



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on March 10, 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: wscd@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. PUBLIC FORUM
 4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting February 10, 2026
 - B. Minutes from City Council Meeting February 24, 2026
 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Confirmation of Appointment of Alana Berman-Gnivecki as a member of the Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee to a term expiring May 15, 2028
 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$750,000 is appropriated to pay costs of sewer system improvements for the Department of Public Works, as more fully described in line 51 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.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$450,000 is appropriated to pay costs of turnout gear replacement for the Fire Department, as more fully described in 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.
- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$30,000 From the Fiscal Year 2026 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2026 Fire Replacement of Equipment account
- C. Intermunicipal Agreement for Therapeutic Recreation Services

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Parks and Recreation Report regarding its meeting on February 19, 2026 - Offei, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the full City Council to appoint Marie-Sophie Rohwaeder to the Conservation Commission for a term expiring February 15, 2029

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the full City Council to reappoint Leo Martin to the Conservation Commission for a term expiring February 15, 2029

- B. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report regarding its meeting from January 27, 2026 - Bays, Chair
- C. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report regarding its meeting on February 10, 2026 - Bays, Chair
- D. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting from February 26, 2026 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the full City Council to reappoint Dominic Amirtharaj, MD to the Board of Health for a term expiring February 5, 2029

- E. Committee on Human Services report regarding its meeting on February 26, 2025 - Palomba, Chair
- F. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meetings on February 12 & February 25, 2026 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the full City Council to appoint Laurel Schaidler to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a term expiring November 15, 2028

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the full City Council to appoint Susan LaDue to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a term expiring November 15, 2028

- G. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meeting on February 11, 2026 - Gardner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the draft ordinance to the City Council for a first reading

- H. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report regarding its meetings on February 4, February 11, and March 2, 2026

ACTION ITEM:

To ask the City Council to adopt the 36 CIP conceptual recommendations

ACTION ITEM:

To ask the City Council to recommend that the City Manager maintain the Fiscal Year 2027 capital spending so that it does not exceed 8% of the submitted Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget, in order to meet the City Council's Budget Policy Guideline that the City should seek to make capital expenditures (including debt and exclusive of the school Building for the Future Initiative funding and enterprise funds) equal to at least 7.5-8% of the operating budget

ACTION ITEM:

To request DPW provide a memo to the City Council about ADA compliance, as raised by the Commission on Disability, for the Arsenal St sidewalk from Louise St to the Toyota dealer, addressing issues, challenges, potential short-term fixes, and potential long-term fixes

ACTION ITEM:

To request DPW provide a memo to the City Council on the status of the remaining work to be done for lead water service and gooseneck replacements and the expected completion date

- 9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Human Rights Commission
 - B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Public Arts & Culture Committee
- 10. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
- 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 12. PUBLIC FORUM
- 13. 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

