



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on July 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
- B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>
- C. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- D. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID:929 133 1344
- E. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
- F. Please Visit the City Council Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/350/City-Council>

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- 1. ROLL CALL
 - 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 P.M.
Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the City's Bargaining Position and the Chair so Declares – Police Supervisors Union
 - 3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
 - 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - 5. PUBLIC FORUM
 - 6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting June 13, 2023
 - 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. City Manager's Evaluation Process
 - 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and vote on proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments for reducing the maximum Floor Area Ratio in the Central Business District.
 - B. Public Hearing and vote on proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to the transitions requirements between business, industrial or Special Zoning Districts and Residence

Districts and clarifying the Special Permit Granting Authority.

- C. Public Hearing and vote on a proposed Loan Order – Order that the sum of \$300,000 is appropriated to pay costs of replacing lead pipes that connect service lines to water mains, including all costs incidental and related thereto; 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; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the “Authority”) pursuant to the Authority’s lead service line replacement program and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the City Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$171,500 from Fiscal Year 2024 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2024 Various Police Personnel Accounts in Order to Fund an Agreement with the Police Supervisors Union Covering the Period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$500,000 From the Fiscal Year 2023 Planned Debt to the Fiscal Year 2023 Transfer to Acquisition of Land/Open Space Stabilization Fund.
- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,500,000 From the Fiscal Year 2023 Various Departmental Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2023 Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund.
- D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$55,000 From the Fiscal Year 2023 City Manager Full Time Salaries to the Fiscal Year 2023 City Attorney – Litigation/Legal Services Fund.
- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$354,000 From the Fiscal Year 2023 Various Departmental Electricity and Gas Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2023 ESCO Capital Stabilization Funds.
- F. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,122,262 From the Fiscal Year 2023 Planed Debt Account to the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Projects/City Fund.
- G. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds in the Amount of \$3,200 to the Watertown Cultural Council.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government regarding the appointment of a member to the Board of Election Commissioners - Nicole Gardner, Chair
ACTION ITEM:
To recommend that the City Council confirm Margie Apfelbaum for appointment to the Board of Election Commissioners for a term to expire on April 1, 2027.
- B. Committee on Economic Development & Planning regarding a report from the meeting held on July 5, 2023 - Lisa Feltner, Chair
ACTION ITEM:
To recommend that the City Council confirm Alexander Dale for appointment as a full

member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring February 15, 2027.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Rachel Sack for appointment to the Planning Board for a term expiring February 15, 2027.

11. NEW BUSINESS
12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS
15. PUBLIC FORUM
16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

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

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor