



Watertown City Council

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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, MAY 23, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, the meeting and public hearing will be conducted with remote opportunities for participation. Remote participation and access methods include:

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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 3. PUBLIC FORUM
 4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Celebrating June as Pride Month - 2023
 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing City Council Salaries, with salaries to be established pursuant to Section 2-3(a) of the City of Watertown Home Rule Charter for Councilors at \$8700 per annum and Council President at \$12,000 per annum, effective January 1, 2024; And Councilors at \$8,900 per annum and Council President at \$12,500 effective January 1, 2025.
 8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. First Reading for a New Demolition Ordinance Chapter 153 as Proposed to Replace the Existing Chapter 153 in its Entirety, and Endorse the New Demolition Delay Regulations

- B. First Reading on an Ordinance to Establish the Salary of the City Auditor in Accordance with Section 2-7(e) of the City Charter
 - C. Consideration and approval of exemptions of interests of existing City employees in contracts with the City including summer, winter, holiday, and after school program employment positions in response to disclosures filed with the City Clerk by prospective employees and certification by the Recreation Director that no employee of that Department is available to perform those services as part of their regular duties, in accordance with G.L. c. 268A, sec. 20(b) – Recreation Department: Anderson, Ann Marie; Anderson, Naomi; Cafua, Edward; Campbell, Jason; Cinar, Nursel; Cinar, Sevim; Donato, Brian; Morris, Walter; Petrillo, Lauren; Smith, Judith and Spillane, Michael.
 - D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$508,660 from the Fiscal Year 2023 Debt Retirement – Planned Debt Account to the Fiscal Year 2023 Transfer to Capital Projects IT Department Account
 - E. Zoning Map Amendment Public Hearing - 126-134 Templeton Parkway - To consider Watertown Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment to apply the Religious/School Building Overlay District (R/SOD) to 126-134 Templeton Parkway.
 - F. Resolution authorizing a transfer of funds in the amount of \$680,000 from the Fiscal Year 2023 Planned Debt Account to the Fiscal Year 2023 Transfer to Capital Projects – Skating Arena Account.
9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- A. Committee on Human Services Regarding Minutes of the Committee on Human Services meeting on March 23, 2023 - "Initial Rodent Policy Brief" and "Rodent Policy Brief- Human Service Committee" - Anthony Palomba, Chair
 - B. Committee on Climate and Energy Regarding Minutes of the Committee on Climate and Energy meeting on March 27, 2023 "March 2023 City Council committee presentation" - Anthony Palomba, Chair
 - C. Joint Economic Development Planning and Human Services Regarding local preference policy for affordable housing. - Lisa Feltner, EDP Chair, Anthony Palomba, HS Chair
ACTION ITEM:
City Council Endorse the July 2021 Local Preference Policy with Rental Units up to 50%; Condo Units “to be determined” with More Data; and Recommend Staff Continue Gathering Data with Policy to be Reassessed as Needed.
 - D. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding a Request from the Public Arts & Culture Committee to change the youth membership as defined in Resolution 21-R-23. (Attachments A & B) - Lisa Feltner, Chair
ACTION ITEM:
To recommend the City Council approve the resolution amending the membership of the Public Arts & Culture Committee.
 - E. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding the Petition for the name of Columbus Delta. - Vincent Piccirilli, Chair
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
- A. City Council Approval for City Attorney
 - B. Update on Cannabis Host Community Agreements
 - C. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health
 - D. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Conservation Committee
12. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. PUBLIC FORUM
15. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT