



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
149 Main St
Watertown, MA

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on September 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
 - B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>
 - C. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
 - D. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344
 - E. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
 - F. Please Visit the City Council Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/350/City-Council>
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- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM
- 4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting August 8, 2023
 - B. Minutes from Special City Council Meeting August 22, 2023
 - C. Minutes from City Council Meeting September 12, 2023
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Report on the Performance Evaluation of the City Manager for Fiscal Year 2023
- 6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation
 - B. Mary Haley 100th Birthday Proclamation
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote On a petition from Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location in Main Street to install and maintain approximately 154 linear feet of conduit in Main Street from manhole MH10696 to the property line of #166 Main Street. This work is necessary to provide electric service to #166 Main Street. 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 to Appoint the Municipal Policy Analyst pursuant to Section 2-7(a) of the Watertown City Charter, and establishing the Municipal Policy Analyst Salary at \$72,000 pursuant to section 2-7(e) of the Watertown City Charter
 - C. Public Hearing and Vote on an Ordinance Establishing the Human Rights Commission
8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
- A. First Reading on a proposed loan order that the sum of \$315,000 is appropriated to pay costs of design and engineering services for the development of plans and specifications for upgrades to the HVAC system to install air conditioning in portions of Watertown Middle School, 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(7) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.
 - B. Resolution authorizing acceptance and expenditure of gift of funds in the amount of \$8,300 to offset expenses related to the Faire on the Square 2023
 - C. Consideration and action on an Order accepting the provisions of G.L. c.40, §22F allowing City Boards or Officers to fix reasonable fees
 - D. Consideration and action on an Order accepting the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §58 allowing for the imposition of a “municipal charges lien” on property located within the City for any local charge or fee that has not been paid by the due date, with the municipal charges lien provided for each type of charge or fee to be undertaken pursuant to a separate vote
9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- A. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight regarding a report from its meeting on September 7, 2023 - Piccirilli Chair.

ACTION ITEM:

Councilor Gardner made a motion, seconded by Councilor Izzo, that the Committee ask the City Council to approve the detailed ARPA process steps, specifically:

1. Clifton/Larson/Allen review for compliance with the law as the first step, and prior to meetings with proposers; and the BFO Committee will only consider proposals that are legally compliant.
2. The BFO Committee will hold meetings with proposers for presentations and questions, in 15 minute time slots, with the public and Council encouraged to participate. All are encouraged to send questions in to Council Clerk, who will forward them to the proposer prior to the meetings.
3. Independent initial scoring by members prior to deliberation, using 4 point scale.
4. The BFO Committee will collectively score proposals using a 1-4 scale after the meetings.
5. The BFO Committee will then meet to deliberate and develop its preliminary recommendation for the City Council and public feedback.

- B. Committee on Economic Development and Planning a report from its meeting on September 13 & 18, 2023, Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Gannon, to recommend that the City Council confirm Matthew Hanna for appointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee for a term to expire November 15, 2025.

ACTION ITEM:

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Feltner, to recommend that the City Council confirm Swati Biswas for appointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee for a term to expire November 15, 2025.

- C. Committee on Public Safety regarding a report from its meeting on September 11, 2023 - Airasian, Chair
- D. Committee on Public Safety regarding a report from its meeting on September 7, 2023 - Airasian, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Izzo, to recommend that the City Council confirm Kelly Gallagher for reappointment to the Traffic Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2025.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors

12. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. PUBLIC FORUM

15. 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