



Watertown City Council

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 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>
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President Sideris called the zoom meeting to order, present were President Sideris, Vice President Piccirilli, City Manager George J. Proakis and Attorney Mark R. Reich.

President Sideris announced that the purpose of tonight's meeting was procedural, due to a lack of quorum as a snow emergency had been declared, items listed on the agenda would procedurally be opened and then continued, including the five public hearings that were legally advertised for action on tonight, March 14, 2023.

1. Public Hearing

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 agenda item, opened the public hearing, and continued the item until March 16, 2023.

Attorney Reich commented that the meeting may be opened and the only matter that could be addressed with less than a quorum, in this case, would be to continue the matters listed for the public hearings that were published legal notices to be continued until March 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

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 read the agenda item, opened the public hearing, and continued the item until March 16, 2023.

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 agenda item, opened the public hearing, and continued the item until March 16, 2023.

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 agenda item, opened the public hearing, and continued the item until March 16, 2023.

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.

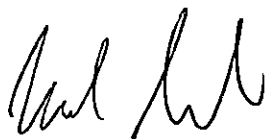
President Sideris read the agenda item, opened the public hearing, and continued the item until March 16, 2023.

Attorney Reich commented that the matters listed were procedurally opened, and continued and that all matters would be addressed with a quorum at the next city council meeting.

President Sideris confirmed that the next city council meeting with related agenda including all matters listed for tonight had been posted on the website on March 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

President Sideris asked for a motion to recess the meeting until March 16, 2023, so moved by Vice President Piccirilli, seconded by President Sideris and the meeting was recessed at 7:04 PM.

I hereby certify that the regular meeting of the City Council was opened and recessed until March 16, 2023, and that 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 ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM
MEETING DATE: MARCH 14, 2023
MEETING CONTINUED UNTIL MARCH 16, 2023, DUE TO DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCY

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

Also, in attendance via zoom, City Manager George J. Proakis and Attorney Mark Reich,
KP Law



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RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

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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

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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.

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

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 14, 2023**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - OPEN ITEMS AND RECESS
VIA ZOOM**

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