



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on August 8, 2023 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/?channel=3>
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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 June 27, 2023
 - B. Minutes from City Council Meeting July 11, 2023
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Grove Street to install and maintain approximately 8 linear feet of conduit from utility pole #63/16 to the property line of Mount Auburn Cemetery. This work is necessary to provide electric service to the meter cabinet at Mount Auburn Cemetery. 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 Howard Street to install and maintain approximately 51 linear feet of conduit from utility pole #225/5 to the property line of municipal parking lot. This work is necessary to provide electric service to a municipal parking lot. 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 National Grid for a Grant of Location for the following installations:

Work Requiring a Grant of Location:

Nyack Street – Installation of approximately 215 linear feet of 6-inch plastic in Nyack Street from 71 Nyack Street to Madison Ave.

Work Not Requiring a Grant of Location:

Nyack Street - The relay of approximately 900 linear feet of 4-inch coated steel with approximately 900 linear feet of 6-inch plastic in Nyack Street from Belmont Street to end of main at 71 Nyack Street.

This work is part of the water intrusion program. 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 Eversource for a Grant of Location in Paramount Place to install and maintain approximately 8 linear feet of conduit from utility pole #16/68-2 to property line of #532 Pleasant Street. This work is necessary to provide electric service to 532 Pleasant 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 New Demolition Delay Ordinance Chapter 153 as Proposed to Replace the Existing Chapter 153 in its Entirety, and Endorse the New Demolition Delay Regulations.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First reading on an Order of Taking to acquire, by eminent domain, the necessary easements for the Mt. Auburn reconstruction project.
- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$27,937 from the Fiscal Year 2024 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2024 Health and Human Services Study.
- C. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000 from the Watertown Savings Bank for the SNAP match for the Farmers Market.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Parks and Recreation regarding a report from the meetings held on June 26, 2023 and July 17, 2023 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Dennis Duff for reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee for a term to expire on February 1, 2026.

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To recommend that the City Council confirm Mark Kraczkiewicz for reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee for a term to expire on February 1, 2026.

- B. Ad Hoc Committee regarding interviews for the position of Municipal Policy Analyst.
- C. Committee on Economic Development & Planning regarding a meeting held on July 10, 2023 - Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council schedules a joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board to adopt the Updated Comprehensive Plan with the eight changes recommended by the Committee.

- D. Committee on Economic Development & Planning regarding a report from the meeting on July 13, 2023 - Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council authorize the Administration to negotiate with the three cannabis operators for amendments to the Host Community Agreements as proposed, and to include a release of liability for prior impact fee payments either as part of the HCA amendment or as a separate agreement, and to bring the final agreements back to the City Council for a vote of authorization for the Manager to sign.

- E. Committee on Economic Development and Planning regarding a report from the meeting on August 2, 2023 - Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Samuel Odamah for appointment as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring February 15, 2025.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Christopher Heep for reappointment as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring February 15, 2028.

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Payson Whitney for reappointment to the Planning Board for a term expiring February 15, 2026.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Referral to the Committee on Public Works regarding winter parking bans.

10. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- A. Hiring update / refer for committee review
 - Human Resources Director
 - Chief Financial Officer
 - Police Chief

- B. Personnel / HR Department Assessment

- C. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Traffic Commission

- D. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Public Arts & Culture Committee

11. **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS**

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

13. **PUBLIC FORUM**

14. **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