislation states the money will not be deposited into the General Fund.
- Attorney Reich explained this was special legislation that could permit the fund use to differ from regular practice. The intent is to create a special type of revolving fund so that further appropriation is not needed.
- The legislation states the funds will be administered and expended by the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust
- The revolving fund process was determined on the policy end to be the easiest way to remove those funds from not being subject to the limits of the general fund; however, the method could be changed
- The proposal fails to state who will be spending the fees. This was refuted by stating the legislation provides that the revolving funds will be administered by the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Attorney Reich stated the language provides for a separate special revolving fund and indicates how it is to be administered. The basic difference with a traditional revolving fund is that a traditional fund has a cap while this one does not. The funds would be expended by the Trustees. The special fund is a mechanism being used to differentiate the funds.
- The fund is just for the fees and creates a layer of transparency regarding the amounts the funds received and how they are spent. The Trust's authority remains unchanged and the businesses providing the funds would know how they are being spent
- It was suggested to include that the fund would be a separate and distinct fund; however, it was noted that such wording already exists in the legislation
- Attorney Reich clarified the legislation is clear and does not leave to chance who administers and expends the funds. It is a mechanism

selected to capture the amount of funds and a method for tracking that funding

- The mechanism is awkward and allows the funds, if put directly into the Trust, to be used for a purpose that the linkage is not intended for – housing for workers impacted by the new businesses as opposed the elderly for example
- Attorney Reich stated the special revolving fund distinguishes what the fund is for and provides the opportunity for the City Council to review the use of the monies. As a separate fund, they can be tracked and monitored for details.

Councilor Palomba made a motion with the hope that it fails in order to move the discussion ahead. Change the language in section C to indicate that the linkage fees be added to the Affordable Housing Trust; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion.

The discussion that followed raised these points:

- This is special legislation and under the statutes, a revolving fund must state who is authorized to spend the money. The question is how does the Trust get to spend the money without any specified authority to spend the money?
- Attorney Reich stated this was already answered as the legislation specifically states the funds are to be administered and expended by the Trustees. It does not differ much from the current statute regarding revolving funds except that the special legislation does not require a specific cap. All linkage fees will be placed into the fund.
- The revolving fund is creating a type of account as a planning mechanism. The fees are to be placed in a special ancillary account for the same group that is overseeing the affordable housing goals. It is an unusual fee to be used for attaining the planning and development of the City's affordable housing goals
- The CPC funds should not be compared because the appropriations of the CPC must be approved by the City Council and is set up under a different statutory scheme. Those funds are overseen by the Council based on the recommendations of the CPC

The motion to send the linkage fees to the Trust Fund was defeated unanimously on a voice vote.

The motion to adopt the linkage fees legislation was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report Regarding the Reappointment of Richard V. Moynihan to the Board of Assessors and the Process for Hiring the Municipal Policy Analyst - Caroline Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the City Council Reappoint Richard V. Moynihan to the Board of Assessors for a Term to Expire on May 15, 2025
2. That Council President Sideris Create a Screening Committee of Four Councilors, and that Councilor Bays, Chair of the Committee on Personnel and City Organization, be Appointed Chair of the Screening Committee

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to reappoint Richard V. Moynihan to the Board of Assessors for a term to expire on May 15, 2025; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to create a Screening Committee of four Councilors, and that Councilor Bays, Chair of the Committee on Personnel and City Organization, be appointed Chair of the Screening Committee; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government Report Regarding the Reappointment of Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners for a Term to Expire on April 1, 2026 – Nicole Gardner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the City Council Confirm Eugene Slaven for Reappointment to the Board of Election Commissioners for a Term to Expire on April 1, 2026

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to confirm Eugene Slaven for reappointment to the Board of Election Commissioners for a term to expire on April 1, 2026; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Council.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Tracy announced that on Saturday, June 18, 2022, there would be a Touch a Truck event at the Department of Public Works on 124 Orchard St from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Admission would be free and there would be food and activities

to provide fun for the family.

He also announced the Administration Building would be closed on June 20 in honor of the Juneteenth holiday.

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

Councilor Feltner inquired as to when the walk signal at North Beacon and Louise Streets would be fixed as the repairs have been outstanding for months.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Gardner announced that the Committee for Black Lives would be hosting the second annual Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Saltonstall Park starting at noon. There would be a panel discussion at the Library beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Councilor Feltner stated she received a flyer as a reminder from Tiffany York urging all to attend the Juneteenth celebration.

Councilor Palomba announced that on Thursday, June 16, 2022, the Climate and Energy Committee would hold its first meeting in the Philip Pane Conference Room on the Climate and Energy Action Plan which would be available on the website.

Council President Sideris stated there would be a special meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to take up the citizen petitions to rename the delta and to designate an area as a historic district as well as two funding requests from the Community Preservation Committee.

16. PUBLIC FORUM

David Kane – Asked the Council to fly a straight pride flag and should remove the gay pride flag if they are unwilling to do so.

Jimmy Mello – 100 Warren Street – Congratulated the Council on selecting George Proakis as the new City Manager. He suggested that the Council set up a meet and greet so that the people of Watertown can meet him.

Tiffany York – Reminded people of the events that would take place on Saturday regarding the Juneteenth celebration.

17. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 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 June 28, 2022.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022, AT 6:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
WITH REMOTE ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES**

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting – May 10, 2022 – Item 6A
2. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting – May 12, 2022 – Item 6B
3. Proclamation Honoring the Watertown Housing Partnership – June 14, 2022 – Item 8A
4. Proposed Resolution – Authorization of the Fiscal Year 2023 Retiree Health Insurance and Related Expenditures from the OPEB Trust Fund – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – June 9, 2022 Item 10A
5. Proposed Resolution – Fiscal Year 2023 53 1/2 Revolving Funds Expenditure Limits – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – June 9, 2022 – Item 10B
6. Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Fund Budget – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – June 9, 2022 – Item 10C
7. Transfer of Funds Request – City Auditor Search – Thomas J. Tracy, Acting City Manager, to City Council – June 9, 2022 – Item 10D
8. Transfer of Funds Request – Opioid Settlement – Thomas Tracy, Acting City Manager to City Council – June 9, 2022 – Item 10E
9. Resolution Authorizing a Petition for Special Legislation Regarding Adoption of an Affordable Housing Linkage Fee – Item 10F
10. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report Regarding the Reappointment of Richard V. Moynihan to the Board of Assessors and the Process for Hiring the Municipal Policy Analyst – Caroline Bays, Chair – June 8, 2022 – Item 11A
11. Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government Report Regarding the Reappointment of Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners – Nicole Gardner, Chair – June 7, 2022 – Item 11B
12. Request for Information Regarding the Light at North Beacon St and Louise St. – Councilor Feltner – June 14, 2022 – Item 14

*Addendum
to the Minutes of the
June 14, 2022
City Council
Meeting*

**CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 14, 2022**

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

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 14, 2022

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 14, 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, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	___X___	_____	_____

MOTION TO APPOINT GEORGE J. PROAKIS AS CITY MANAGER AND TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT
AS PRESENTED



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PROCLAMATION HONORING THE WATERTOWN HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS: The Watertown Housing Partnership, a policy making body, consisting of volunteer members appointed by the City Manager has overseen the development and preservation of affordable housing in Watertown since its establishment in 1989 and whose advocacy has contributed to the creation of nearly 500 affordable housing units in Watertown; and

WHEREAS: The cumulative knowledge of the many Watertown Housing Partnership members spans well over 75 years with it demonstrating its strong commitment to affordable housing by administering the City's inclusionary Zoning provisions; and

WHEREAS: The Watertown Housing Partnership has played a leading role in proposing and advocating for a policy change in the percentage of inclusionary housing from 10% to 12.5% to the current 15%; and

WHEREAS: The Watertown Housing Partnership assists in the administration of the HOME funds through the WestMetro HOME Consortium, and the Affordable Housing Development Fund to provide various housing services for the City; and

WHEREAS: The Watertown Housing Partnership established and funded an emergency rental assistance program to address the needs of our neighbors unable to meet their rental obligations during the pandemic; and

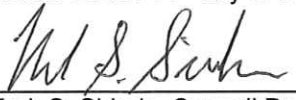
WHEREAS: The Watertown Housing Partnership periodically developed an Affordable Housing Plan as a guide to creating and maintaining affordable housing in Watertown and has suggested that the City Council consider a permanent rental assistance program and an ordinance allowing accessory dwelling units; and

WHEREAS: The Watertown Housing Partnership has strongly supported the creation of a Watertown Affordable Housing Trust aware that the Partnership would be dissolved; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Watertown City Council recognizes the tremendous contribution of the Watertown Housing Partnership to the City's residents and expresses its sincere gratitude to all former and current members of the Watertown Housing Partnership.

IN WITNESS HEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Watertown to be
Affixed on this 14th day of June 2022


Mark S. Sideris, Council President



Action on the FY 2023 Budget - Statement by the President

This hearing tonight, together with the meetings of the Committee of the Whole, which were held on May 31st, June 2nd, and June 7th, is being held in compliance with the provisions of Article 5 the Home Rule Charter of the City known as the City of Watertown. The proposed budget has been published as required by Section 5-3 of the Charter and the schedule of hearings I have referred to was included in the publication of the budget, again in compliance and conformity with the provisions of Section 5-3.

The Committee of the Whole has referred the budget back to the Council for this final public hearing and action by the City Council tonight. We will open the public hearing and give anyone in the audience who wishes to speak an opportunity to do so. We will follow our usual procedures for a public hearing, and I ask each speaker to come to the microphone, state your name and address for the record. Under the Council Rules, each speaker will be allowed two minutes. When I close the public hearing, the City Council will take up the budget in our legislative mode.

As we have done in the past, it is the intention of the Chair in considering the Budget, to give the members an opportunity to pass over any item they wish to have clarified, discussed or debated.

All sections and/or items not “passed” - in accordance with long-standing legislative practice - will be considered as having been adopted, following which the Council will consider each of the “passed” items individually and act upon them until the entire budget has been acted upon.

The Chair would also like to remind the members and the public generally that, under the provisions of the Charter, this Council is limited in the actions it can take with regard to the budget in its entirety or any section, or line item it contains. The Council may adopt, reject or reduce the recommended amounts. It lacks authority to increase any appropriation above the amount contained in the Manager’s submission, or to add to the budget except as provided in the Charter amendment which expanded the Council’s budget authority consistent with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, sections 32 and 33. As a result, pursuant to General Laws, Section 32, the Council may now, on the recommendation of the School Committee, and by a two-thirds vote increase the total amount appropriated for the support of schools, provided that any such increase does not render the annual budget in excess of the limitation of Proposition 2½. Additionally, if the City Council deems an appropriation for some purpose not included in the City Manager’s recommended budget is necessary, and the City Manager fails to recommend such an appropriation after having been requested by the City Council to do so, the Council may, on its own

initiative after seven day notice, make such an appropriation by a vote of at least two-thirds of its members. This procedure is limited to an appropriation for a purpose not recommended by the City Manager, and cannot be used to increase the amount of the appropriation for any purpose which was included in the City Manager's recommended budget.

Finally, it should be noted that the budget, as submitted, is in accord with Proposition 2 ½ and, insofar as it can be practicably determined, all other local and state rules, regulatory and statutory mandates and requirements.

What this essentially means is that the bottom line cannot be increased. Therefore, if the members wish to urge the City Manager to increase any section or line item, you must be prepared to suggest what section(s) or line item(s) you wish to have reduced or eliminated to fund the increase.



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ORDER # 42

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Vice President &
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ORDER ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL BUDGET

John M. Airasian
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays
Councilor At Large

BE IT ORDERED: That the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2023 General Budget, as attached.

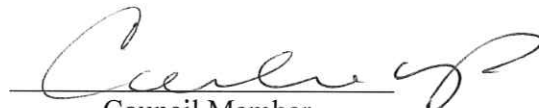
John G. Gannon,
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Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

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

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor


Council Member

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

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Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

CITY OF WATERTOWN				
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND FY 2023 BUDGET				
	(510100 to 510199)	(520200 to 570799)	(580800 to 590999)	
	PERSONNEL	SUPPLIES	CAPITAL	
	RELATED	AND	COSTS/	DEPARTMENTAL
DEPARTMENTS	COSTS	SERVICES	OTHER	TOTAL
CITY COUNCIL	\$108,181	\$2,179,700	\$22,000	\$2,309,881
CITY MANAGER	\$620,043	\$21,770	\$0	\$641,813
CITY AUDITOR	\$474,475	\$117,775	\$0	\$592,250
PURCHASING	\$153,583	\$170,938	\$25,000	\$349,521
CITY ASSESSOR	\$342,449	\$104,500	\$0	\$446,949
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	\$361,797	\$79,900	\$0	\$441,697
CITY ATTORNEY	\$0	\$210,000	\$0	\$210,000
PERSONNEL	\$242,819	\$76,300	\$0	\$319,119
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$532,016	\$841,475	\$150,000	\$1,523,491
CITY CLERK	\$201,186	\$12,575	\$0	\$213,761
ELECTIONS	\$109,234	\$29,250	\$0	\$138,484
COMM. DEV. & PLANNING	\$1,402,620	\$313,800	\$0	\$1,716,420
PARKING LOTS & METERS	\$199,838	\$147,500	\$7,500	\$354,838
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$644,961	\$402,942	\$185,000	\$1,232,903
POLICE	\$9,670,240	\$733,698	\$307,100	\$10,711,038
FIRE	\$11,302,268	\$684,940	\$175,000	\$12,162,208
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$2,660	\$54,095	\$0	\$56,755
PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,591,714	\$8,833,997	\$377,500	\$12,803,211
HEALTH	\$617,735	\$329,615	\$0	\$947,350
COUNCIL ON AGING	\$328,049	\$91,238	\$15,000	\$434,287
VETERAN'S SERVICES	\$80,442	\$153,600	\$0	\$234,042
LIBRARY	\$2,474,010	\$1,051,196	\$101,000	\$3,626,206
RECREATION	\$427,444	\$50,225	\$0	\$477,669
RYAN SKATING ARENA	\$226,981	\$244,917	\$30,000	\$501,898
DEBT RETIREMENT		\$0	\$22,946,963	\$22,946,963
STATE & COUNTY CHARGES	\$0	\$3,164,445	\$0	\$3,164,445
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	\$1,125,000	\$0	\$13,709,426	\$14,834,426
INS. & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$13,838,511	\$1,026,339	\$4,265,000	\$19,129,850
TRNS/CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0	\$0	\$2,683,920	\$2,683,920
MISC./OTHER FIN. USES	\$0	\$0	\$3,947,055	\$3,947,055
EDUCATION				\$55,636,550
TOTAL	\$49,078,256	\$21,126,730	\$48,947,464	\$174,789,000



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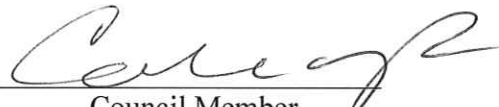
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ORDER ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2023 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES – GENERAL BUDGET

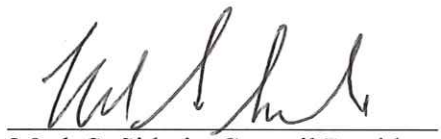
BE IT ORDERED: That the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown hereby adopts Fiscal Year 2023 Other Financing Sources – General Budget, as attached.

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


Council Member

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President

CITY OF WATERTOWN FY 2023 PROPOSED OTHER FINANCING SOURCES GENERAL FUND									
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:									
TRANSFER FROM SALE OF LOTS FUND					\$25,000				
TRANSFER FROM PARKING METER FUND					\$150,000				
TRANSFER FROM OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND					\$60,000				
TRANSFER FROM CEMETARY PERPETUAL CARE FUND					\$10,000				
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL PROJECT STABILIZATION FUND					\$500,000				
TRANSFER FROM ESCO CAPITAL PROJECT STABILIZATION FUND					\$500,938				
TRANSFER FROM NEW HIGH SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND					\$201,000				
TRANSFER FROM WATER FUND					\$1,511,731				
TRANSFER FROM SEWER FUND					\$1,397,994				
TOTAL TRANSFERS					\$4,356,663				



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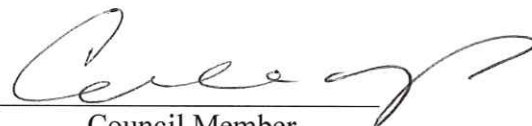
Lisa J. Feltner,
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Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

ORDER ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2023 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES FOR UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH AND OVERLAY SURPLUS – GENERAL BUDGET

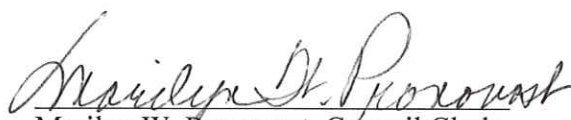
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BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a copy of said Order be forwarded to the Town Auditor and the Town Treasurer.

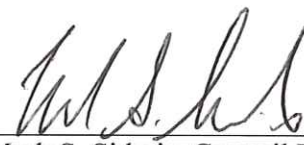


Council Member

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Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

CITY OF WATERTOWN FY 2023 PROPOSED OTHER FINANCING SOURCES GENERAL FUND									
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:									
UTILIZATION OF OVERLAY SURPLUS									
\$750,000									
UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH									
\$2,000,000									
TOTAL UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH/OVERLAY SURPLUS									
\$2,750,000									



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ORDER # 45

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

ORDER ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2023 WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGETS

John M. Airasian
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

BE IT ORDERED: That the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown hereby adopts Fiscal Year 2023 Water and Sewer Enterprise Budgets, as attached.

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

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

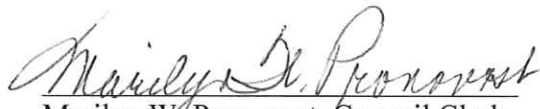
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Mark S. Sideris, Council President

CITY OF WATERTOWN FY 2023 PROPOSED WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGETS								
	(510100 to 510199)	(520200 to 570799)		(580800 to 580899)	(590900 to 599999)			
	PERSONNEL	SUPPLIES			OTHER			
	RELATED	AND		CAPITAL	FINANCING			
FUND	COSTS	SERVICES		COSTS	USES		TOTAL	
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$1,125,825	\$4,562,501		\$236,000	\$2,973,792		\$8,898,118	
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$693,999	\$7,351,077		\$1,355,000	\$1,957,377		\$11,357,453	
TOTAL	\$1,819,824	\$11,913,578		\$1,591,000	\$4,931,169		\$20,255,571	

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 14, 2022

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

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE BUDGET WITH THE HOPE THAT IT DOES NOT PASS



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RESOLUTION #46

2022 – R - 46

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES FROM THE OPEB TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, The City has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 32B, s. 20; and

WHEREAS, Monies contained within the OPEB Trust Fund are to be used solely for the purposes of funding non-pension post-employment benefits, i.e., the City's costs for health insurance for retired employees and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to G.L. c. 32B, s. 20(h), the estimated amount necessary to be appropriated from the OPEB Trust Fund to fund the Fiscal Year 2023 annual budget for retiree health insurance to be \$4,215,000; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer, as Trustee of the OPEB Trust Fund, has certified that this amount will be available for appropriation from the OPEB Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, G.L. c. 32B, s. 20 authorizes expenditures from the OPEB Trust Fund by 2/3rds vote of the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the appropriation of \$4,215,000 from the OPEB Trust Fund to fund the estimated Fiscal Year 2023 cost for retiree health insurance (said amount having been already included in the City's annual operating budget), by 2/3rd vote.


Council Member

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RESOLUTION# 47

2022 – R - 47

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FISCAL YEAR 2023 EXPENDITURE LIMITS FOR REVOLVING FUNDS

WHEREAS, Revolving funds are established pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½ for the purpose of managing fees and revenues received by the City for specific programs, allowing such fees and revenues to be expended for those programs without the need for further appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Traditionally, City revolving funds have been subject to annual reauthorization; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Modernization Act, Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, includes revisions to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½, requiring that revolving funds be established by ordinance and eliminating the per board and total limitations on the size of these funds; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable City Council previously adopted Ordinance 2017-47 which established eight revolving funds of the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City known as the City of Watertown that the following fiscal year spending limits for such revolving funds are hereby established:

Authorized Revolving Funds	Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit
Commander's Mansion	\$275,000
Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force	\$725,000
Senior Center	\$35,000
Library Copier	\$25,000
Faire on the Square	\$35,000
Farmers' Market	\$46,000
Animal Control	\$15,000
Affordable Housing Development	\$270,000


Council Member

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 25, 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, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	___X___	_____	_____

MOTION TO APPROPRIATE THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (CPA) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 IN THE AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 25, 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, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 CITY AUDITOR SEARCH ACCOUNT



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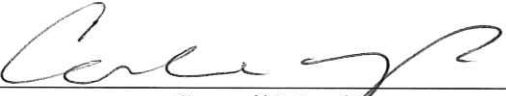
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

RESOLUTION # 48

2022 – R – 48

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City known as the City of Watertown hereby approves the transfer amount of \$14,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 Council Reserve Account #0111152-570780 to Fiscal Year 2022 City Auditor Search Account #0194000-530331.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of said transfer is forwarded to the ~~Town~~ ^{City} Auditor and ~~Town~~ ^{City} Treasurer/Collector

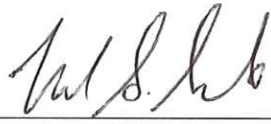


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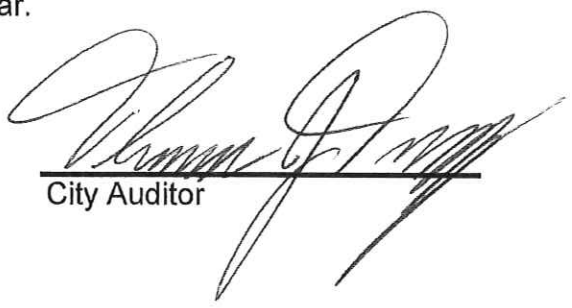
Transfer Amount \$14,000

From: FY 2022 City Council Reserve \$ 14,000
0111152-570780

To: FY 2022 City Auditor Search \$ 14,000
0194000-530331

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

6/9/22
Date


City Auditor

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: JUNE 14, 2022**

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 TRANSFER TO TRUST/OTHER FUNDS ACCOUNT



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RESOLUTION # 49

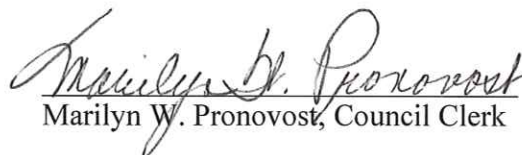
2022 – R – 49

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City known as the City of Watertown hereby approves the transfer amount of \$60,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 Council Reserve Account #0111152-570780 to Fiscal Year 2022 Transfer to Trust/Other Funds Account # 194000-590966.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of said transfer is forwarded to the ~~Town~~ ^{City} Auditor and ~~Town~~ ^{City} Treasurer/Collector


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 2 for, 0 against, 0 present on June 14, 2022.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

Transfer Amount \$60,000

From: FY 2022 City Council Reserve \$ 60,000
0111152-570780

To: FY 2022 Transfer to Trust/Other Funds \$ 60,000
0194000-590966

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

6/9/22
Date


City Auditor



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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATION REGARDING ADOPTION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING LINKAGE FEE

RESOLUTION # 50

2022 – R – 50

WHEREAS, The City of Watertown is undergoing substantial growth in large-scale commercial development; and

WHEREAS, This growth is attracting an increasing number of workers and residents to the City; and

WHEREAS, The City has taken a number of steps, including enactment of an inclusionary zoning ordinance, adoption of the Community Preservation Act, and the formation of a municipal affordable housing trust; and

WHEREAS, Even with use of these tools, more resources are needed to mitigate the increased affordable housing demand caused by new large-scale commercial development; and

WHEREAS, The city of Watertown has documented the nexus between commercial development and affordable housing demand, projected the cost of meeting this additional demand, and analyzed linkage fees that would be proportionate to the impact of such development; and

WHEREAS, In order to help the City meet the increased demand that commercial developers be assessed a fair share of the impacts of such future development through the fees that will be dedicated to affordable housing production.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the filing of a petition with the General Court for special legislation to allow for adoption of an affordable housing linkage fee, as follows:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WATERTOWN TO ADOPT AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING LINKAGE FEE

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The general court finds that:

- (a) the city of Watertown is undergoing a period of substantial growth in large-scale commercial development, and this growth is attracting an increasing number of workers and residents to the city;
- (b) this growth is further increasing the demand for affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households;
- (c) the city, recognizing the need for affordable housing, enacted an inclusionary zoning ordinance, adopted the Community Preservation Act, and recently authorized the formation of a municipal affordable housing trust;
- (d) even with use of these important tools, more resources are needed to mitigate the increased affordable housing demand caused by new large-scale commercial development;
- (e) the city of Watertown has, through an outside economic study, documented the nexus between commercial development and affordable housing demand, projected the cost of meeting this additional demand, and analyzed linkage fees that would be proportionate to the impact of such development; and
- (f) the purpose of this act is to assist the city in meeting the increased demands with respect to administration and planning, and ensure that commercial developers are assessed a fair share of the impacts of such future development, by authorizing fees that will be dedicated to affordable housing production.

SECTION 2.

- (a) The city of Watertown may, by ordinance, require the payment of an affordable housing linkage fee for any non-residential development, including the commercial portion of a mixed-use project and excluding any development for governmental uses, that (1) requires zoning relief, including without limitation, a special permit, special permit with site plan review, or site plan approval; and (2) contains a single use or combination of uses exceeding a square foot threshold to be determined from time to time by the Watertown city council. For purposes of this act, development shall include the construction, enlarging, expansion, substantial rehabilitation, or change of use of non-residential property.
- (b) The ordinance shall specify the dollar amount of the linkage fee, which initially shall not exceed \$18 per square foot and may be adjusted over time based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) compiled by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The ordinance shall specify an initial square foot threshold of 30,000 square feet. The level of any linkage fee and the square foot threshold shall be reviewed at least every 5 years and reset as required based upon recommendation of the city manager and approval of the city council.
- (c) The city may create a distinct and separate revolving fund account into which affordable housing linkage fees shall be paid, and no such fee shall be paid to the city's general treasury or used as general revenues pursuant to section 53 of

chapter 44 of the General Laws. The funds in this revolving fund account shall be administered and expended by the trustees of a municipal affordable housing trust fund established by the city council pursuant to section 55C of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

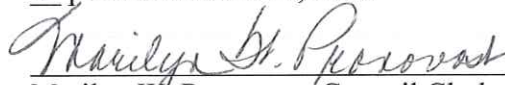
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

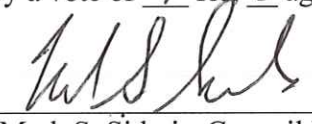
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the proposed special act, unless the City Council approves such changes as are consistent with the public purposes of this petition prior to enactment by the General Court.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a special meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against and 0 present on June 14, 2022


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Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

RESOLUTION #51

2022 – R – 51

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD V. MOYNIHAN TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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 Richard V. Moynihan to the Board of Assessors for a term to expire on May 15, 2025.

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 June 14, 2022

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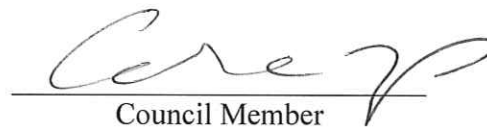
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RESOLUTION #52

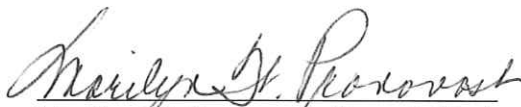
2022 – R – 52

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EUGENE SLAVEN TO THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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 Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners for a term to expire on April 1, 2026


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 7 for, 0 against, and 0 present on June 14, 2022


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk
Mark S. Sideris, Council President

From: [Feltner, Lisa](#)
To: [Pronovost, Marilyn](#)
Cc: [Tracy, Tom](#); [St. Louis, Gregory](#)
Subject: Req for info: Louise-N Beacon ped crossing
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 5:26:22 PM

Hi Marilyn,

I write to confirm my verbal request for information at the June 14 Council meeting-

When can we expect the facilities for the crosswalk at Louise-North Beacon St to be operational? Repairs have been outstanding for months -what is the time frame? Thanks much, Lisa

*Lisa J. Feltner, Watertown Councilor District B
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