



# City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:15 PM  
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

## Agenda

### **ACCESS INFORMATION:**

- A. This meeting will be held on August 12, 2025 at 6:15 P.M. 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>
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- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:15 P.M.
  - A. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.
    - Police Patrol Contract
    - Thomas Walsh V. City of Watertown
- 3. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE 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 July 8, 2025
  - B. Minutes from Special City Council Meeting July 24, 2025
- 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - A. Confirmation of the Appointments of Martin Solomon and Joseph Ganno as members of the Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee
- 8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of Bemis and How Playground Renovations for Review and Approval

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Belmont Street to install one stub pole and one anchor pole for #11/6-S, approximately 40 feet west of St. Mary's Street. This work is necessary to replace the guy wire support for an existing utility pole due to the scheduled removal of the MBTA's Catenary Pole Network. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.
- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from National Grid for a Grant of Location in Lexington Street to install approximately 9 feet of 8" plastic to tie into existing 12" cast iron. This work is necessary to maintain gas infrastructure integrity as part of the CIMNRPL project within the Town of Belmont. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.
- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from National Grid for a Grant of Location in Boyd Street, Arundel Terrace, Bigelow Terrace to execute the following work:
- Boyd Street – Relaying of ~25-ft of 6" Plastic (2004), ~435-ft of 6" Cast Iron (1925), and ~10-ft of 6" Plastic (2021) with ~470-ft of 8" Plastic, occurring from #9 Boyd St to #49 Boyd St
  - Arundel Terrace – Relaying of ~35-ft of 6" Cast Iron (1925) and ~180-ft of 3" Cast Iron (1899/1900) with ~215-ft of 4" Plastic, occurring from Boyd St to end of main
  - Bigelow Terrace – Relaying of ~35-ft of 6" Cast Iron (1925), ~165-ft of 3" Cast Iron (1899/1934), and ~20-ft of 3" Plastic (2003) with ~220-ft of 4" Plastic, occurring from Boyd St to end of main

This work is necessary to maintain gas infrastructure integrity as part of National Grid's "CIMNRPL <10" program. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds in the amount of \$1,200 from the Hawaiian Tournament to support the Pequossette Summer Program, and \$300 from Megan & Christopher Petzy to support the Mid-Summer Interleague Classic
- B. Resolution Authorizing a Petition for Special Legislation - Minimum Residential Factor Adjustment
- C. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$2,750,000 is appropriated to pay costs of designing, constructing and overseeing highway and sidewalk reconstruction projects at Poplar Street, Partridge Street, Pequosette Street, North and South Irving Park, Royal Street and Green Street, as more fully described in the City's Fiscal Year 2025 through 2029 Capital Improvement Plan, and 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.
- D. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$418,000 is appropriated to pay costs of performing infiltration and inflow reduction and sewer rehabilitation,

including the payment of 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), M.G.L. c.44, §8(14) and/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 Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance 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.

- E. Order Authorizing the Recission of Unexpended Appropriations

#### 11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Parks and Recreation Report regarding its meeting on March 27, 2025  
- Palomba, Chair

##### ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council endorse the revised Policy and Procedures for operating field and court lighting at all current facilities of the Recreation Department.

- B. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report regarding its meeting on June 21, 2025 - Bays, Chair

##### ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the proposed amended organization chart as presented by the Manager.

- C. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on March 26, 2025 - Palomba, Chair
- D. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on July 21, 2025 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM: Confirmation of Leo Patterson for re-appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on June 30, 2027

ACTION ITEM: Confirmation of David Leon for re-appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on June 30, 2027

ACTION ITEM: Confirmation of Jill Hyde for re-appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire on June 30, 2027

- E. Committee on Economic Development & Planning Report regarding its meeting on July 31, 2025 - Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM: To recommend that the City Council make a referral to the Committee on Economic Development & Planning to discuss and make

recommendations on leadership support for the Community Preservation Committee

ACTION ITEM: To recommend that the City Council confirm Marissa Mayo for appointment to the Community Preservation Committee for a term expiring February 1, 2028

ACTION ITEM: To recommend that the City Council confirm Amy Plovnick for appointment to the Community Preservation Committee for a term expiring February 1, 2026, filling the unexpired term of Mark Krackiewicz

- F. Committee on Public Safety Report regarding its meeting on July 29, 2025 - Airasian, Chair

ACTION ITEM: To recommend that the City Council confirm Daniel Grieneisen for appointment to the Traffic Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2026

ACTION ITEM: To recommend that the City Council confirm Ryan McMorro for appointment to the Traffic Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2027

- G. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meetings on August 5, 2025 & August 7, 2025 - Gannon, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm John. C. Bartley for appointment to the Licensing Board for a term expiring February 15, 2028

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Jimmy Tsekrekas for reappointment as an alternate member to the Licensing Board for a term expiring February 15, 2028

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Cable Access Corporation - Board of Directors
- B. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Memorialization Committee
- C. 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

Caroline Bays,  
Councilor At Large

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

John G. Gannon,  
Councilor At Large

John M. Airasian,  
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,  
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,  
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,  
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,  
District D Councilor