



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on January 23, 2024 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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- E. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
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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 January 9, 2024
 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Honoring Dr. Barbara Beck
 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order for Arsenal park Improvements Phase B that the sum of \$10,359,500.00 is appropriated to pay costs of renovating Arsenal Park, including demolition and removal of the existing park features, installation of the new playground, splash pad, skate park, and tennis/pickleball/basketball courts, and construction, construction administration services, and construction contingency costs, 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(1), or pursuant to any other

- enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.
- B. First Reading on a Proposed Zoning Amendment Ordinance regarding Short Term Rentals
 - C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the City Manager's Salary
 - D. Public Hearing and Vote on a Loan Order that the sum of \$498,000 is appropriated to pay costs of improvements at Saltonstall Park, including the demolition and removal of existing lighting and furnishing of new Musco or other sports lighting and appurtenances, and further 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(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.
8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
- A. Amendment to Planning Board Alternates Ordinance
 - B. Amendment to the Traffic Commission Ordinance
9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- A. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report regarding its meeting on January 17, 2024 - Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Earl Smith for reappointment to the Board of Assessors for a term to expire May 15, 2026

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm John Labadini for reappointment to the Licensing Board for a term to expire February 15, 2026

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Sandra Hoffman for reappointment to the Licensing Board for a term to expire February 15, 2027

- B. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meeting on January 9, 2024 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm the reappointment of Brian Hebesien to the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee with a term expiring November 15, 2026

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm the reappointment of Ellen Parker Menounos to the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee with a term expiring November 15, 2026

- C. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meeting on January 11, 2024 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm the reappointment of Lauri Murphy to the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee with a term expiring on November 15, 2026

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm the appointment of Marcia Ciro to the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee with a term expiring November 15, 2025

- D. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on January 17, 2024 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council vote to approve Kim Netter for appointment as a member of the Board of Health for a term expiring on February 1, 2027

- 10. NEW BUSINESS
- 11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. Submission of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program
 - B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Conservation Commission
- 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