



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber - Second
Floor - 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber - Second Floor - 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472
- 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.
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- F. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
 - 2. ROLL CALL
 - 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 P.M.

- A. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares - City of Watertown v. Watertown Firefighters Association Local 1347

- 4. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
- 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6. PUBLIC FORUM
- 7. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting October 13, 2026

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

A. Proclamation Recognizing Victor Torosyan

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Goals and Evaluations for the City Manager

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$2,600,000 is appropriated to pay costs of performing infiltration and inflow reduction and sewer rehabilitation in connection with the sanitary sewer Capital Improvement Plan in the Project 5 area, including the payment of 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), M.G.L. c.44, §8(14) and/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 Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance 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.

B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$2,651,000 is appropriated to pay costs of water system improvements in connection with the water distribution Capital Improvement Plan, 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, Sections 7 and/or 8 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 Local Water System Assistance Program (L WSAP) 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.

C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$780,000 is appropriated to pay costs of the design, construction and oversight of sewer system improvements, as more fully described in Line 12 of the City's Fiscal Year 2027 through 2031 Capital Improvement Program Water/Sewer Funds, and 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) and/or §8(14), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the City Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project

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- D. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

11. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First Reading on a Proposed Order Allocating the Property Tax Levy Among or Between Property Classes for Fiscal Year 2027
- B. Resolution Authorizing a Petition for Special Legislation Relative to the Tax Status of Certain Land Owned by the Watertown Housing Authority
- C. First Reading on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 153: Demolition of Historic Buildings in the Watertown Code of Ordinances

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on September 20, 2026 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the reappointment of Zoe Weinrobe to the Watertown Affordable Housing Trust for a term expiring June 30, 2029

- B. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meeting on September 10, 2026 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To send a letter to the School Committee encouraging use of Whitney Hill as an outdoor educational laboratory

- C. Committee on Education and School System Matters Report regarding its meeting on October 13, 2026 - Izzo, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the reappointment of Elaine Mello to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation - Board of Directors to a term expiring September 15, 2029

- D. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report regarding its meetings on May 7, 2025, April 29, 2026, June 22, 2026, and September 15, 2026 - Gannon, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend the City Council initiate a zoning ordinance amendment to remove 6 Riverside St property (aka the historic Rev. Convers Francis House) from the Watertown Square by-right Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend draft changes with amendments to the ordinance Ch. 153 Demolition of Historic Buildings to the City Council for consideration and First Reading

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Commission on Disability
- B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Conservation Commission

C. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Watertown Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee

D. Therapeutic Recreation Services

15. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. PUBLIC FORUM

18. 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