



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, DECEMBER 13, 2022, 7:00 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 149 MAIN STREET

MINUTES

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. The meeting was televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>
- B. The Public was permitted to join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- C. Public was permitted to join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344 #
- D. Public was permitted to comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors John M. Airasian, Caroline Bays, John G. Gannon (who joined by Zoom), Nicole Gardner, Lisa J. Feltner, Emily Izzo, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were George Proakis, City Manager, Mark Reich, City Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Road – Stated she was happy regarding the purchase of Walker Pond; however, the City has several projects in different stages of development. She would like to see priorities set and have something completed rather than a scattered approach to completing the project.

Rachel Sack – Frank Street - Councilor Piccirilli read an email from Ms. Sack stating she would like to see more coordination with road contractors when making road detours as there is a heavy impact to the side streets.

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

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2022

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

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Approval of Sending Letter to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in Support of the Removal of the Watertown DCR Dam.

Council President Sideris stated that he was seeking authorization to send a letter to Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Recreation Card and Commissioner Rice. Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize the Council President to sign the letter regarding the removal of the Watertown DCR dam. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Mr. Proakis stated this was a transfer of \$12,000,000 from Free Cash, which had recently been certified, from the Acquisition of Land Fund to purchase 124 Watertown Street, the former Parker School, and would be used to help in building the city office space.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the order to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 budget; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on unanimous roll call vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First Reading on a Proposed Order Authorizing that the Sum of \$150,000 Is Appropriated to Pay Costs of Designing and Constructing a New Gazebo at Upper Saltonstall Park, Including All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto; and That to Meet This Appropriation, the Treasurer, With the Approval of the City Manager, Is Authorized to Borrow Said Amount Under and Pursuant to M.G. L. c. 44 §7(1), or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the City Therefor.

Mr. Proakis stated these funds would be used to create the design of Saltonstall Park improvements. Senator Brownsburger notified him Watertown would receive \$900,000 from the Legislature under an Economic Development bill that was recently passed. In addition, there will be \$750,000 received from the CPA. Both of these funds will be used towards the construction of improvements. The matter will be taken up at the next City Council meeting.

- B. First Reading on a Proposed Order Authorizing That the Sum of \$2,600,000 Is Appropriated to Pay Costs of Acquiring Easements for the Mt. Auburn Street Corridor Project, Including the Costs of Appraisals and All Other Costs Incidental and Related Thereto ; and That to Meet This Appropriation, the Treasurer, With the Approval of the City Manager, Is Authorized to Borrow Said Amount Under and Pursuant to M. G. L. c 44, §7(1), or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the City Thereof.

Mr. Proakis stated these funds will be used for temporary construction easements and are required by the State to complete the project on Mt. Auburn Street.

- C. First Reading on a Proposed Order Authorizing That the Sum of \$200,000 Is Appropriated to Pay Costs of Purchasing a Swap Loader Trash Compactor Vehicle for the Department of Public Works, Including All Costs Incidental and Related There; and That to Meet This Appropriation, the Treasurer, With the Approval of the City Manager, Is Authorized to Borrow Said Amount Under and Pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §7(1), or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the City Therefor.

Mr. Proakis stated the funds would be used to purchase a swap loader trash compactor for the Department of Public Works. The matter would be taken up at the next City Council meeting.

- D. Resolution Authorizing a Petition for Special Legislation Regarding Amendments to Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2012.

Mr. Proakis stated that Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2012 allows Watertown to hire retired police officers up to age of 65 as detail officers. Surrounding communities use the age limit of 70. When hiring retired officers, the city may not hire a former Watertown officer over the age of 65; however, a police officer who is over 65 from a community whose age limit is 70, that officer may work the detail in Watertown. The effect of the special legislation would put Watertown's requirements in alignment with the surrounding communities.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize a petition for Special Legislation regarding amendments to Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2012; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

E. An Order to Acquire Lot 8 (Walker Pond) Off Manley Way Located in Watertown and Waltham and an Order of Taking of Said Lot 8

Mr. Proakis stated he was seeking authorization to purchase Lot 8 and to complete the Order of Taking. As some of the property was located in Waltham, a special Home Rule petition was required to include it in the sale. He mentioned that there was a possibility the property would be transferred within the week.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the acquisition of Lot 8, known as Walker Pond, off Manley Way located in Watertown and Waltham and to authorize the execution of the Order of Taking of said lot; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

Councilors thanked all those involved in the acquisition process for their continuous efforts over the years to obtain this land for open space in District D.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

F. An Order to Acquire 124 Watertown Street (Parker School) and an Order of Taking of Said Property

Mr. Proakis stated the City would purchase 124 Watertown Street, formerly known as the Parker School, which has been renovated and expanded. The building is in good shape requiring minimal cosmetic changes such as painting and carpets. This purchase will help the City government have additional space and grow as needed without the need to construct a new building. The City has decided to purchase the building rather than bond for it because there are tenants in the building, and such an arrangement would make the bonding more complex. There will possibly be further

expenses for the building such as electrical upgrades but the costs will be less than a new building.

Mr. Proakis mentioned there was a typo in the Order; there is a reference to Walker Street which should be Watertown Street.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the acquisition of 124 Watertown Street and to authorize the execution of the Order of Taking of said property; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

Councilors thanked all involved in the purchase of this building. It was noted the purchase is a unique opportunity for the City because the Administration Building is very crowded making it hard to add new hires due to the lack of space. In some instances, the City is renting space currently to accommodate personnel; now it will have space to place people more effectively. The building comes with 80-90 parking spaces. Prior to transferring people to the building, there will be a space needs study completed.

Mr. Michael Driscoll, former City Manager, was also thanked for putting the City on a sound financial track because without a sound financial structure the purchase would not have been possible.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding a Process to Notify Neighborhoods Affected by a Proposed Development – Lisa J. Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

1. That the City Council Request the Administration Have the Department of Community Development and Planning Develop Regulations for Expanded Notification as Described in Items a. Through h. of the Report
2. That the City Council Request the Administration Have the Department of Community Development and Planning Develop Regulations for Requiring Developers of Large Projects to Post a Physical Sign at the Site with Project Information

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to ask the Administration have the Department of Community Development and Planning develop regulations for expanded notification as described in the report; Councilor Gardner

seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to request the Administration have the Department of Community Development and Planning develop regulations requiring developers of large projects to post a physical sign at the site with project information; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding Proposed Amendment to the Demolition Delay Ordinance and the Proposed New Regulations – Lisa J. Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the City Council Request the City Attorney to Review the Proposed Ordinance and to Then Schedule a First Reading for a New Demolition Ordinance Chapter 153 as Proposed to Replace the Existing Chapter 153 in Its Entirety, and to Also Endorse the New Demolition Delay Regulations as Proposed

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to request the City Attorney to review the proposed Ordinance and then to have the Council President schedule a First Reading for a new Demolition Ordinance Chapter 153 as proposed to replace the existing Chapter 153 in its entirety and to endorse the new Demolition Delay regulations as proposed; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion.

Councilor Bays noted there was a typo in §153.04 (B) in the first sentence and that the word “in” should be inserted so that the sentence reads “Upon determination by the Chair and the Chair’s designee that the building is not significant, the Commission shall so advise the Building Commissioner in writing.”

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

C. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding the Need for a Citywide Rodent Control Program – Anthony Palomba, Chair

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

D. Ad Hoc Committee of the Municipal Analyst Screening Report Regarding the Preliminary Interviews for the Position of a Municipal Policy Analyst – Caroline Bays, Chair

Councilor Bays read the Committee report for both meetings. She noted that the vote count is listed incorrectly and should read 4-0 rather than 3-0 to enter into executive session. (A copy of the amended report is attached in the addendum.)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report as amended; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

E. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding the 2023 Local Road Construction Program – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the City Council Approve the Department of Public Works Recommendation for the 2023 Road Program as Presented Using the FY 2023 \$2,500,000 Loan Order for Bates Road, Bates Road East, Essex Street, Francis Street, and Bradshaw Street
2. That the City Council Approve the Department of Public Works Recommendation to Remove Fifth Avenue from the FY 2022 Long Street and Connector Program (Which Includes Morse Street), and Use the FY 2023 \$1,500,000 Loan Order for The Long Street and Connector Program for the Repair of Fifth Avenue and Related Work on Watertown Street
3. That the City Council Approve the Department of Public Works Use of the FY2024 Funding for the Long Street and Connector Program for the Repair of Forest and Springfield Streets, and to Use the FY 2025 Funding for the Long Street and Connector Program for the Repair of Riverside Street
4. That the City Council Ask the Administration to Increase the Annual Funding for the Long Street and Connector Program in the CIP from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000

Councilor Piccirilli read the Committee Report. Councilor Piccirilli moved accept the report; Councilor Gardner seconded the report.

Councilor Feltner stated there were two items discussed that were not included in the minutes. She mentioned that DPW Superintendent St. Louis stated a letter from the City Council to National Grid would be helpful in DPW's conversations with the utility regarding the slow installation of gas meters along Riverside Street. She also mentioned that while asphalt is permitted only granite curbing is being used. President Sideris stated he would like to see these as action items from the Committee on Public Works rather than complete any action on them at the meeting.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Department of Public Works recommendation for the 2023 Road Program as presented using the FY 2023 \$2,500,00 loan order for Bates Road, Bates Road East, Essex Street, Francis Street, and Bradshaw Street; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Department of Public Works recommendation to remove Fifth Avenue from the FY 2022 Long Street and Connector Program (which includes Morse Street), and use the FY 2023 \$1,500,000 loan order for the Long Street and Connector Program for the repair of Fifth Avenue and related work on Watertown Street; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion.

In the discussion, it was clarified that the Morse Street repaving would be funded with FY 2022 funds due to the complexity of redoing Fifth Avenue. Fifth Avenue will be completed with FY 2023 funding along with associated work on Watertown Street.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Department of Public Works use of the FY2024 funding for the Long Street and Connector Program for the repair of Forest and Springfield Streets, and to use the FY 2025 funding for the Long Street and Connector Program for the repair of Riverside Street; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to ask the Administration to increase the annual funding for the Long Street and Connector Program in the CIP from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000; Councilor Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business requests.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. Update on Policy for City Council Individual Meeting under Section 2-10 of the City Charter

Mr. Proakis stated questions had arisen regarding the use of public spaces and advertising for Councilors' annual meetings. He stated the City would help Councilors find space and advertise the event; however, it was essential that the meeting be held in the capacity of a Councilor and not as an

individual running for office. He forwarded an email outlining standards for such events, and stated City Offices would not be available from September 1 to Election Day in an election year to avoid the appearance of the meeting serving as an election type of meeting.

B. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Cable Access Corporation Board of Directors

Mr. Proakis stated the School Committee would like to reappoint George Skuse and David Stokes to the Watertown Cable Access Television Board of Directors. Councilor Piccirilli moved to reappoint George Skuse and David Stokes to the Watertown Cable Access Television Board of Directors as the School Committee's appointees; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Proakis stated his office is preparing a CIP statement that will be presented to the City Council at its second meeting in January.

He announced that the IT Department received \$457,965 grant from the MA Community Compact Grant for FY 2023. The City received two grants for Best Practices: \$9,900 to implement Flash Vote to enhance public engagement and \$9,640 to complete an eCode 360 Map Link Interactive Zoning connecting zoning information to a public map with an interactive tool; another grant for Information Technology: \$190,300 to scan City property records; and the last grant for Municipal Fiber: to create a city owned fiber ring network to connect all municipal and school buildings.

He also stated that due to the upcoming holidays, the Administration building would close on Friday, December 23, 2023 at noon and be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022 for Christmas and for New Year's the building would close at noon on December 30, 2022 and be closed on January 2, 2023.

He wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and said he was looking forward to a successful 2023.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Councilor Bays requested information regarding rat traps: Who is putting out the traps – DPW, the Health Department, or contractors? What is in the traps – is pesticide being used; if so, what type is being used? Where are they being placed – the streets and the number of traps placed? Why are the traps being used – is it in response to the Committee hearing or is this part of a plan that is already being implemented?

Councilor Feltner stated she appreciated the policy guidelines that Mr. Proakis set out, but she believed there were still several variables that were unaddressed.

She requested more clarifications. Council President Sideris stated he would be working the City Attorney to clarify the variables.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Palomba announced he would be holding two community meetings at the Library on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and on December 20, 2022, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

He also announced that on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, there would be a follow up meeting to discuss the rodent control plan. The meeting would be televised and people could attend by Zoom.

Councilor Gardner stated the Community meeting regarding the proposed garage for 480 Arsenal Way was being deferred in recognition of Hannukah to Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom only.

Councilor Feltner announced the Planning Board would be taking up Phase 2 of the 99 Water Street project on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. She invited people to attend and noted the meeting would also be available on Zoom.

Council President Sideris stated on January 17, 2023, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., there would be the first of two training sessions with Department Heads presented by Inclusion Inc. The program entitled “the Conscious Inclusion Program” would address the need for inclusion and diversity, understanding personal biases, and how to be a consciously inclusive person. He encouraged all to attend.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

Leo Martin – Thanked the Council, Council President Sideris, former City Manager Michael Driscoll, and City Manager Proakis for completing the purchase of Walker Pond. There are nine ponds in the City and this will be the first one owned by the City. It will be nice to have a wetland open space. He too suggested the City get things completed with open space projects such as Arsenal Park.

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Road – Stated the murals in City Hall were taken down.

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Council President Sideris wished everyone Happy Holidays on behalf of the City Council.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 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 January 10, 2023.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
WITH REMOTE ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES**

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting – November 22, 2022 – Item 4A
2. Letter Regarding the Removal of the Watertown DCR Dam – City Council to Secretary Card and Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation – December 13, 2022 – Item 5A
3. Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget – George Proakis, City Manager, to City Council – November 17, 2022 – Item 6A
4. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding the Design, Engineering, Construction, and Installation of a Permanent Gazebo at Saltonstall Park – George Proakis, City Manager, to City Council – December 7, 2022 – Item 7A
5. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding Appraisals and Easements for the Mount Auburn Street Corridor Project – George Proakis, City Manager, to City Council – December 7, 2022 – Item 7B
6. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding the Purchase of a Swap Loader Trash Compactor – George Proakis, City Manager, to City Council – December 7, 2022 – Item 7C
7. Agenda Item – Resolution Authorizing a Petition for Special Legislation Regarding Amendments to Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2012 – George Proakis, City Manager, to City Council – December 7, 2022 – Item 7D
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9. Agenda Items – An Order to Acquire 124 Watertown Street (Parker School) and an Order of Taking – George Proakis, City Manager, to City Council – December 7, 2022 – Item 7F
10. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding a Process to Notify Neighborhoods Affected by a Proposed Development – Lisa J. Feltner, Chair – November 14, 2022 – Item 8A
 - A. Discussion and Recommendations to Improve Public Notice Process for Large Development Projects – Lisa J. Feltner – November 14, 2022
 - B. Somerville Zoning Ordinance

11. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Demolition Delay Ordinance and Proposed Regulations – Lisa J. Feltner, Chair – November 21, 2022 – Item 8B
12. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding the Establishment of a City-Wide Rodent Control Program – Anthony Palomba, Chair – October 24, 2022 – Item 8C
13. Ad Hoc Committee of the Municipal Policy Analyst Screening Report Regarding the Search for a Municipal Policy Analyst – Caroline Bays, Chair – November 17, 2022 and November 21, 2022 – Item 8D
14. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding Recommendations on the 2023 Local Road Construction Program – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair – November 1, 2022 Council – Item 8E
 - A. 2023 Road Program – Public Works Subcommittee Presentation – November 1, 2022
 - B. Pavement Preservation and Sidewalk Maintenance Work – Matthew Shuman, P.E., City Engineer to Members of the Committee on Public Works, November 1, 2022
15. Request for Information Regarding the Rodent Control Program – Caroline Bays – December 13, 2022 – Item 11

*Addendum to the
Minutes of the
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- B. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors

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

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. PUBLIC FORUM

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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> VIA ZOOM	<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>

From: Rachael Barolsky Sack <rbarolsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 7:33 PM
To: Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 12/13 City Council Meeting

Hi Vinnie,
Can you please read this and submit for the record for the purposes of tomorrow's meeting?
Thanks for your help,
Rachael

To: Vincent Piccirilli, Jr. and the Watertown City Council
From: Rachael Sack, Frank Street resident

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concern and request for increased coordination when planning traffic detours around roadwork construction. I'm writing to highlight a concern that I emailed to Councilor Feltner and City Manager Proakis last Thursday, December 8th.

December 8th was the second time in just three weeks when we had detours put in place by contractors working at Arsenal Street and Louise that directed traffic down Frank Street causing a backup down our street and around the corner, flowing onto both N. Beacon and Arsenal. We had cars trying to turn-around on our narrow street, had a tour bus go down our street, and worst of all had families on our street who could not even leave our driveways in time for school early dismissal. In both cases, it was clear that the better solution was to place detours on the main arterial roads and not in the middle of side streets (Beechwood and Louise) which push traffic down our small neighborhood street.

Our interest is making sure this doesn't happen to us or others in our City in the future. As construction continues to grow and as traffic increases, it's going to be the residents on the local streets near construction that will always be the most impacted. The fact that our street had the identical issue happen twice in just a few weeks is an indicator that this will only continue.

We are requesting increased coordination by whichever parties are responsible for planning traffic detours for purposes of road work. Whether it is tree trimming, crosswalk painting, or other more significant road work, having a detour plan communicated in-advance to the contractors will help minimize the unnecessary impacts to those of us who seem to be constantly living in a state of road repair.

Thank you for your consideration.

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2022**

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

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2022 SESSION AS WRITTEN

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2022**

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SIDERIS IN SIGNING LETTER TO SECRETARY OF DCR CARD AND COMMISSIONER RICE TO REMOVE THE WATERTOWN DCR DAM



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Council President

Dear Secretary Card and Commissioner Rice:

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

The Watertown City Council is writing to you to express our support for the removal of the Watertown DCR Dam. We appreciate the opportunity to express our support and for your time and attention to this issue.

John M. Airasian
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays
Councilor At Large

We encourage you to support the removal of the Watertown Dam and restoration of the Charles River. We were impressed by the 2021 feasibility study's findings and are excited about the prospects of further restoring Alewife, American Eel, Blueback Herring and Rainbow Smelt to the Charles River.

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

In Watertown we already see the impacts of stronger storms and increased rainfall from climate change, as documented in our Resilient Watertown Climate and Energy Plan. Aging infrastructure like Watertown Dam pose a risk as we are seeing stronger and more intense storms of which this dam was not designed for.

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

Findings of the report include information that flood elevations upstream of the dam will be lowered 6ft upstream of the dam and no change in flooding is anticipated downstream.

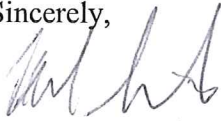
The Watertown Dam being in place harms the health of the Charles River. Removal of the Dam and Restoration of the River will help further progress years of cleanup of the Charles River.

The current impounded area of the river upstream of the dam has higher temperatures and lower dissolved oxygen levels. Freeing the Charles River in Watertown will lead to lower temperatures and higher dissolved oxygen levels as the water would flow more freely. Colder waterways with higher levels of dissolved oxygen are better for fish like the wild trout that the City of Watertown supports.

Not only migratory fish would benefit from removal of the Watertown Dam, other resident fish including bass, bullhead, catfish, perch, and pickerel would also have increased habitat and access to food and mates.

At a time of reckoning in the Commonwealth and our country we have learned that the construction of the Watertown Dam was opposed by the local Indigenous peoples. Today we write to start to mend these wrongs and join with those indigenous voices who have been calling for years to remove the Watertown Dam and restore the river.

Sincerely,



Mark Sideris, President
Watertown City Council

CC:

DCR Commissioner Doug Rice
Massachusetts Fish & Game Commissioner Ron Amidon
Division of Marine Fisheries Commissioner Daniel McKiernan
Watertown City Council
Watertown Conservation Commission
CRWA Executive Director Emily Norton

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Bethany.card@state.ma.us, Ronald.Amidon@state.ma.us, citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov,
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**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 ACCEPT THE ORDER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE
PURPOSES OF PURCHASING 124 WATERTOWN STREET



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ORDER #125

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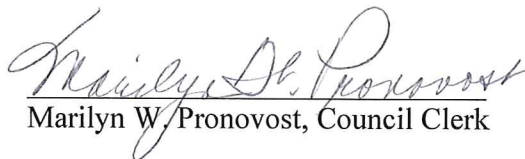
ORDER ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET

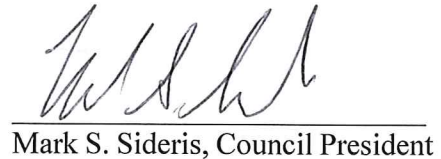
BE IT ORDAINED: That the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby adopts an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, as attached.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: That a copy of said order is forwarded to the City Auditor and the City Treasurer/Collector.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a 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 December 13, 2022.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

REVENUE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 14,000,000
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$ 12,000,000</u>	
EXPENDITURES	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
ACQUISITION OF LAND 0194000-580950	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 23,250,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$ 12,000,000</u>	

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 AUTHORIZE A PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATION REGARDING
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 41 OF THE ACTS OF 2012



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Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

RESOLUTION #126

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 41 OF THE ACTS OF 2012

WHEREAS: Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2012 authorizes the City to appoint certain retired Watertown police officers to perform police details and other duties for the City; an

WHEREAS: The maximum age restriction for such police officers under said Chapter 41 is 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS: The City wishes to increase the age limit to 70 years of age.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of Watertown hereby authorizes the filing of a petition with the General Court for special legislation to amend Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2012 to increase the maximum age limit for special police officers to 70 years of age, as follows:

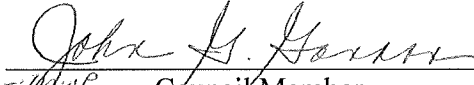
AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF WATERTOWN

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. Section of chapter 41 of the acts of 2012 is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Notwithstanding the maximum age restriction applicable to regular police officers of Watertown under chapter 32 of the General Laws, the maximum age restriction for said special police officers shall be 70 years of age.

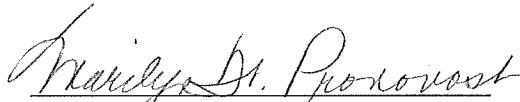
and

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.



John S. Garrison
Council Member

I hereby certify that at a 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 December 13, 2022.



Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2022**

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE ORDER TO ACQUIRE LOT 8, KNOWN AS WALKER POND, OFF MANLEY WAY LOCATED IN WATERTOWN AND WALTHAM AND THE ORDER OF TAKING OF SAID LOT



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ORDER # 127

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AN ORDER TO ACQUIRE LOT 8 (WALKER POND) OFF MANLEY WAY LOCATED IN WATERTOWN AND WALTHAM

WHEREAS: The City has entered into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with BIV – Parcel 807, LLC, dated September 29, 2022, to acquire “lot 8,” sometimes referred to as Walker Pond, located off Manley Way in the City of Watertown and the City of Waltham; and

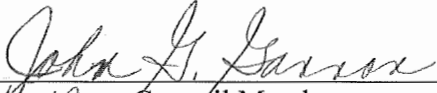
WHEREAS: The agreed purchase price is Eleven Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$11,250,000.00), and the City Council has appropriated the funds to acquire the property; and

WHEREAS: The City intends, with the consent of the owner, BIV – Parcel 807, LLC, to acquire the property by eminent domain.

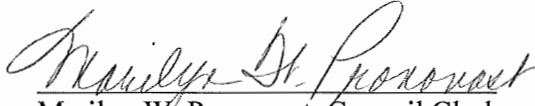
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the City Council vote to acquire the property known as Lot 8 (Walker Pond), described on Land Court Plan 15807D, and the easements in, on and upon Manley Way as access to the property, all as described in an Order of Taking of the City Council to be recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds and filed with the Middlesex South District of the Land Court;

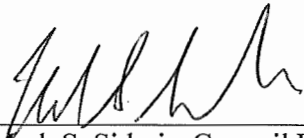
AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the City Council approve the payment to BIV – Parcel 807, LLC of the sum of \$11, 250,000.00 plus real estate taxes as required by G.L. c. 79 §12, for the acquisition of the property;

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute and record the Order of Taking with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds and to file the Order of Taking with the Middlesex South District of the Land Court, and to execute such other documents and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Order.


J. Garro Council Member

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Order was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 1 against, and 0 present on December 13, 2022.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

CITY OF WATERTOWN

ORDER OF TAKING

At a regularly convened meeting of the Watertown City Council (the "City") held on the 13th day of December, 2022, it was voted and ordered as follows:

The Watertown City Council, duly appointed, qualified, and acting pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79 and Chapter 220 of the Acts of 2022, and any and every other power and authority hereunto enabling, hereby takes, on behalf of the City:

1. The fee in and to all that land off Pleasant Street, Watertown and Waltham, Massachusetts, and any improvements thereon (the "Land"), and an appurtenant easement (the "Appurtenant Easement"), all as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.
2. An easement in gross in property off Pleasant Street, Watertown, Massachusetts (the "Easement in Gross"), as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Said property is owned or supposed to be owned by **BIV – Parcel 807, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Owner"). If the name of the Owner is not correctly stated, the name of the supposed owner being given as of this Order of Taking, it is understood that in such instance the land referred to is owned by an owner or owners unknown to us.

Damages are awarded to the Owner in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 79, §6, as amended, as set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Betterments are not to be assessed under this taking.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Watertown City Manager, pursuant to the vote of the Watertown City Council, being Order 22-____, a certified copy of which is attached hereto, sets his hand and seal on this ____ of December, 2022.

CITY OF WATERTOWN

By: _____
Name: George Proakis
Title: City Manager .

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

On this ____ day of December, 2022, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared George Proakis, City Manager of the City of Watertown, as aforesaid, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was _____, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Exhibit A

Land:

The land together with the buildings and other improvements thereon situated in the City of Watertown and City of Waltham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts shown as Lot 8 on Land Court Plan 15807D on file with the Middlesex South Registry District of the Land Court.

The above described property is subject to that certain Notice of Activity and Use Limitation pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21E, §6 and 310 CMR 40.0000 on file with the Middlesex South Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1493424.

Appurtenant Easement:

The easements set forth in the Easement Agreement by and between BIV – Seyon, LLC and BIV – Parcel 807, LLC, dated as of December 28, 2017 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 70482, Page 309 and filed as Document No. 1779050; as affected by the Amended and Restated Easement Agreement, dated October 15, 2020 and recorded October 21, 2020 in Book 75943, Page 293 and filed as Document No. 1857460, as amended by the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Easement Agreement, of even date and recorded and filed herewith.

Easement in Gross:

A perpetual, assignable easement in gross to use the area described as Potential Easement Area A, in common with the Unit Owners of the Repton Place Condominium, for the purposes of the installation, repair, maintenance, replacement and use for all utility purposes, and by bicycle paths, and together with the right of ingress and egress from and to Pleasant Street, all as more particularly set forth in the Master Deed of the Repton Place Condominium, dated July 13, 2007 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 49773, Page 330.

Said Land, Appurtenant Easement and Easement in Gross are taken subject to, and with the benefit of, all rights, reservations, easements, restrictions and instruments of record so far as now in force and applicable.

Exhibit B

Owner

BIV – PARCEL 807, LLC

Damages Award

\$ 11,250,000.00

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF 124 WATERTOWN STREET AS AMENDED AND
TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE ORDER OF TAKING OF SAID PROPERTY



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ORDER # 128

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AN ORDER TO ACQUIRE 124 WATERTOWN STREET (PARKER SCHOOL)

WHEREAS: The City has entered into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Devi Realty Co LLC, dated October 11, 2022, to acquire 124 Watertown Street, sometimes referred to as the Parker School, in the City of Watertown; and

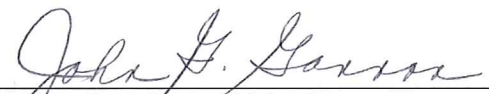
WHEREAS: The agreed purchase price is Fourteen Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$14,000,000.00), and the City Council has appropriated the funds to acquire the property; and

WHEREAS: The City intends, with the consent of the owner, Devi Realty Co LLC, to acquire the property by eminent domain.

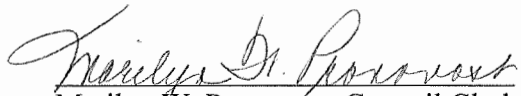
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the City Council vote to acquire the property known as 124 Watertown Street (Parker School), described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 76598, Page 496;

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the City Council approve the payment to Devi Realty Co, LLC of the sum of \$14, 000,000.00, plus real estate taxes as required by G.L. c. 79 §12, for the acquisition of the property;

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute and record the Order of Taking with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, and to execute such other documents and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Order.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a 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 December 13, 2022.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ORDER OF TAKING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

CITY OF WATERTOWN

ORDER OF TAKING

At a regularly convened meeting of the Watertown City Council (the "City") held on the 13th day of December, 2022, it was voted and ordered as follows:

The Watertown City Council, duly appointed, qualified, and acting pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79, and any and every other power and authority hereunto enabling, hereby takes, on behalf of the City:

The fee in and to all that land at 124 Watertown Street, Watertown, Massachusetts, and any improvements thereon (the "Property") all as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Said property is owned or supposed to be owned by **Devi Realty Co LLC** (the "Owner"). If the name of the Owner is not correctly stated, the name of the supposed owner being given as of this Order of Taking, it is understood that in such instance the land referred to is owned by an owner or owners unknown to us.

Damages are awarded to the Owner in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 79, §6, as amended, as set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Betterments are not to be assessed under this taking.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Watertown City Manager, pursuant to the vote of the Watertown City Council, being Order 22-____, a certified copy of which is attached hereto, set his hand and seal on this ____ of January, 2022.

CITY OF WATERTOWN

By: _____
Name: George Proakis
Title: City Manager

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

On this ____ day of January, 2022, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared George Proakis, City Manager of the City of Watertown, as aforesaid, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was _____, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Exhibit A

Property

The land, containing 1.850 acres, more or less, and any improvements thereon, located at 124 Watertown Street, Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, described in a deed dated December 30, 2020, recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 76598, Page 496, and shown on a plan entitled "Parker Office Building Site In Watertown, Mass. Prepared for Flamingo Development Corp.," dated February 1983, prepared by R.J. Ludwig & Assoc., recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan 688 of 1983.

Exhibit B

Damages Award

Owner

Devi Realty Co LLC

Damages Award

\$ 14,000,000.00

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
REPORT REGARDING A PROCESS TO NOTIFY NEIGHBORHOODS AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 ASK THE ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEVELOP REGULATIONS FOR EXPANDED NOTIFICATION AS DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
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	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 ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
REPORT REGARDING A PROCESS TO NOTIFY NEIGHBORHOODS AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
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	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 TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
REPORT REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DEMOLITION DELAY ORDINANCE
AND THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 REQUEST THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, TO HAVE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCHEDULE A FIRST READING FOR A NEW DEMOLITION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 153 AS PROPOSED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING CHAPTER 153 IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND TO ENDORSE THE NEW DEMOLITION DELAY REGULATIONS AS PROPOSED

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICE REPORT REGARDING A
CITYWIDE RODENT CONTROL PROGRAM

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2022**

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE MUNICIPAL ANALYST SCREENING REPORT AS AMENDED REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS FOR THE POSITION OF A MUNICIPAL POLICY ANALYST



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Vice President &
District C Councilor

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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

Report of the Municipal Policy Analyst Screening Committee City Council Office

Meeting Dates: November 17, 2022 & November 21, 2022

Meeting Date: November 17, 2022

The Committee convened on November 17, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Council office.
Present were Chair Caroline Bays and Councilors, Nicole Gardner and Vinnie Piccirilli.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

The Committee voted by a roll call vote of 4-0 to move to Executive Session pursuant to G.L. C30A, sec. 21 (a)(8) to consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a Preliminary Screening Committee as the Chair declared that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants for the Municipal Policy Analyst position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, by roll call vote of 4-0.

Meeting Date: November 21, 2022

The Committee convened on November 21, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Council office.
Present was Chair Caroline Bays and Councilors John Gannon, Nicole Gardner and Vinnie Piccirilli.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

The Committee voted by a roll call vote of 4-0 to move to Executive Session pursuant to G.L. C30A, sec. 21 (a)(8) to consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a Preliminary Screening Committee as the Chair declared that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants for the Municipal Policy Analyst position.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm, by roll call vote of 4-0.

Report prepared by Caroline Bays

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2022**

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS REPORT REGARDING THE 2023
LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE:**

	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___	_____	_____

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2023 ROAD PROGRAM AS PRESENTED USING THE FY 2023 \$2,5000,00 LOAN ORDER FOR BATES ROAD, BATES ROAD EAST, ESSEX STREET, FRANCIS STREET, AND BRADSHAW STREET

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE FIFTH AVENUE FROM THE FY 2022 LONG STREET AND CONNECTOR PROGRAM (WHICH INCLUDES MORSE STREET), AND USE THE FY 2023 \$1,500,000 LOAN ORDER FOR THE LONG STREET AND CONNECTOR PROGRAM FOR THE REPAIR OF FIFTH AVENUE AND RELATED WORK ON WATERTOWN STREET

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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>

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS USE OF THE FY2024 FUNDING FOR THE LONG STREET AND CONNECTOR PROGRAM FOR THE REPAIR OF FOREST AND SPRINGFIELD STREETS, AND TO USE THE FY 2025 FUNDING FOR THE LONG STREET AND CONNECTOR PROGRAM FOR THE REPAIR OF RIVERSIDE STREET

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 TO ASK THE ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THE LONG STREET AND CONNECTOR PROGRAM IN THE CIP FROM \$1,500,000 TO \$2,000,000

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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 REAPPOINT GEORGE SKUSE AND DAVID STOKES TO THE WATERTOWN CABLE ACCESS
TELEVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S APPOINTEES

From: [Bays, Caroline](#)
To: [Pronovost, Marilyn](#); [Proakis, George](#)
Cc: [City Councilors](#)
Subject: RFI regarding rat traps
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 10:57:51 AM

Below is my request for information from the 12/13/22 City Council Meeting.

I would like to know the following:

Who is putting the rat traps out? Is it the DPW, the Health Department, or one of the contractors?

What exactly is in the rat traps? What type of poison?

Where have we put the rat traps? Which streets and how many?

Why we have put the rat traps out? Why are we using poison? Is this in response to the last meeting on creating a plan to address the rats issue? Is this part of a plan that we are implementing already?

Thank you,

Caroline Bays
Watertown City Councilor
617-894-0045

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:42 P.M.