



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:15 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on December 10, 2024 at 6:15 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
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1. ROLL CALL
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:15 P.M.
 - A. Executive Session pursuant to G.L.c. 30A, sec. 21 (a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body - 1 Grove Street & 138 Waltham Street
 - B. Executive Session pursuant to G.L.c. 30A, sec. 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or conduct negotiations with non-union personnel - City Manager Salary Adjustment
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 Special City Council Meeting November 19, 2024
 - B. Minutes from City Council Meeting November 26, 2024
7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on an Order Allocating the Property Tax Levy Among or Between Property Classes for Fiscal Year 2025

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First Reading of Proposed Loan Order that the sum of \$180,000 is appropriated to pay costs of the installation of electric vehicle charging units at (i) Nichols Ave Lot, (ii) Phillips, 30 Common Street, (iii) Skating Rink, 1 Paramount Pl, (iv) Police Headquarters, 552 Main Street and (v) such other locations as determined by the City, 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.

FURTHER ORDERED: That any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

- B. Approval and Acceptance of Gifts of Funds and Expenditures; and Gift of Personal Property for the Merry Mingle
- C. 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)
- D. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance adjusting the City Manager's salary

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meeting on November 18, 2024 - Palomba, Chair
- B. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on August 19, 2024 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the full Council vote to approve Clifford Cook for reappointment as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust for a term expiring on June 30, 2026

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To recommend that the full Council vote to approve Helen Oliver for reappointment as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust for a term expiring on June 30, 2026

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To recommend that the full Council vote to approve Zoe Weinrobe for reappointment as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust for a term expiring on June 30, 2026

- C. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on September 24, 2024 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the full Council vote to approve Shannon Lawn for reappointment as a member of the Housing Authority for a term expiring on May 15, 2029

- D. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on May 13, 2024 - Palomba, Chair
- E. Committee on Human Services Reports regarding two meetings on December 5, 2023 - Palomba, Chair

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Referral to the Committee on Parks and Recreation for discussion on the use of lights at Victory Field and other lighted fields during the late evening
- B. Referral to the Committee on Human Services to work with the Affordable Housing Trust to discuss the upcoming Affordable Housing Study

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointment to the Conservation Commission
- B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Stormwater Advisory Committee
- C. Health and Human Services Study

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