



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on June 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472
- 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: 92991331344
- 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 P.M.
 - A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the City's Bargaining Position and the Chair so Declares - DPW Union, Watertown Municipal Employees Union, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, and Police Supervisors Union.
 - B. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Litigation as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the City's Litigating Position and the Chair so Declares –

Ahern v. City of Watertown, Middlesex Superior Court, Docket No. 2181CV500
City of Watertown by and through its Board of Health v. Phyllis Falco, Northeast Housing Court, Docket No. 23H77CV000041
Town of Watertown, By and Through Its Board of Health v. Jill C. Smith et al., Northeast Housing Court, Docket No. 22H77CV000240
Jonathan Bloch, et al. v. Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals, et al., Land Court Docket Nos. 16 MISC 000124 and 19 MISC 000249
Kaveh Abdi and Kambiz Abdi v. Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals, et al.,

Middlesex Superior Court, Docket No. 2081-00187
City of Watertown by and through its Board of Health v. Thomas B. Biondo,
Northeast Housing Court, Docket No. 23H77CV000114
City of Watertown by and through its Board of Health v. MVP Investments, LLC,
Northeast Housing Court
MacIver v. City of Watertown by and through its Board of Health, Waltham District
Court, Docket No. 2351CV000139
Town of Watertown, through its Board of Health v. Saplyko, Trustee of 777 Mount
Auburn Realty Trust, Northeast Housing Court, Docket No. 21H77CV000169
The Oakley Country Club v. Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals, Land Court,
Docket No. 19MISC000466
Pobeda RT II, LLC v. Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals, Middlesex Superior
Court, Docket No. 2181CV00057
61 Bigelow Avenue, LLC v. City of Watertown et al., Middlesex Superior Court,
Docket No. 2381CV01837

3. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:00 P.M.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. PUBLIC FORUM
6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. A Request to Confirm Marcum LLP to Conduct the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Audits.
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Establishing Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2024.
 - B. Public Hearing and Vote to Appoint the City Auditor pursuant to Section 2-7(a) of the Watertown City Charter, and establishing the City Auditor's Salary at \$125,000 pursuant to section 2-7(e) of the City of Watertown Charter.
 - C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in:
 - Howard Street – To install and maintain approximately 19 linear feet of conduit from utility pole 255/0 to manhole MH10703.
 - Westminster Avenue – To install and maintain approximately 20 linear feet of conduit from utility pole 172-1 to Main Street.
 - Main Street – To install and maintain approximately 134 linear feet of conduit from Westminster Avenue to manhole MH11286.

This work is necessary to provide electric service to the Moxley Temporary High School. The recommendations and considerations set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- A. Public Hearing, Consideration, and Vote on the Reorganization Plan by Administrative Code submitted by the City Manager pursuant to Section 6-2 of the City Charter.

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. An Order Relative to an Amendment of a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement relative to Properties at 204 Arsenal Street and 85 Walnut Street among Watertown Gables LLC; BP3-BOS4 250 Arsenal Place LLC and the City of Watertown and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Amendment of the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement on Behalf of the City.
- B. An Order to assign the name Technology Way to a new private way between Galen Street and the lower portion of Water Street, located across Aldrich Road.
- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$29,000 from Various Fiscal Year 2023 Police Department Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2023 Police Vehicle Replacement Account.
- D. Resolution approving the acceptance and expenditure of a gift of funds in the amount of \$900 (three \$300 vouchers) from Hampton Inn & Suites to help the Police Department assist an individual or family who may find themselves in need of emergency shelter.
- E. First Reading on a proposed Order that the sum of \$300,000 is appropriated to pay costs of replacing lead pipes that connect service lines to water mains, including 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), 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 lead service line replacement 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.
- F. A Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$1,300,000 from the Fiscal Year 2023 City Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2023 Transfer to Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund Account.
- G. First Reading on Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments for reducing the maximum Floor Area Ratio in the Central Business District.
- H. First Reading on Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to the transitions requirements between business, industrial or Special Zoning Districts and Residence Districts and clarifying the Special Permit Granting Authority.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Human Services Regarding the minutes from the Committee on

Human Services Meeting on May 11, 2023.

12. NEW BUSINESS
13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. Request for Confirmation of appointments and reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - B. Request for Confirmation of appointment and reappointment to the Planning Board.
 - C. Request for Confirmation of reappointments to the Affordable Housing Trust.
 - D. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee.
14. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS
16. PUBLIC FORUM
17. 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