



City Council Meeting
Monday, November 27, 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 November 27, 2023 at 7:00 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM
- 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- 5. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Honoring Watertown Scout Troop 30 and Pack 30
- 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. Transfer of Funds from Fiscal Year 2024 City Council Reserve Account to Fiscal Year 2024 Human Resources Various Accounts
- 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - A. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report regarding its meeting on November 1, 2023 - Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council adopt the FY2025 Budget Policy Guidelines as drafted.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council refers discussion of a real estate transfer tax to the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council refers discussion to increase the personal property tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council refers discussions with DCR on Cannalonga Park to the Committee on Parks and Recreation.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council refers discussion of accessibility and accommodations for members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization.

- B. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on September 14, 2023 - Reappointments to Board of Health and Affordable Housing Trust - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

Confirmation of Dr. Domicic Amirtharaj for Reappointment to the Board of Health for a Term Expiring on February 2, 2026.

ACTION ITEM:

Confirmation of David Leon for Reappointment to the Affordable Housing Trust for a Term Expiring on June 30, 2025.

- C. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on September 14, 2023 - Rodent Control Program - Palomba, Chair
- D. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meetings on January 30, 2023; February 13, 2023; April 3, 2023; April 20, 2023 - Gannon, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

Recommend draft Ordinance Requiring Closed Captioning for Public-Facing Televisions be scheduled for a first reading, then consideration and adoption by City Council.

ACTION ITEM:

City Council adopt the updated draft language to Amend Watertown Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.19 for Short-Term Rentals, and endorse the proposed Regulations.

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointments to the Environmental and Energy Efficiency Committee
- B. Update on Parker Annex and Administration Building Office Configuration

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS
13. PUBLIC FORUM
14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

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

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor