

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH, 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 and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Hoffman

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular City Council meeting on January 20th and the Special City Council Meeting on February 27, which Councilman Torncello seconded. The meeting minutes were approved by 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- An update was provided by Jaeger & Flynn on City of Watervliet employee benefits.
- **PUBLIC HEARING-** 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.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 9726-** The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Inter Municipal Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Village of Green Island for water supply and sale, 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

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- City Manager Joe LaCivita advised that he and Director of Finance Amanda Austin certified the 2020 City Budget and provided updates on the bidding process for the roof and heating projects for the City's Public Facilities grant at the Watervliet Community Center.
- Mayor Charles Patricelli provided an update on the City's research and preparation for the COVID-19 virus and the steps that will need to be taken to help protect residents.

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW # 1 - 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 Councilwoman Diamond which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this resolution passed 3-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet authorizing and directing David Wheatley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council, to publish once a week for three weeks in the official newspaper of the City, pursuant to provisions of Section 30 of the City Charter, the proposed sale by the Council of the City of Watervliet of 2112 4th Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189 (Tax Map #32.59-2-10) (the "Property") and that a public hearing will be held on March 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the J. Leo O'Brien Senior Citizen Center, Watervliet, New York concerning the proposed sale of the Property at which time all persons interested may be heard in opposition to or in favor of such proposed sale of the Property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9728 - The City of Watervliet hereby adopts a public education and outreach plan and CCA opt-out letter and the plan and letter will be provided to the CCA Administrator and New York State Department of Public Service staff charged with reviewing on behalf of the NYSPSC, for incorporation into the CCA Program Implementation Plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9729 – 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 the City will be accepting sealed bids for 9th Avenue water replacement project. Bids will be received at Watervliet City Hall, 2 Fifteenth Street, Watervliet, New York 12189 until 10 A.M. (local time) on April 9, 2020. The City of Watervliet reserves the right to waive any informality in 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. 9730 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the Paychex Flex Time Agreement between Paychex Inc. and the City of Watervliet for access and use of Paychex' Internet-based time and attendance software application called Paychex Flex Time that also includes the lease of a time clock 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 passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9731 – 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 March 26, 2020 for a financial and administrative data processing system to serve the current and projected needs of the City of Watervliet.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9732 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves an Inter Municipal Agreement between the City of Watervliet and the Village of Menands for water supply and sale, 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 passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9733 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Transit Signal Priority Treatments between the Capital District Transportation Authority and the City of Watervliet 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. 9734 - The City of Watervliet hereby adopts the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Louis Murphy- 411 3rd Avenue
- Paul Huban- 1500 12th Avenue
- Janice Douglas- 1436 1st Avenue
- Matt Murphy 411 3rd Avenue

After the Public Hearing was closed Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond and the motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26th, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council