

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Also present from City Administration were: City Manager Joe LaCivita, Deputy City Manager Mark Spain, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Police Chief Anthony Geraci, and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ellen Hughes

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the previous meeting, which Councilmen Torncello seconded. A vote was then taken to dispense with the minutes as written and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nicole Correia from MEGA CCA gave a presentation on Community Choice Aggregation dealing with the bulk purchase of electricity for residents of the City.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- City manager Joe LaCivita gave an update on the work being done by the Department of Environmental Conservation at the property located at 617 19th Street.

Mr. LaCivita also provide an update of the city's bike path grant project along Broadway.

- Deputy City Manager Mark Spain spoke about the Lead Service Line replacement grant. He discussed Phase 1 which will be on 9th Avenue between 16th and 19th Streets and Phase 2 which will be available to all City residents.

Mr. Spain also spoke about the street light maintenance program through the NY Power Authority and the issues associated with this program.

The Deputy City Manager also discussed the progress the City was making in the FERC relicensing of the Hydro Electric Dam.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9711 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs David Wheatley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise in the official newspaper of the City that a Public Hearing will be held in the J. Leo O’Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing those persons who wish to be heard regarding Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2020, a local law to amend the Code of the City of Watervliet by adding a new chapter to be known as “Chapter 146. Energy”, authorizing the creation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program, and adopting certain provisions to facilitate Program implementation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9712 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a Municipal Advisor Services Agreement with Munistat Services, Inc., with an office located 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776, to provide financial advisory services to the City of Watervliet and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9713 –The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP, with an office located at 18 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Suite 8, Albany, New York 1221, commencing on February 6, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020, for representation in Article 7 proceedings pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law along with other property tax assessment matters, and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond which was seconded by Mayor Patricelli this resolution passed 2-0. Councilman Torncello abstained from voting on this resolution due to a professional relationship with Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP.

RESOLUTION NO. 9714 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Colonie and the City of Watervliet for the removal of garbage, trash, refuse and recyclables from specific locations in the Town of Colonie and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9715 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby accepts the bid from Slack Chemical Company, Inc., 465 South Clinton Street, Carthage, New York 13619 in the amount of \$179.00 per cylinder for the year 2020, \$189.00 per cylinder for the year 2021 and \$199.00 per cylinder for the year 2022 for the furnishing of Chlorine for the City of Watervliet Water Department, the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications, and Mayor Charles V. Patricelli is authorized and empowered to execute a contract between the City of Watervliet and Slack Chemical Company, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9716 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs David Wheatley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that sealed bids will be received in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on February 25, 2020 for furnishing and installing a new roof on the Watervliet Community Center located at 1501 1st Avenue as part of the City’s CDBG Public Facilities grant. Specifications for said item will be on file and publicly exhibited at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 during normal business hours. The Council of the City of Watervliet reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding or to reject any or all bids submitted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9717 –The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and directs David Wheatley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to advertise once in the official newspaper of the City that sealed bids will be received in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Watervliet, City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10:00 AM on February 25, 2020 for furnishing and installing a new hot water boiler system in the Watervliet Community Center located at 1501 1st Avenue as part of the City’s CDBG Public Facilities grant. Specifications for said item will be on file and publicly exhibited at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 during normal business hours. The Council of the City of Watervliet reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding or to reject any or all bids submitted.

Councilman Torncello made a motion to amend the bid specifications included in this resolution to include the phrase “new heating system” which would entail heating and cooling for the property. He also requested the “hot water boiler system” be removed from the specifications before this went out-to-bid.

With those agreed upon changes upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this resolution was passed 3-0.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

- Finance Director Amanda Austin advised the Council that she sent a copy of the listing of the checks that were written by the City for the month of January 2020.

Councilman Torncello questioned Ms. Austin on a check that was cut for the ambulance billing service for December. Ms. Austin advised that the ambulance service was outsourced to another company and that this check was for the monthly fee for those services.

Councilman Torncello also questioned a check that was written out for miscellaneous services for the Police Department. Ms. Austin advised that she would research and advise him what the check was for.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1) Don Whitehead 1921 8th Avenue

After the public comment period Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending contractual issues and pending litigation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Torncello was passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:44 P.M.

An audio recording of this meeting is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by
Mayor Charles V. Patricelli at 7:55pm.

Roll call showed that Mayor Charles V. Patricelli, Councilman Peter Torncello and
Councilwoman Barbara Diamond were present.

Also present from City Administration were: City Manager Joe LaCivita, Deputy City Manager
Mark Spain, Dave Wheatley, City Clerk & Clerk to the Council, Police Chief Anthony Geraci
and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban.

The Council and administration discussed contractual issues and pending litigation. There was
no legislation voted on during the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diamond and seconded by Councilman Torncello to
adjourn the executive session which was passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM