



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 THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

**AT 7:00 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 149 MAIN STREET**

MINUTES

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.org.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

1. Roll Call

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the City Council at 6:15 PM in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building.

Vice President Piccirilli read the roll call, in attendance were Councilors John M. Airasian, Caroline Bays, John G. Gannon, Lisa J. Feltner, Emily Izzo, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris, Nicole Gardner was absent at this time.

Also present were George J. Proakis, City Manager, and Mark Reich, Attorney KP Law.

2. Executive Session - 6:15 PM

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.

President Sideris read the executive session items.

President Sideris asked for a motion to convene the executive sessions, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Feltner, and voted by roll call vote.

President Sideris stated that the meeting would reconvene in open session at approximately 7:00 PM

3. Return to Session – 7:00 PM

President Sideris noted that Councilor Gardner joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:15 PM.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Forum

President Sideris opened the public forum and acknowledged Elodia Thomas, 67 Marion Road.

Ms. Thomas stated that she has two requests. One, referring to the City Charter, exercise of powers, forms, and rules, regarding public comments and questions, council's request for information had not been posted on the website since 2022 as required in the Charter. She also stated that she is concerned about the format of the requests for information and that the process should be formalized.

The second request from Ms. Thomas is that the city's current lighting ordinance needs to be updated and that it is way too vague given all the new building projects, including nonresidential and city owned parks for the health and welfare of our people and environment.

There being no other speakers, Council President Sideris closed the 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

President Sideris asked for a motion to accept the four sets of minutes, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli with minor typographical changes, motion seconded by Councilor Feltner, and voted by roll call vote.

7. President's Report

A. City Manager Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

President Sideris stated that the council members had received a copy of the city manager's goals for 2023 per City Charter requirements and that the manager would be evaluated in July.

President Sideris asked for a motion to adopt the goals as written, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Feltner, and voted by roll call vote.

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.

President Sideris read the item on the grant of location request and invited the representative from Eversource to provide a brief on the matter.

Eversource representative provided a brief description of the project.

President Sideris opened the public hearing and acknowledged Elodia Thomas, 67 Marion Road. Ms. Thomas asked if the schools' solar panels were on-line by Eversource.

President Sideris noted that while he acknowledges the question, it was not on tonight's agenda for discussion.

There being no other speakers, Council President Sideris closed the Public Forum.

President Sideris asked for a motion to accept the petition, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, motion seconded by Councilor Gannon.

President Sideris allowed comments from council members.

Council Gannon asked for a report from Eversource with regards to double-poles in the community.

President Sideris noted the question and stated that the Department of Public Works would provide an update soon.

The matter was voted by roll call vote.

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.

President Sideris introduced the item and invited a representative from Eversource to provide a brief on the request.

President Sideris questioned why the item was advertised with language that included Lowell Avenue which is a private way.

City Manager Proakis stated that given the meeting change to tonight, Gregory St. Louis, Superintendent of Public Works was not available to attend and asked Attorney Reich for guidance regarding the item.

Attorney Reich stated that the reference to the named Lowell Avenue was irrelevant; however, the descriptor should not have been included in the notice.

There being no other speakers, Council President Sideris closed the Public Forum.

President Sideris asked for a motion, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Gannon.

Councilor Palomba asked to strike the reference to Lowell Avenue, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Palomba.

Councilor Feltner inquired about the repaving of Lowell Avenue.

President Sideris stated that as part of the Lowell School project that Lowell Avenue would be repaved.

President Sideris asked for a roll call, the matter was voted by roll call vote.

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.

President Sideris read the item and invited the representative to provide details.

President Sideris postponed the item due to errors in the details of the advertisement of the item.

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.

President Sideris read the item and invited the representative to provide details.

Representative from National Grid provided a brief on the grant of location request.

President Sideris postponed the item due to errors in the details of the advertisement of the item.

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.

President Sideris read the item and invited City Manager Proakis to provide information on the item.

Mr. Proakis provided an update on the project that was introduced at the January 10th Council Meeting. This project was originally approved in the 2016 CIP and is the oldest remaining CIP item on the carryover list. The project went through the vetting and bid process and the construction costs came in at \$1,380,000 which matches the budget exactly.

The field of Moxley will be restored in the fall 2026 after the completion of the new High School. He stated that this project is a great opportunity for the community to build a new complex and introduced Steven Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning/Assistant City Manager and Recreation Director Peter Centola for questions regarding the project.

Attorney Reich reminded the public that tonight's hearings were opened and continued from Tuesday night to tonight's meeting to ensure proper quorum and that the notice was in compliance with all requirements.

President Sideris stated that he, Vice President Piccirilli, City Manager George J. Proakis and Attorney Mark Reich met on Tuesday night for five minutes to open and continue all matters on the agenda to be following requirements/rules.

President Sideris opened the public hearing and acknowledged Elodia Thomas, 67 Marion Road.

Ms. Thomas stated that she has four questions: one, was the neighborhood notified of the public hearing; two, why are plans not included in the documents with specs; third, Councilor Gardner raised questions about sound and what could be done to baffle the noise and that she couldn't find information that she had received the answers. And fourth, she sees lighting information but not dark skies lighting with a timing mechanism are critically important.

There being no other speakers, Council President Sideris closed the Public Forum.

President Sideris asked for a motion to approve the loan order, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Gannon.

Councilor Palomba asked about the timeframe of the project.

Mr. Magoon stated that the project is in this construction season.

Mr. Proakis confirmed that the project had been through the vetting and bid process and that the construction would be starting soon. Mr. Proakis further stated that he provided an update on the project on the proposed borrowing at the January 10th Council Meeting.

President Sideris stated that this project was timed/planned so that when the High School moved to Moxley Field that the students could use the new complex and have access to the new courts.

Councilor Feltner stated that, for the record, she did vote in support of the project but questions from residents' concerning lighting and noise mitigation are left unanswered and she would hope that equity considerations are priority regarding the courts use.

Mr. Magoon stated that they did investigate the questions regarding lighting and that additional sound panels for the court and plantings were added. The agreed design for the project will be able to offer a variety of sports and court activities, not just one or two sporting activities.

Councilor Gardner stated she did not receive answers regarding concerns regarding noise and baffling, stating that the courts should have equity regarding first rights to the field.

Councilor Bays commented on lighting and whether the lights are dark skies compliance and a timer given advancements in technology.

Mr. Magoon stated that there is a commitment that the lighting is dark skies compliance, and that the council voted for up to 9 PM as the time for daily turnoff of the court lights.

Mr. Centola stated that this proposal is designed for a multipurpose court, and has only four poles with lights and would be shutoff at the agreed time of 9 PM and the park will be monitored.

Councilor Gardner asked for further clarification and stated that she does not understand why the court lights are on when/if they are not in use.

Mr. Centola stated that the design of the lights includes for playing tennis, basketball,

baseball and multisport to accommodate residents that may use the courts later in the evening and up until 9 PM and is relatively early to accommodate community members who wish to use the courts after work hours. There are four light poles for a relatively small area.

President Sideris asked for a roll call, the matter was voted by roll call vote.

9. Motions, Ordinances, Orders, and Resolutions

A. First read 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.

President Sideris introduced the item and invited City Manager Proakis to speak on the matter.

Mr. Proakis stated that the request before you is to ask for the approval to borrow funds for the Filippello Spray Park Renovation project that was approved per conceptual recommendation in the Fiscal Year 2023 CIP.

The lowest and most eligible bid was from Quirk Construction in the amount of \$574,150.00. The remaining balance is being requested and will be used as contingency in the event of any unexpected/unanticipated change orders that may result as the project moves forward. Mr. Proakis also referenced a slide presentation of the proposed project.

As this is a first reading, no further discussion was noted.

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

President Sideris read the item and Councilor Airasian read the report.

President Sideris asked for a motion to accept the report as written, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Gannon, adopted by roll call vote.

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

President Sideris introduced the item and Councilor Piccirilli read the report.

Councilor Piccirilli summarized the report and read the recommendations in detail.

President Sideris thanked the committee, the manager and staff for all their work on the CIP.

Councilor Palomba asked for a timeline for each item loan order request.

Councilor Piccirilli remarked that each item will be brought forward as listed in their respective fiscal year(s).

President Sideris asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Gannon, adopted by roll call vote.

Action Items:

1. That the City Council adopt the 43 Conceptual Recommendations listed in the Committee's Report.

President Sideris asked for a motion to adopt the action item, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Feltner.

Councilor Feltner noted that there are a lot of interesting projects moving forward to improve the community.

Action item adopted by roll call vote.

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.

President Sideris asked for a motion to adopt the item, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Feltner, and adopted by roll call vote.

3. That the City Council accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022.

President Sideris asked for a motion to adopt the item, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Feltner, and adopted by roll call vote.

Vice President Piccirilli thanked committee members Councilors Izzo and Gardner, further he thanked Mr. Proakis, Mr. Tracy, Ms. Morrissey and Ms. Megan Langan from the DPW, noting that there were three great meetings, and a great deal of work was accomplished.

11. New Business

None noted.

12. Communications from the City Manager

A. Update on the Personnel Department Assessment Review.

City Manager Proakis provided a brief update that the consultant on this project, Raftelis and the review team held a kickoff meeting with more details to follow preparing to bring the report in the coming months.

B. Update on the Classification and Compensation Study.

Manager Proakis provided a brief update stating that the consultant GovHR doing the study and that employees that are the subject to the study will receive notices, that is most

of the city employees, broad base study to make sure that we have a proposal concerning salaries and he thanked the council for their support on the two assessments that are underway.

C. Proposed Amendment to the "Resolution to Establish a Public Arts and Culture Committee" and referral to committee for consideration.

Mr. Proakis provided a brief explanation that the resolution for the committee needs to be amended due to issues with recruitment options of membership and asked that the resolution be referred to the Economic Development and Planning Committee.

President Sideris asked for a motion to refer the item, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli and adopted by roll call voted.

Other announcements from the City Manager included:

Director of Senior Services

Manager Proakis announced the appointment of Lydia McCoy to the position of Director of Senior Services and would be starting in the next few weeks. Ms. McCoy has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Emmanuel College. She also has a Behavioral Health Certificate from the Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research at Boston University's School of Social Work. Ms. McCoy has most recently served as the Strategy and Development Manager for the Providence Housing Authority. Some of her responsibilities included creating, coordinating, implementing, and managing Housing Authority programs, participating in long-range planning and grants, managing outreach strategies, and collaborating with partner agencies to develop and improve services that address the economic, social, and housing needs of residents, including many senior housing residents. Prior to that, Ms. McCoy worked for Metro Housing Boston, where she was charged with developing, managing, and implementing new MassHealth service programs to provide housing pre-tenancy supports, tenancy sustaining support, transportation, and home modification for clients. Ms. McCoy has also served as the Senior Care Options Program Manager for Boston Senior Home Care, and as a Protective Service Supervisor for the Executive Office of Elder Affairs Elder Protective Services Program. With Ms. McCoy's experience and educational background, she will be able to greatly assist the Administration in developing, planning, organizing, and administering programs and services for senior citizens.

Mr. Proakis stated that until a start date for Lydia is confirmed, he looks forward to giving her a warm welcome and introducing her to our seniors, our staff, our council on aging and our city council.

City Auditor and Chief Finance Director

Mr. Proakis offered his perspective regarding the leadership of a finance team on the Manager's side that would also assist in the Council's role of hiring a City Auditor.

He stated that since Mr. Tracy retired, the city had a broad search to hire a candidate to take his place, the City Council hired a consultant. Candidates are scarce that could replace someone with the combined expertise and capabilities of Mr. Tracy, as a City Auditor/Assistant City Manager for Finance. He further stated that he appreciates Mr. Tracy's service to the community, his experience and abilities on the accounting side and the budget management side and that these qualities are rare in a single applicant.

He stated that he believes it is in the best interest of the community to have a separate Chief Finance Officer (CFO) working for the Manager and that the City Council continues

to seek a full-time City Auditor.

Mr. Proakis stated that unless the Council would care to guide him further in seeking to hire a finance director/chief financial officer, he would advertise the job description to start the recruitment process. He stated that it is the best road to success, and it would serve to build a stronger organization for all of us.

Watertown Food Pantry

As I announced at the February 14th Council meeting - The Watertown Food Pantry needs a temporary location! Due to construction of the host site, the Watertown Food Pantry must relocate for 12-18 months starting this summer. Some success and still looking for opportunities.

Space requirements: the food pantry needs a facility with dimensions around 30 ft x 60 ft; and must have power to support 3 refrigerators and 2 freezers. The new space should be ground level; the Food Pantry receives roughly 4,000 pounds of deliveries every month from partnering organizations such as The Greater Boston Food Bank, Boston Area Gleaners, Fair Foods and Food for Free. Ideally, the location would be accessible via public transportation.

In 2022, the Food Pantry assisted over 140 families/340 individuals per week, making the annual distribution benefit around 13,000 persons. For the past three decades, the Food Pantry has been generously housed at the Belmont-Watertown United Methodist Church (formerly known as St. John's) at 80 Mt. Auburn Street. The church building will be undergoing major renovations, requiring the Food Pantry to be relocated for the duration of the construction.

The Pantry receives generous support from the community with both in-kind and cash donations. As a result, Kathy Cunningham, Watertown Food Pantry Coordinator, and volunteer staff are able to efficiently distribute food purchased from Greater Boston Food Bank, and other local grocers. Hours - The Food Pantry is open for services on Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. And they are an important part of the services that the city offers and looks forward to finding them a temporary place.

Firefighter Joseph A. Toscano Remembrance Ceremony

Mr. Proakis announcement that on Friday, March 17th, the Fire Department would be holding a remembrance ceremony for Firefighter Joseph A. Toscano, who died in the line of duty on March 17, 2017. The ceremony is open to all and would start at 10:16am, 29 Merrifield Avenue.

The winter parking ban is officially lifted, barring not more snowstorms, for the season and until next year.

Manager Proakis announced that the draft of the Comprehensive Plan is available to view online, and that feedback is encouraged regarding the draft plan.

Saltonstall Park is moving forward, the structure to provide shade (gazebo and/or pavilion) has a few different designs styles and he encouraged everyone to sign up for "flash vote" to rank your favorite style of shade structure for the park.

Mr. Proakis concluded his announcements stating that the City has begun to include using Anticimex SMART technology, provided through Modern Pest Services, a licensed pest control company. The SMART City concept is an intelligent, non-toxic,

always-on solution for pest control, and was developed to provide municipalities and community organizations access to a comprehensive solution to rodent control.

13. Requests for Information

None noted.

14. Announcements

Councilor Feltner requested the slides of Filippello Park project and an update regarding the City Council's clerk position.

Councilor Izzo announced that a community meeting will be held with Broader regarding the Cannistraro Property, at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 20th in the Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Zoom available.

Councilor Palomba stated that the Climate and Energy Plan was rescheduled for Monday, March 27th at 5:30 PM. And the next meeting on the rodent control issue with the committee on Human services will be Thursday, March 23rd, at 6:30 PM meeting in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, the meeting will be hybrid.

15. Public Forum

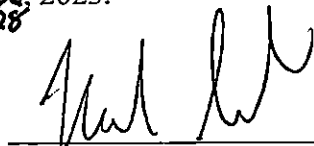
President Sideris opened the public forum and acknowledged Elodia Thomas, 67 Marion Road. Ms. Thomas commented that the council members' names are not listed on the agendas posted on the website. She also requested that the capital improvements meetings include topics of interest. And Ms. Thomas commented that community notices should be promoted regarding parks should be sent early to get the best community input.

There being no other speakers, Council President Sideris closed the Public Forum.

16. Recess or Adjournment

President Sideris asked for motion to adjourn the meeting; so moved by Vice President Piccirilli; seconded by Councilor Feltner; motion was adopted by roll call vote at 8:27 PM.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, 0 present on March ~~16~~²⁸, 2023.



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

City Council Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 6:15 PM
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List of Documents

1. Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Meeting - Item 6A.
2. Minutes of the January 24, 2023 Meeting - Item 6B.
3. Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Meeting - Item 6C.
4. Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Meeting - Item 6D.
5. City Manager Goals for Fiscal Year 2023 – Item 7A.
6. Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Main Street to install and maintain approximately 10 linear feet of conduit from manhole MH3705, February 21, 2023 – Item 8A.
7. 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, February 22, 23023 - Item 8B.
8. 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, February 21, 2023 – Item 8C.
9. 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, February 21, 2023 – Item 8D.
10. 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 – George J. Proakis, City Manager, February 23, 2023 - Item 8E.
11. Agenda Item - Proposed Order for Filippello spray park – George J. Proakis, City Manager, to City Council – March 9, 2023 – Item 6B.
12. Committee on Public Safety Report regarding the desired qualities for next Fire Chief - March 6, 2023 - John M. Airasian, Chair.
13. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding Conceptual Recommendations on the FY 2024 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program - (CIP), March 14, 2023 - Vincent Piccirilli, Chair.
14. Public Arts & Culture Committee requests a change to the committee structure outlined in the Resolution to Establish a Public Arts and Culture Committee – Roberta Miller, Chair - March 6, 2023.

Addendum to the
Minutes of the March 16, 2023
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- D. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

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

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7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. City Manager Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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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.

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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

CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

	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> Via Zoom 6:15PM	<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>

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023**

	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 convene 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; and, 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.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to accept the Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Meeting; Minutes of the January 24, 2023 Meeting; Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Meeting; Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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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 accept City Manager Goals for Fiscal Year 2023.

DRAFT
City Manager Goals for FY 2023 (8/15/22-6/30/23)

The City Manager's contract indicates that the Manager and the Council should annually review a written performance valuation tool to be used for evaluating the Manager's progress will consider the Manager's suggestions for appropriate and additional criteria upon which the evaluation might be based. The contract indicates that the evaluation tool should be completed by September 15 of each year and the evaluation should occur during the month of July each year. The contract anticipated that the first year's evaluation tool would need to be developed later than September of this year, but set a timeline of November. Although we are behind the timeline, we are seeking to ensure that the evaluation criteria are set now, so that we can effectively evaluate the Manager's performance in July of 2023.

The proposed evaluation tool is a blend of general and specific goals. The general evaluation criteria include many items that we have used in the past for evaluation of our manager. The more specific criteria are those that are relevant to the current year.

The evaluation will be scored based on each of the 12 items below. For each item, each councilor will provide a score from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent) and any narrative information that each councilor would like to provide about the individual item.

General Evaluation Criteria:

1. Relationships with the City Council
2. Community Engagement
3. Staff and Personnel Relationships
4. Leadership and Professional Capability
5. Business and Finance
6. Personal Qualities

Specific Evaluation Criteria:

1. Annual Budget
2. Government Operations and Management
3. Long Range Planning and Implementation
4. Community Health and Safety
5. Economic Vitality
6. Major Capital Investments

Detailed Guidance:

The information below is advisory to the council in scoring each of the categories above. The detailed descriptions for the general evaluation criteria would generally remain consistent from year to year while the detailed descriptions under the specific criteria may change from year to year based on the council's ongoing priorities.

General Evaluation Criteria:

1. Relationships with the City Council
 - a. Keep council informed on issues, needs and operations of the City
 - b. Offer professional advice to the council on items requiring council action
 - c. Execute the intent of council directives
 - d. Accept constructive criticism from the council
2. Community Engagement
 - a. Facilitate the flow of information to and between various constituencies
 - b. Encourage methods for expanding community awareness of City government matters
 - c. Be attentive to community feedback and input
3. Staff and Personnel Relationships
 - a. Develop and execute sound personnel procedures and practices
 - b. Recruit and assign the best available personnel
 - c. Support staff while encouraging their best efforts
4. Leadership and Professional Capability
 - a. Maintain a vision of overall departmental missions and provides supervision of departments with a focus on operational efficiency and long-range priorities
 - b. Analyze operational challenges and provide effective solutions.
 - c. Make effective presentations which demonstrate thoughtful information pertinent to the issue at hand
 - d. Understand and keeps informed regarding all aspects of municipal government operation, including participation in relevant professional development opportunities
 - e. Maintain professional relationships with peers and with relevant federal and state leaders
5. Business and Finance
 - a. Effectively supervise financial operations of the City
 - b. Evaluate financial needs and make recommendation for adequate financing for department priorities and progress
 - c. Manage and maintain City property effectively
 - d. Present a budget and capital improvement plan to the Council in a manner which promotes transparency and a establishes consistency with operational goals
6. Personal Qualities
 - a. Defend principles and convictions in the face of pressure
 - b. Maintain high ethical standards including honesty and integrity
 - c. Exercise good judgement in arriving at decisions.

Specific Evaluation Criteria:

1. Annual Budget
 - a. Implements the FY 23 and FY 24 budget priority guidelines
2. Government Operations and Management
 - a. Ensure stability in department management, by working to fill vacant Deputy Manager, Senior Services Director, Police Chief and Fire Chief positions, while moving efficiently to fill any additional staff vacancies if they occur
 - b. Implement the Resident Advisory Committee to broaden the efforts to recruit members for boards and commissions
 - c. Undertake the Personnel Department Assessment Review and the Salary Compensation study.
3. Long Range Planning & Implementation
 - a. Climate Action Plan: Prioritize and implement achievable action items that meet the goals of the Climate Action Plan
 - b. Comprehensive Plan: Complete the comprehensive plan, and then prioritize and begin implementation of regulatory, fiscal and other actions to meet the goals of the plan
 - c. Housing Affordability: Launch the new Housing Trust and bring a linkage fee proposal to the City Council to fund Trust activities
4. Community Health and Safety:
 - a. Ensure the health and safety of the residents of Watertown through the effective management of public safety and public health departments
 - b. Ensure that a robust and comprehensive study of Health and Human Services functions in the City is underway
5. Economic Vitality
 - a. Facilitate economic development opportunities consistent with the City's revenue goals and community values
 - b. Establish efforts to support local small businesses
6. Major Capital Investments:
 - a. Continue efforts to complete the three elementary schools
 - b. Implement the finance plan for Watertown High School, allowing for the start of construction in the summer of 2023
 - c. Facilitate and complete the purchase of the Walker Pond and Parker School properties, and upgrades to the Parker School to begin moving staff into the school in late 2023

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023**

	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>
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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 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.



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RESOLUTION # 13

R – 2023– 013

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location for the following installations: Main Street – Install and maintain approximately 10 linear feet of conduit from manhole MH3705. This work is necessary to provide electric service to 96 Main Street. Upon completion of our review, we are submitting the following recommendations and conditions for consideration by the City Council should the Grant of Location be approved for this application. A photo of the location of the proposed work is presented attached to this document. WO #9877875

Standard Conditions

1. During construction, uninterrupted pedestrian access (or temporary pedestrian facilities) shall be provided at all times or an appropriate alternative path provided.
2. Please be aware that there may be utility infrastructure that is not shown on the plan and may be encountered in the field. If a conflict occurs between the proposed installation and existing City-Owned and/or private utility infrastructure, The City Engineer shall be contacted directly to discuss an appropriate resolution.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant, and their Contractor, to ensure that and City-Owned and or private utilities, if located within the limits of work should be properly marked and protected during construction activities. The City of Watertown is not a member of Dig Safe and must be notified separately.
4. The proposed scope of work requires a DPW Street Opening Permit through the Watertown DPW prior to the start of construction.
5. All disturbances to curbing, grass strips, sidewalks, walkways, and roadway surfaces shall be repaired in kind to the satisfaction of the City of Watertown DPW. If any existing sidewalk is proposed to be removed and replaced in full width, the restoration must be completed in accordance with all current ADA, MAAB and City of Watertown standards.
6. All work within the Right of Way shall require the Contractor to schedule and coordinate a police traffic detail. Traffic control and safety measures shall be implemented in adherence to all applicable OSHA requirements, Massachusetts DOT Work Zone Safety Guidelines and Part VI of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
7. All material stockpiled on roadways and/or roadway shoulders shall be protected with erosion control devices such as silt fence or straw wattles. It will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to remove any sediment that enters the City drainage system as a result of the proposed work.
8. Equipment, staging, and stockpiles shall not be located in a manner so as to interfere with intersection sightlines and shall be kept in a neat and orderly fashion.
9. Public shade trees within and adjacent to the proposed work zone must be protected. The Contractor shall install individual tree protection on any public shade tree

that may be impacted and the Contractor shall not stockpile material or equipment within the drip zone of a public shade tree.

10. Contractor shall coordinate with City Health Department on rodent control requirements.

11. An as-built survey shall be performed upon completion of the work and provided to the Department of Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the petitioner shall deposit sufficient cash surety as determined by the Superintendent of Public Works to be held in escrow until the Superintendent of Public Works is satisfied with the condition of repair and restoration of the street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of said petition is forwarded to the City Clerk for processing.

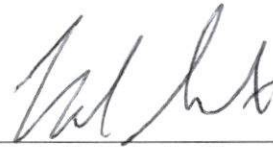


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on March 16, 2023.



Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President



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TYPE: Grant of Location
DATE: February 17, 2023
APPLICANT: Eversource
WORK ORDER: WO# 9877875
LOCATION: Main Street

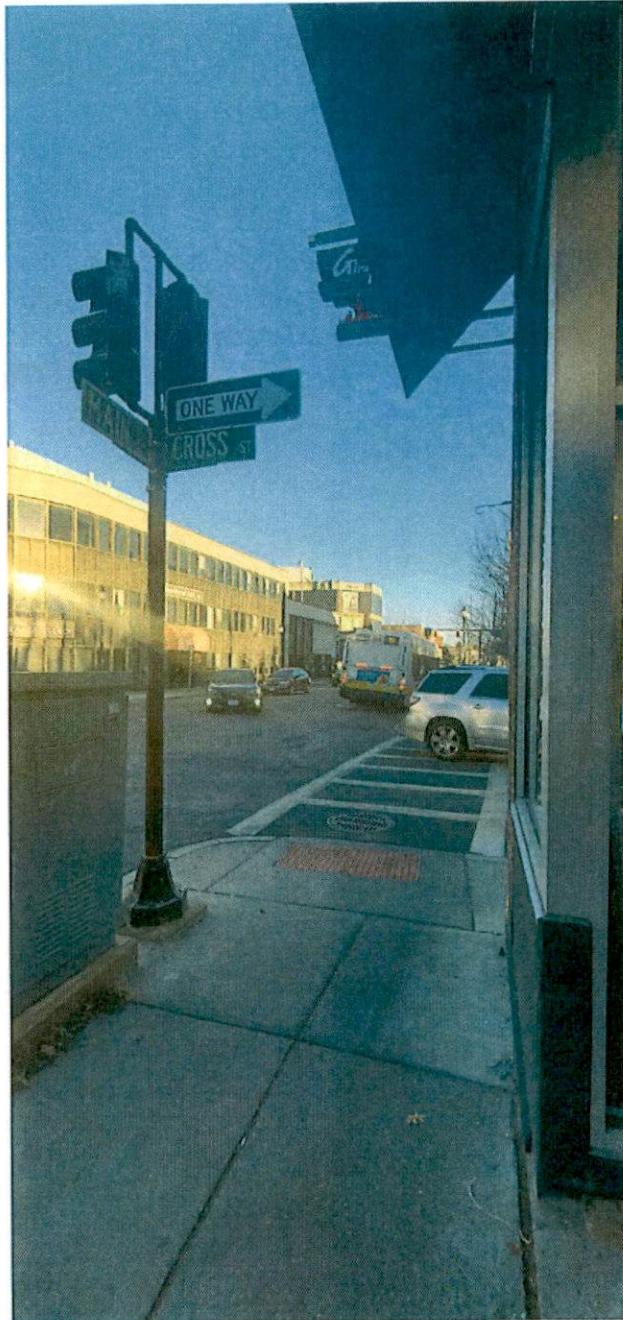
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11. An as-built survey shall be performed upon completion of the work and provided to the Department of Public Works.



View of Existing Manhole and ADA Curb Ramp Where Service will be Installed from.

ORDER FOR LOCATION FOR CONDUITS AND MANHOLES
City of WATERTOWN

WHEREAS, NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY has petitioned for permission to construct a line for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power under the public way or ways of the City thereafter specified, and notice has been given and a hearing held on said petition as provided by law.

It is ORDERED that NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY be and hereby is granted permission to construct and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein under the following public way or ways of said City:

Cross Street - Westerly from manhole MH3705, at the intersection of Main Street and Cross Street, install approximately 10 feet of conduit.

WO# 9877875

All construction work under this Order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Conduits and manholes shall be located as shown on the plan made by T. Thibault, dated November 21, 2022, on the file with said petition.
2. Said Company shall comply with the requirements of existing by-laws and such as may hereafter be adopted governing the construction and maintenance of conduits and manholes.
3. All work shall be done to the satisfaction of the city council or such officer or officers as it may appoint to supervise the work.

1	<u><i>Mark B. Quinn</i></u>	
2	<u><i>Council President</i></u>	
3	<u><i>S: B T M</i></u>	
4	_____	
5	_____	

City Council
the City of
WATERTOWN

CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted after due notice and a public hearing as prescribed by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, to wit: after written notice of the time and place of the hearing mailed at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing by the council to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way or ways upon, along or across which the line is to be constructed under said Order, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation, and a public hearing held on the 16 day of March 2023 at City Hall in said City.

1	<u><i>Mark B. Quinn</i></u>	
2	<u><i>Council President</i></u>	
3	<u><i>S: B T M</i></u>	
4	_____	
5	_____	

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Order of the City Council of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts, duly adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2023 and recorded with the records of location Orders of said Town, Book _____, Page _____ and of the certificate of notice of hearing thereon required by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, as the same appear of record.

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts

**PETITION OF NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR
LOCATION FOR CONDUITS
AND MANHOLES**

To the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents **NSTAR ELECTRIC Company d/b/a Eversource Energy** a company incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, that it desires to construct a line for such transmission under the public way or ways hereinafter specified.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that, after due notice and hearing as provided by law, the council may by Order grant to your petitioner permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, said conduits and manholes to be located, substantially as shown on the plan made by **T. Thibault, dated November 21, 2022,** and filed herewith, under the following public way or ways of said City:

**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Cross Street - Westerly from manhole MH3705, at the intersection of Main Street and Cross Street, install approximately 10 feet of conduit.

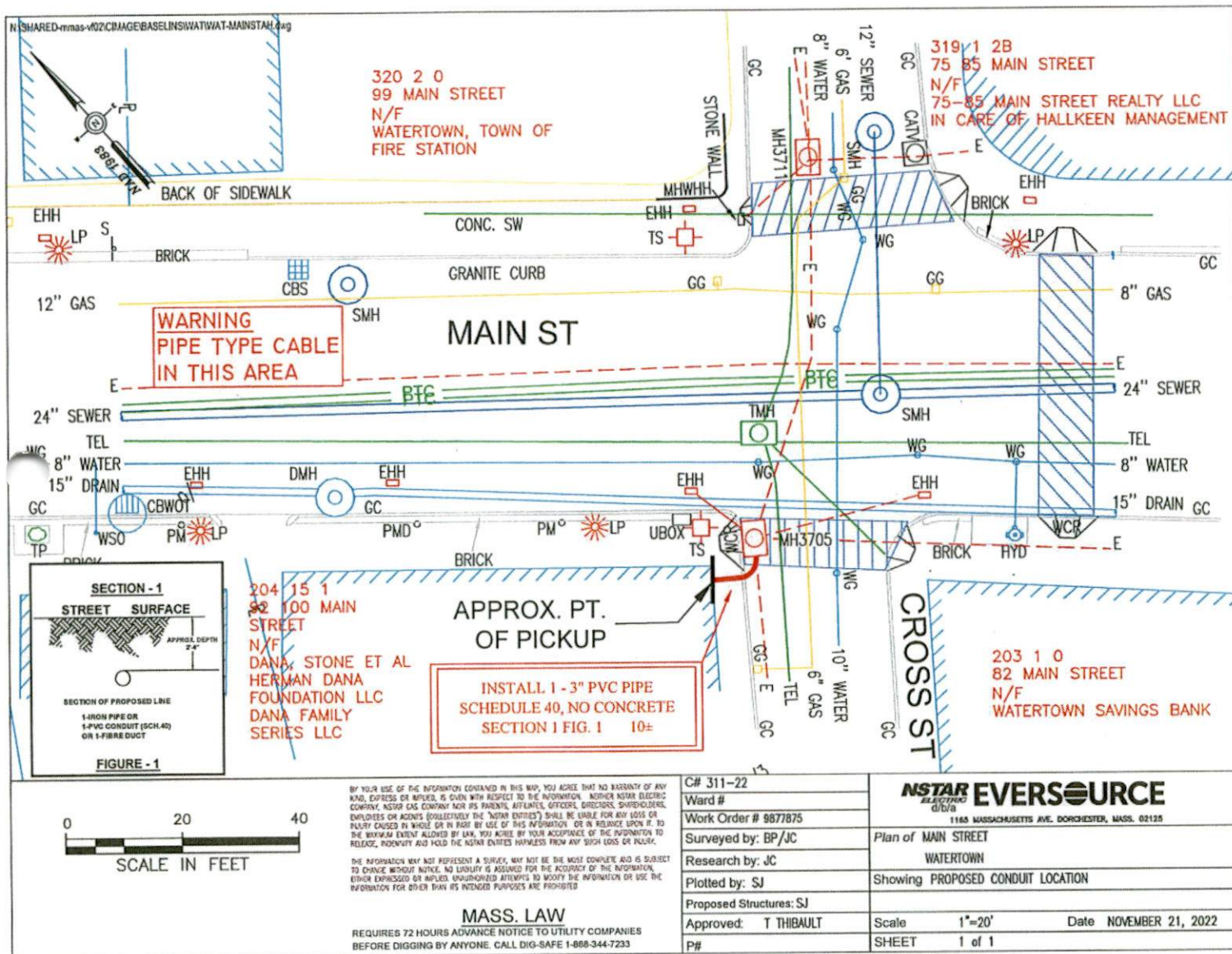
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BY *Richard M. Schifone*
Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights & Permits

Dated this 5 day of January 2023

City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts

Received and filed _____ 2023



CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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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 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.



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RESOLUTION #

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BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location for the following installations: on a petition from Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location for the following installations: York Avenue – Install and maintain approximately 20 linear feet of conduit from Utility pole 193/10 located on York Avenue. Lowell Avenue – Install and maintain approximately 45 linear feet of conduit. WO # 8681107

This work is necessary to provide electric service to the James Russell Lowell School. Upon completion of the Department of Public Works review, the following recommendations and conditions for consideration by the City Council will be required should the Grant of Location be approved for this application.

Standard Conditions

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11. An as-built survey shall be performed upon completion of the work and provided to the Department of Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the petitioner shall deposit sufficient cash surety as determined by the Superintendent of Public Works to be held in escrow until the Superintendent of Public Works is satisfied with the condition of repair and restoration of the street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of said petition is forwarded to the City Clerk for processing.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on March 16, 2023.


Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President



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TYPE: Grant of Location
DATE: January 14, 2022
APPLICANT: Eversource
WORK ORDER: WO# 8681107
LOCATION: York Avenue and Lowell Avenue

The City of Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location for the following installations:

- **York Avenue – Install and maintain approximately 20 linear feet of conduit from Utility pole 193/10 located on York Avenue.**
- **Lowell Avenue – Install and maintain approximately 45 linear feet of conduit.**

This work is necessary to provide electric service to the James Russell Lowell School. Upon completion of our review, we are submitting the following recommendations and conditions for consideration by the City Council should the Grant of Location be approved for this application. A photo of the location of the proposed work is presented attached to this document.

Standard Conditions

1. During construction, uninterrupted pedestrian access (or temporary pedestrian facilities) shall be provided at all times or an appropriate alternative path provided.
2. Please be aware that there may be utility infrastructure that is not shown on the plan and may be encountered in the field. If a conflict occurs between the proposed installation and existing City-Owned and/or private utility infrastructure, The City Engineer shall be contacted directly to discuss an appropriate resolution.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant, and their Contractor, to ensure that and City-Owned and or private utilities, if located within the limits of work should be properly marked and protected during construction activities. **The City of Watertown is not a member of Dig Safe and must be notified separately.**
4. The proposed scope of work requires a DPW Street Opening Permit through the Watertown DPW prior to the start of construction.
5. All disturbances to curbing, grass strips, sidewalks, walkways, and roadway surfaces shall be repaired in kind to the satisfaction of the City of Watertown DPW. If any existing sidewalk is proposed to be removed and replaced in full width, the restoration must be completed in accordance with all current ADA, MAAB and City of Watertown standards.
6. All work within the Right of Way shall require the Contractor to schedule and coordinate a police traffic detail. Traffic control and safety measures shall be implemented in adherence to all applicable OSHA requirements, Massachusetts DOT Work Zone Safety Guidelines and Part VI of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
7. All material stockpiled on roadways and/or roadway shoulders shall be protected with erosion control devices such as silt fence or straw wattles. It will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to remove any sediment that enters the City drainage system as a result of the proposed work.
8. Equipment, staging, and stockpiles shall not be located in a manner so as to interfere with intersection sightlines and shall be kept in a neat and orderly fashion.

9. Public shade trees within and adjacent to the proposed work zone must be protected. The Contractor shall install individual tree protection on any public shade tree that may be impacted and the Contractor shall not stockpile material or equipment within the drip zone of a public shade tree.
10. Contractor shall coordinate with City Health Department on rodent control requirements.
11. An as-built survey shall be performed upon completion of the work and provided to the Department of Public Works.



View of Utility Pole 193/10 from York Avenue facing east.



View of Utility Pole 193/10 and associated riser depicting the existing electrical run east and proposed work zone.



180 Calvary Street
Waltham, Ma 02453

November 28, 2022

City Council
City Hall
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

RE: Lowell Avenue
Watertown, MA
W.O.# 8681107

Dear Members of the Council:

The enclosed petition and plan are being presented by the NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for the purpose of obtaining a Grant of Location in the following streets:

Lowell Avenue – Install approximately 45 feet of conduit.

York Avenue – Install approximately 20 feet of conduit.

The reason for this work is to provide underground service to #175 Orchard Street.

If you have any further questions, please contact Joanne Callender at 781-314-5053. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Schifone

Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights and Permits

RMS/wls
Attachments

ORDER FOR LOCATION FOR CONDUITS AND MANHOLES
City of WATERTOWN

WHEREAS, NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY has petitioned for permission to construct a line for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power under the public way or ways of the City thereafter specified, and notice has been given and a hearing held on said petition as provided by law.

It is ORDERED that NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY be and hereby is granted permission to construct and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein under the following public way or ways of said City:

York Avenue - Southerly from pole 193/10, at the intersection of York Avenue and Lowell Avenue, install approximately 20 feet of conduit.

Lowell Avenue - Southerly the intersection of York Avenue and Lowell Avenue, install approximately 45 feet of conduit.

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All construction work under this Order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Conduits and manholes shall be located as shown on the plan made by T. Thibault, dated September 8, 2022, on the file with said petition.
2. Said shall comply with the requirements of existing by-laws and such as may hereafter be adopted governing the construction and maintenance of conduits and manholes.
3. Company All work shall be done to the satisfaction of the city council or such officer or officers as it may appoint to supervise the work.

1 *Mark A. Antun*
2 *Council President*
3 *S. B. T. M.*
4 _____
5 _____

City Council
the City of
WATERTOWN

CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted after due notice and a public hearing as prescribed by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, to wit: after written notice of the time and place of the hearing mailed at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing by the council to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way or ways upon, along or across which the line is to be constructed under said Order, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation, and a public hearing held on the 11 day of March 2022 at C. F. Hall in said City.

1 *Mark A. Antun*
2 *Council President*
3 *S. B. T. M.*
4 _____
5 _____

City Council
the City of
WATERTOWN

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Order of the City Council of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts, duly adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2022 and recorded with the records of location Orders of said Town, Book _____, Page _____ and of the certificate of notice of hearing thereon required by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, as the same appear of record.

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts

**PETITION OF NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR
LOCATION FOR CONDUITS
AND MANHOLES**

To the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents **NSTAR ELECTRIC Company d/b/a Eversource Energy** a company incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, that it desires to construct a line for such transmission under the public way or ways hereinafter specified.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that, after due notice and hearing as provided by law, the council may by Order grant to your petitioner permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, said conduits and manholes to be located, substantially as shown on the plan made by **T. Thibault, dated September 8, 2022,** and filed herewith, under the following public way or ways of said City:

**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

York Avenue - Southerly from pole 193/10, at the intersection of York Avenue and Lowell Avenue, install approximately 20 feet of conduit.

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WO# 8681107

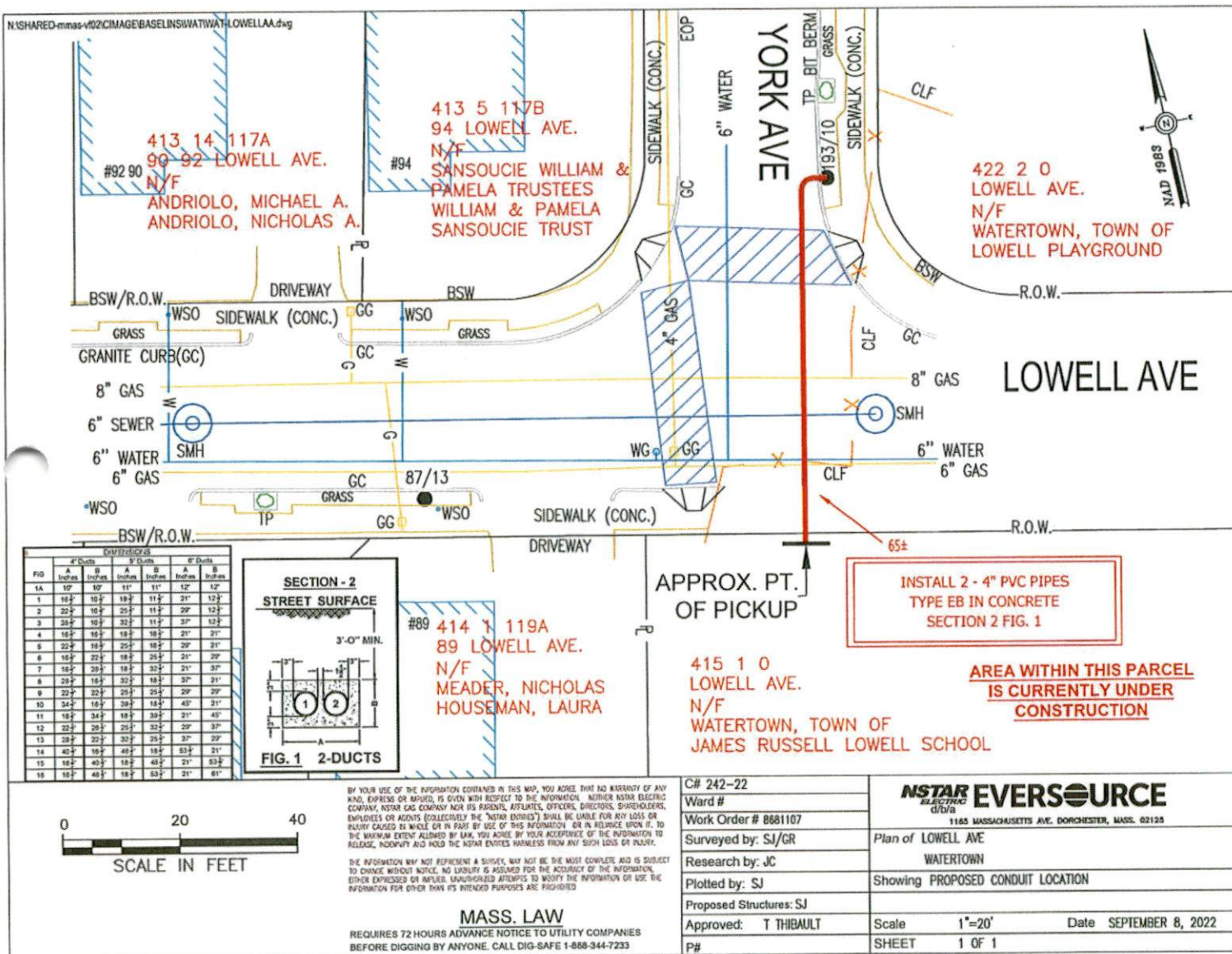
BY *Richard M. Schifone*
Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights & Permits

Dated this 28 day of November 2022

City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts

Received and filed _____ 2022

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CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

	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 a 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.



Watertown City Council

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6470

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

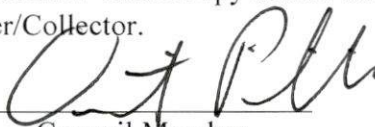
Order # 12

2023 -0-12

ORDER TO APPROVE THE BORROWING OF FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF MOXLEY FIELD COURT RENOVATION

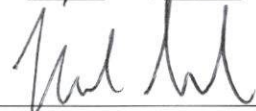
ORDERED: That the sum of \$1,380,000 is appropriated to pay costs of demolishing and removing existing tennis courts and basketball courts, constructing a new tennis court, basketball court and pre-fabricated multi-purpose rink system, and making other improvements to the courts and related facilities 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.

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


Council Member

I hereby certify that at the regular 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 March 16, 2023.


City Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

	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>
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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 accept Committee on Public Safety Report regarding the desired qualities for next Fire Chief.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

	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>
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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 accept report - Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report
Regarding Conceptual Recommendations on the FY 2024 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement
Program (CIP).

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

	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>
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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 adopt action item - the 43 Conceptual Recommendations listed in the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding Conceptual Recommendations on the FY 2024 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023**

	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>
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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 adopt the action item - 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. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding Conceptual Recommendations on the FY 2024 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023**

	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>
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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 adopt action item - accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022 - the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding Conceptual Recommendations on the FY 2024 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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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 refer proposed Amendment to the "Resolution to Establish a Public Arts and Culture Committee" to Economic Development and Planning Committee for consideration.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

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

Motion to Adjourn.