



# City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:15 PM  
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

## Agenda

### **ACCESS INFORMATION:**

- A. This meeting will be held on October 24, 2023 at 6:15 PM. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
  - B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=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 9133 1344
  - E. Public may comment through email: [vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov](mailto: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 - 6:15 P.M.
  - A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the City's negotiating position and the Chair so Declares - Salary adjustment for City Manager
  - B. 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 - DPW Union, Watertown Municipal Employee Association, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, 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 April 25, 2023
  - B. Minutes from City Council & Planning Board Joint Meeting September 21, 2023
  - C. Minutes from City Council Meeting September 26, 2023

- D. Minutes from City Council Meeting October 10, 2023
- 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a proposed loan order that Order No. 2022-O-18 of the City Council passed March 22, 2022 authorizing a borrowing in the amount of \$198,844,252 for the High School Project is hereby amended to increase the authorized borrowing amount for such project to \$216,118,750, which amended order shall read as follows in its entirety: "ORDERED: That City hereby appropriates the amount of Two Hundred Sixteen Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$216,118,750) for the purpose of constructing a new Watertown High School located at 50 Columbia Street in Watertown, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs related to designing the project, demolishing the existing building, equipping and furnishing the school, site improvements, and all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which appropriation shall be in addition to all amounts previously appropriated to pay costs of the Project, including the feasibility study and schematic design phase of the Project, and which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Watertown School Building Committee; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) or G.L. c.70B, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; that the City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a nonentitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City; that any grant that the City may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) forty-nine and thirty-three one hundredths percent (49.33%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; that the amount of the borrowing authorized by this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in and received pursuant to the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA; and that the design/bid/build delivery method is hereby authorized to carry out the Project pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.149.
  - B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget - Amendment 1 – Tax Rate D.
  - C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget - Amendment 2 - Watertown Firefighters' Association, Local 1347 Union Contract
- 9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
  - A. First Reading on a Proposed Order Allocating the Property Tax Levy Among or Between Property Classes for Fiscal Year 2024.
  - B. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property of Office Furniture from Athena to be used by City Departments.
  - C. Resolution Approving Acceptance of a Gift of Funds in the amount of \$250 from Peter Fuller to offset expenditures related to the annual 2023 Haunted Joyride event.
  - D. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift of Tangible Personal Property of Hockey Equipment from the Boston Bruins Foundation.

- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of 1,157,000 from the Fiscal Year 2024 City Council Reserve Account to Various Fire Personnel Accounts
- F. First Reading on a proposed Ordinance amending the City Manager's salary.
- 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
  - A. Committee on Climate and Energy Committee report regarding its meeting on September 18, 2023 - Palomba, Chair
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
- 12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
  - A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointment to the Stormwater Advisory Committee
- 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

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