

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.

**\*\*\*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was held via video conference\*\*\***

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Patricelli, Councilwoman Diamond and Councilman Torncello were present.

Also present from City Administration were: City Manager Joe LaCivita, Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer and Lauren McCloskey for Goldberger & Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, and Acting Police Chief Brian Strock and Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli.

Mayor Patricelli introduced Jack Schneider from Shaker High School who has asked the Mayor to be one of his mentors as part of a school program.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 3-4-2021 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

City Manager Joe LaCivita spoke to the council on the following issues:

- The City is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the Department of Environmental Conservation to help safely remove the migratory geese at the Hudson Shores Park.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 9814** – The Council for the City of Watervliet hereby authorize Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute an annual agreement with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society for the services housing stray animals within the City limits.

*Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello, which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond this ordinance passed 3-0.*

**RESOLUTION 9815** – The Council for the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Mayor Charles V Patricelli to execute an agreement with Albany County Board of Elections for the use of the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Facility located at 1501 Broadway, Watervliet.

*Upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond, which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this ordinance passed 3-0*

**ORDINANCE No. 2042** – An ordinance of the City of Watervliet, NY providing that the Code of the City of Watervliet, Chapter 260-46 be amended.

*Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello, which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond this ordinance passed 3-0.*

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

Director of Finance Amanda Austin spoke to the council on the following items:

- Ms. Austin was on a conference call with Senator Chuck Schumer and members of NYCOM this past week to discuss the American Relief Bill that was passed on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The call was to review how the funds would be rolled out to the local communities. It is anticipated that the Federal Treasury will finalize numbers and release payments for non-entitlement municipalities within 60-days to the State of New York. The State will then have up to 120-days to disperse those funds to the local municipalities.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Laurie Zuverink – 60 Dove Street, Albany, NY
- Karyn Marinucci – 1004 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet, NY

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Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn the meeting to which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

**\*\*\*This meeting will be held virtually\*\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,  
David C. Wheatley  
Deputy City Clerk