



Watertown City Council

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District A Councilor

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District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 AT 6:15 PM

AGENDA

Due to expected inclement weather, the City Council will meet briefly tonight remotely; and all agenda items on the March 14, 2023 City Council Meeting Agenda will be continued to a new City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023.

ACCESS INFORMATION:

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

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1. ROLL CALL
 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:15 P.M.
 - A. Executive session pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares: Federal Multidistrict Litigation vs. CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Teva, and Allergan.
 - B. To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property at Payson Estate at Oakley Hill Condominium for the City's public safety antenna.
 3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 5. PUBLIC FORUM
 6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. City Council Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2023
 - B. City Council Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2023
 - C. City Council Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2023

D. City Council Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2023

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. City Manager Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Main Street to install and maintain approximately 10 linear feet of conduit from manhole MH3705. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.

B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in York Avenue to install and maintain approximately 20 linear feet of conduit from utility pole 193/10 located on York Avenue and in Lowell Avenue to install and maintain approximately 45 linear feet of conduit. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.

C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from National Grid for a Grant of Location in Water Street to install and maintain approximately 550 feet of 12-inch plastic gas main from an existing 24-inch cast iron main in Water Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.

D. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from National Grid for a Grant of Location in Arsenal Street to install and maintain approximately 150 linear feet of 12” plastic low pressure gas main. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.

E. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order authorizing the sum of \$1,380,000 is appropriated to pay costs of demolishing and removing existing tennis courts and basketball courts, constructing a new tennis court, basketball court and pre-fabricated multi-purpose rink system, and making other improvements to the courts and related facilities at Moxley Field, including court surfacing, a new court lighting system, site improvements 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 therefor.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order authorizing the sum of \$700,000 is appropriated to pay costs of renovating the Filippello spray park, including the payment of 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.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Public Safety Report regarding the desired qualities for next Fire Chief - March 6, 2023 - John M. Airasian, Chair

B. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding Conceptual Recommendations on the FY 2024 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Vincent Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the City Council adopt the 43 Conceptual Recommendations listed in the Committee's Report.
2. That the City Council recommend the City Manager maintain the FY2024 capital spending so that it does not exceed 9.75% of the submitted FY2024 operating budget, as a one-time exception to the City Council's Budget Policy Guideline that the City should seek to make capital expenditures (including debt and exclusive of the school Building for the Future Initiative funding and enterprise funds) equal to at least 7.5-8% of the operating budget.
3. That the City Council accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022.

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Update on the Personnel Department Assessment Review
- B. Update on the Classification and Compensation Study.
- C. Proposed Amendment to the "Resolution to Establish a Public Arts and Culture Committee" and referral to Committee for consideration.

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

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. PUBLIC FORUM

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT