

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on May 27th, 2025 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
- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM
- 4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting May 13, 2025
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Blue Ribbon Committee Report
- 6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Celebrating June 2025 as Pride Month
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on Zoning Ordinance amendments to replace, in its entirety, Section 5.06 of the Zoning Ordinance, entitled "Floodplain District", and amend or delete conflicting definitions to ensure that Watertown's floodplain regulations conform to the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- 8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. Motion to Ratify, Validate, and Confirm the approved Retirement Board's request to increase a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
 - B. First Reading on a proposed Ordinance regarding a salary adjustment for the City

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- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$470,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Reserve to Fiscal Year Transfer to Capital Projects/City and Fiscal Year 2025 Public Buildings, Building Maintenance accounts
- D. 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)

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report regarding its meeting on May 15, 2025 - Feltner, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Samuel Odamah for reappointment as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term expiring February 15, 2027.

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To recommend that the City Council confirm Melissa Santucci-Rozzi for reappointment as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term expiring February 15, 2030

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Abigail Hammett for reappointment as a member of the Planning Board to a term expiring February 15, 2028

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council confirm Janet Buck for reappointment as a member of the Planning Board to a term expiring February 15, 2028

B. Committee on Personnel and City Organization Report regarding its meeting on May 13, 2025 - Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council approve the reorganization plan to create a Health & Human Services Department

- 10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. City Council Approval of City Attorney
- 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