



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:15 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on February 25, 2025 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
 - 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 - 6:15 P.M.
 - A. Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c.30A, sec. 21(a)(1) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Police Supervisors Union as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the City's bargaining position
 - B. Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec.21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body - 138 - 148 Waltham Street
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 January 21, 2025
 - B. Minutes from City Council Meeting February 11, 2025
7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Review and consideration of status, and possible action, on proposed acquisition of property located at 148 Waltham Street

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Celebrating Arshile Gorky
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing the Memorialization Committee
10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. The Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight requests moving the date the City Council will adopt its conceptual recommendations on the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program from February 25, 2025 to March 11, 2025
 - B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$38,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Reserve to Fiscal Year 2025 City Manager Full-Time Salaries Account
 - C. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$45,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year Transfer to Capital Projects - Public Buildings Account
 - D. First Reading on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
 - E. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2025 Acquisition of Land Account
11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - A. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meeting on January 27, 2025 - Gannon, Chair
 - B. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on February 6, 2025 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:
To recommend that the full City Council vote to approve Jessica Malenfant as a member of the Board of Health to a term expiring February 7, 2028
 - C. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on January 16, 2025 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:
To recommend that City Council endorse the Health and Human Services Assessment and request that the City Manager take action to implement its recommendations
12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. Parker Annex Update and Budget
 - B. Victory Phase II Update Memo and Budget
 - C. Discussion of Qualities and Qualifications for a Human Services Director, per Section 3.2. 3A of the City Charter
 - D. City Logo Update

- E. Consideration and action regarding withdrawal from the Civil Service Law - All police officer positions within the Watertown Police Department above the rank of patrol officer
- F. Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption
- 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