



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on August 13, 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: 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC FORUM
4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting July 9, 2024
 - B. Minutes and Report for Joint City Council and Planning Board Meetings June 13, June 27, and July 16 2024
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Honoring Kim Charlson
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Arsenal Street and Arsenal Court to install and maintain approximately 8 linear feet of conduit northerly from pole 5/20 at the intersection of Arsenal Street and Arsenal Court. This work is necessary to provide electric service to a traffic control box. 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 proposed loan order that the sum of \$500,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a new ambulance for the Fire Department, including 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.
 - C. Public Hearing and Vote on a proposed loan order that the sum of \$885,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a fire engine for the Fire Department, including 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.
8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
- A. Consideration and Approval of Exemptions of Interests of Existing City Employees in Contracts with the City Including Summer, Winter, Holiday, and After-School Program Employment Positions in Response to Disclosures Filed with the City Clerk by Prospective Employees and Certification by the Recreation Director that No Employee of that Department is Available to Perform those Services as part of their Regular Duties in Accordance with G.L. c. 268A, sec 20(b)
 - B. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$330,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs of performing infiltration and inflow reduction and sewer rehabilitation, 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.
 - C. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$65,550.00 is appropriated to pay costs of the replacement of the Department of Public Works (the "DPW") water heater that provides water to the kitchenettes, wash stations, and bathrooms throughout the DPW's complex, 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
 - D. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs of the design, construction and oversight of sewer system improvements, 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),

- M.G.L. c.44, §8(14), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.
- E. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs of the replacement of approximately 60 lead goosenecks, including the replacement of the gooseneck, replacement of the service from the water main/connection to the service box and surface restoration, and 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), 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 for Lead Service Line Replacement 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.
 - F. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs of the installation of underground ducts for utilities, 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.
 - G. First Reading on a proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$1,000,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs of the replacement of outdated unlined cast iron water mains and associated system improvements, including the replacement of approximately 2,000 LF of 6-8 inch unlined cast iron on Bigelow Street, the replacement of 2 inch mains in the vicinity of Adams Street, Oliver Road and Sweats Court, and the identification and replacement of water service connections constructed of lead service materials, and further 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, §8(5), 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 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.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Parks and Recreation Report regarding its meeting on July 8, 2024 - Palomba, Chair
- B. Committee on Public Works Report regarding its meeting on July 15, 2024 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the appointment of Ms. Lise Paul to the Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee for a term expiring May 15, 2027

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To recommend that the City Council approve the appointment of Mr. Andrew Thompson to the Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee for a term expiring May 15, 2027

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To recommend that the City Council approve the reappointment of Ms. Judy Fallows to the Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee for a term expiring May 15, 2025

- C. Committee on Economic Development & Planning Report regarding its meeting on July 15, 2024 - Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Sarah Scott for appointment as an associate member of the Planning Board to a term expiring February 15, 2027

- D. Committee on Education and School System Matters Report regarding its meeting on July 9, 2024 - Izzo, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve Jim Vershbow to the Cable Access Corporation Board of Directors for a term expiring September 15, 2025

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Referral for an Update on Watertown TMA including Shuttles and TDM Monitoring
- B. Referral to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning to discuss the creation of a Redevelopment Authority.
- C. Referral to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization to evaluate the performance management process used to evaluate Council Staff

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Environment & Energy Efficiency 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