



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 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 14, 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>
 - 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 October 24, 2023
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Proposed Resolution Regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Process
- 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Allocating the Property Tax Levy Among or Between Property Classes for Fiscal Year 2024.
 - B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the City Manager's Salary
- 7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property of a City Flag from Athena Health to be used during City Celebrations

- B. Resolution Authorizing a Petition for Special Legislation Regarding Municipal Charges Liens for Nonpayment of Any Local Charge, Fee, or Fine
- C. Resolution to Undertake the Creation of a Watertown Square Cultural District

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Education and School System Matters report regarding its meeting on October 10, 2023 - Izzo, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm the reappointment of Jen Nicholson to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation's Board of Directors with a term expiring on September 15, 2026

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To recommend that the City Council confirm the reappointment of Robert Romano to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation's Board of Directors with a term expiring on September 15, 2026

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To recommend that the City Council confirm the reappointment of Elaine Mello to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation's Board of Directors with a term expiring on September 15, 2026

- B. Committee on Parks and Recreation report regarding its meeting on September 28, 2023 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

The Committee recommends that the full City Council ask the Administration to take a pause and reevaluate the design for Casey Park and its use.

- C. Committee on Rules & Ordinances & Committee on Public Works report regarding its joint meeting on September 25, 2023 - Gannon, Chair of Committee on Public Rules and Ordinances; Piccirilli, Chair of Committee on Public Works

ACTION ITEM:

A) The Committees ask the Administration to have KP LAW review the final draft of the proposed Ordinance.

B) The Committees ask the Council President to bring the proposed Ordinance forward for a first reading after the KP Law review.

C) The Committees ask the City Council to endorse the Regulations to the Ordinance.

ACTION ITEM:

The Committee on Public Works and the Committee on Rules and Ordinances shall review the data after the first winter but prior to May 30 to evaluate the results of the program and propose possible changes to the Ordinance and the Regulations.

ACTION ITEM:

The Committees agreed to refer to the Committee on Public Works a discussion of how the clearing of sidewalks abutting municipal and state owned properties, as well as sidewalks in unusual situations, will be addressed; and a discussion of snow plowing at the corners of intersections.

- D. Committee on Personnel and City Organization report regarding its meeting on October 30, 2023 - Bays, Chair
- E. Committee on Economic Development & Planning report regarding its meeting on September 27, 2023 - Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council endorses the changes to the regulations for Community Meeting Requirements, as follows:

- 1. In the 2nd paragraph, the words “of new development” will be deleted.
 - 2. Throughout the regulations, change 10 days or 2 weeks to “10 business days”.
 - 3. For item 2, include a recommended list of documents that must be provided.
- F. Committee on Human Services report regarding its meeting on October 31, 2023 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

Confirmation for appointment as the tenants representative to the Watertown Housing Authority for a term to expire on May 15, 2028

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration to designate a Hero Square in honor of WWII (KIA) Veteran, Vincent Ranucci at the intersection of Nichols Avenue and Bigelow Avenue
- B. Consideration for the dedication of a flagpole in memory of the late Fire Chief Mario A. Orangio

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Review of Policies and Strategies for DPW Streets and Sidewalks Projects
- B. DPW Front Office Hours

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

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