



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on April 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
 - B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=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: 929 9133 1344
 - 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. Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec 21(a)(3) 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 - Collective Bargaining
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 April 9, 2024
7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$2,625,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs of the reconstruction of various streets and sidewalks as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program, including George Street, Bromfield Street, Mangano Court, Grandview Avenue, and Dwight Street, and including costs of the design, engineering, construction, construction administration

services, installation of curbing, bicycle lanes, tree plantings and other appurtenant work, and further 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,§7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance to Revise the City Code to Reflect Adoption of the Municipal Opt-In Specialized Stretch Energy Code
- B. Order Accepting Amended Easement Along Arsenal Street in Connection with Corridor Improvements and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Acceptance of said Amended Easement
- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$446,450 From the City Council Reserve to Various WMEG and Teamsters Accounts
- D. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$137,910 from the City Council Reserve to Various DPW Accounts
- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$40,000 from the Community Development and Planning Full Time Salary Account to the Commanders Mansion Account
- F. First Reading on an Amendment to the FY24 Budget to fund the Police Association Collective Bargaining Agreement
- G. First Reading on an Amendment to the FY24 Budget to fund the Library Union Collective Bargaining Agreement
- H. Discussion and Vote on Four Proposals from the Community Preservation Committee for Funding

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Economic Development & Planning Report regarding its meeting from April 16, 2024 - Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Jason Cohen for reappointment as a full member of the Planning Board to a term expiring February 15, 2027

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Gregory Girard for reappointment as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term expiring February 15, 2026

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm David Ferris for reappointment as a full member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term expiring February 15, 2029

- B. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meeting on April 2, 2024 - Gannon, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council Adopt Amended Council Rules with Supporting Referrals Chart and Definitions as described in committee meetings and as attached herein to the Rules and Ordinances Committee Report.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council Refer to Rules and Ordinances as New Business to Review the Appointment Process and Ordinances for those Boards/Committees/Commissions that Do Not Currently Require Council Confirmations, and which Are Not Solely Controlled by Statute, such as the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee, the Commission on Disability, the Historical Commission, and potentially others.

- C. Committee on Public Works Report regarding its meeting on April 16, 2024 - Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the City Council to approve the appointment of Ms. Jill Ayers to the Conservation Commission to a term expiring February 15, 2025

- 11. NEW BUSINESS
- 12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
- 13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
- 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 15. PUBLIC FORUM
- 16. 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