



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on May 14, 2024 at 7:00 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: ypiccirilli@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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 3. PUBLIC FORUM
 4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting April 23, 2024
 - B. Minutes from Special City Council Meeting April 30, 2024
 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Announcement of Committee of the Whole Meetings on Tuesday, May 21st & Wednesday, May 29th to Discuss the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
 - B. Council Clerk Evaluation
 6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. National Public Works Week Proclamation
 - B. Burnham-Manning VFW Post 1105 Day Proclamation
 - C. Ranucci Square Dedication Proclamation

D. Former Chief Orangio Proclamation and Flagpole Dedication

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Arsenal Street to install and maintain approximately 45 linear feet of conduit from pole #5/13 to a new street light control cabinet. This work is necessary to provide electric service to a street light control cabinet in front of 550 Arsenal Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.
- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Arsenal Street to install and maintain approximately 25 linear feet of conduit from pole #5/5 to a new street light control cabinet. This work is necessary to provide electric service to a street light control cabinet in front of 570 Arsenal Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.
- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Comcast for a Grant of Location in Elm Street to relocate service to 23 Elm Street from aerial to underground. This work is necessary to provide telecommunications service to 23 Elm Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.
- D. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Comcast for a Grant of Location in Main Street to install and maintain approximately 154 linear feet of 3-inch conduit in Main Street. This work is necessary to provide telecommunications service to 166 Main Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.
- E. Public Hearing and Vote on an Ordinance to Revise the City Code to Reflect Adoption of the Municipal Opt-In Specialized Stretch Energy Code
- F. Public Hearing and Vote on an Amendment to the FY24 Budget to fund the Police Association Collective Bargaining Agreement
- G. Public Hearing and Vote on an Amendment to the FY24 Budget to fund the Library Union Collective Bargaining Agreement

8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$123,700 from the FY24 City Council Reserve to Various Library Department Accounts
- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$547,000 from the FY24 City Council Reserve to Various Police Department Accounts.
- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$80,000 from the FY24 City Council Reserve to the FY24 City Attorney - Litigation/Legal Services Account
- D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$15,000 from the FY24 City Council Reserve to FY 24 City Manager Contracted Services Account
- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$542,428 from the FY24 Debt Retirement - Planned Debt Account to the FY24 Transfer to Capital Projects - IT Department Account
- F. Approval and Acceptance of Gifts of Funds Totaling \$475 from Greg Lichniak, Watertown Resident; Dr. Diane Ah-Kine', Gaze Optical ;and Tammy Mckenna,

Events Coordinator to Offset Expenditures of the Watertown Pride 2024 Events

G. First Reading of an Ordinance to Modify the Hours of Operation of City Buildings

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report regarding its meeting on April 19, 2024 - Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the proposed change to a year-round short Friday/extended Tuesday schedule for employees in City Hall, Parker Annex, and the Senior Center.

B. Committee on Public Safety Report regarding its meeting on May 7, 2024 - Airasian, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Robert Airasian for reappointment to the Traffic Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2026

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. Request for Referral to Committee regarding the Reorganization Plan

B. Consideration and Action regarding Withdrawal from Civil Service - Watertown Patrol Officers

C. Request for Confirmation for Appointments and Reappointment to the Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee

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

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. PUBLIC FORUM

15. 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