



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on January 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
- B. This is an in-person meeting - any remote access is provided solely as a courtesy and may not be relied upon as alternative access. Therefore, any interruption in remote access technology shall not interrupt the meeting, and the meeting will proceed accordingly in person. In the event of such interruption, in-person attendance is available and encouraged.
- C. The in-person meeting will also be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=3>
- D. The public may join the in-person meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- E. The public may join the in-person meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344
- F. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
- G. Please Visit the City Council Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/350/City-Council>

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ORGANIZATION
 - A. Selection of the City Council Vice President
 - B. Selection of Seating Assignments for City Council Members
- 4. PUBLIC FORUM
- 5. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting November 25, 2025
 - B. Minutes from City Council Meeting December 9, 2025
- 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Request to Send a Letter in Support of the Willow Park Project
 - B. Authorize the Council President to Commence Negotiations with City Manager George Proakis on a Successor Employment Agreement
 - C. Committee Assignments of City Council Members

- D. Request to Refer all Outstanding Items: [Referrals Sheet](#)
- E. Adoption of the Current Rules of the City Council as the Temporary Rules of the City Council and Referral to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances for Review of the City Council Rules

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Comcast for a Grant of Location in:

Arlington Street - To install fiber utility duct and manholes along the east side of the right-of-way consisting of two and/or four 4" diameter concrete encased PVC conduits underground approximately 200 feet north from Clarendon Street to Berkeley Street with riser connections to utility poles VZ9 and VZ10 and approximately 150 feet south from Clarendon Street with riser connections to utility poles VZ9 and VZ10.

Clarendon Street – To install fiber utility duct consisting of two sets of four 4" diameter concrete encased PVC conduits underground from private property at 25 Clarendon Street into and along the Clarendon Street right-of-way to Arlington Street. Secondly, to install electric utility duct consisting of two 4" diameter concrete encased PVC conduit underground from a utility pole on the north side of Clarendon Street property across the Clarendon Street right-of-way onto the 25 Clarendon Street property.

This work is proposed to provide electrical and telecommunication services to Comcast's facility at 25 Clarendon Street. We are submitting the following recommendations and conditions for consideration by the City Council should the Grant of Location be approved for this application.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$1,156,000 is appropriated to pay costs of envelope and mechanical/energy system upgrades to Parker Building, including all costs incidental and related thereto:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
New building management system/HY AC controls	\$121,000
Insulation of top floor roof deck/attic space and adjacent walls	\$90,000
Acoustic ceiling tile replacement on third floor suites	\$120,000
Replacement of existing gas-filled roof top units with all electric air source heat pumps	\$740,000
Removal of gas lines and new electrical service for roof top units	\$85,000

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.

- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$95,000 is appropriated to pay costs of the security system enhancements, including the installation of a standby generator and associated equipment, at the Phillips School, as more fully described in the City's Fiscal Year 2026 through 2030 Capital Improvement Plan, including all other 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.
- D. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance adjusting the City Manager's salary

8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Request for Authorization to Sign a Contract Extension Term - WeDriveU
- B. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$1,417,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing the following items of departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works, including all costs incidental and related thereto:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Highway Skid Steer	\$65,000
Snow and Ice Loader 3/4 yard	\$107,000
Two (2) Cemetery Off-Road Utility Vehicles	\$30,000
Cemetery Backhoe	\$140,000
Park Division Skid Steer	\$75,000
Traffic Supervisor Vehicle #C10	\$80,000
Highway Hot Box #49	\$300,000
Snow and Ice 4x4 Sander #37	\$320,000
Cemetery Dump Truck #202	\$100,000
Small Urban Forestry Bucket Truck	\$200,000

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.

- C. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$510,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing the following items of departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works, including all costs incidental and related thereto:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
35 GVW Service Truck	\$170,000

Sewer Pump/Trailer	\$150,000
Service Response Truck #60	\$190,000

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.

- D. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$80,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a utility truck for the Department of Public Works, as more fully described in line 49 of the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2026, including all other 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.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meeting on December 1, 2025 - Palomba, Chair
- B. Committee on Public Works Report regarding its meeting on December 15, 2025 - Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To request that the City Council President schedule an informational presentation allowing public comment on the draft MAPC plan at a future City Council meeting.

- C. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report regarding its meeting on December 16, 2025 - Feltner, Chair

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee
- B. Notification to Commence Successor Contract Negotiations

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	Caroline Bays, Councilor At Large
John G. Gannon, Councilor At Large	Theophilus Offei Councilor At Large	Anthony Palomba, Councilor At Large
Nicole Gardner, District A Councilor	Lisa J. Feltner, District B Councilor	Emily Izzo, District D Councilor