



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:15 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on January 27, 2026 at 6:15 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>
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- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:15 P.M.
 - A. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares (DPW Union, Watertown Municipal Employee Group, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, Police Supervisors Union)
- 3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 5. PUBLIC FORUM
- 6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting January 13, 2026
- 7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote 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.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote 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.

- C. Public Hearing and Vote 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.
- D. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance - "Skip the Stuff" Waste Reduction Ordinance - to be continued to February 24, 2026

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Authorization to Enter into Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement with ReWild Renewables LLC
 - B. Resolution Approving the Expenditure of Gifts of Funds for the Watertown Food Pantry
 - C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$421,500 from the City Council Reserve to various Personnel accounts
 - D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$283,500 from the City Council Reserve to various Capital Improvements accounts
 - E. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$300,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a SparkCharge Level 3 mobile electric vehicle charging platform for the police station, including all other 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; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by this order shall be reduced by any grant amount received for this purpose.
 - F. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$900,404 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing three Level 3 electric vehicle chargers for the police station, including all other 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; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by this order shall be reduced by any grant amount received for this purpose.
10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
- A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health
 - B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointments to the Conservation Committee
 - C. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Community Preservation Committee
 - D. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Licensing Board
 - E. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Planning Board
 - F. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Traffic Commission
 - G. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals
 - H. Qualifications and Qualities for the City Treasurer/Collector per Charter Article 3 Section 3A
 - I. Submission of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 -2031 Capital Improvement Program
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

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

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

Theophilus Offei,
Councilor At Large

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor