

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MAY 7TH, 2020 AT 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, 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, Chief of Police Anthony Geraci and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Charles Patricelli.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 4-30-20 meeting which Councilman Torncello seconded. A vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes which passed unanimously.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- City Manager Joe LaCivita spoke about the work being done at 617 19th Street by the Department of Environmental Conservation and advised that there is approximately one week of work left.
- The City Manager advised the City's MS4 Water Quality report is now available for review on the Water Department's page on the City website.
- Deputy City Manager Mark Spain reported that the City's Tree Committee has met with members of Barton & Loguidice to discuss options for the tree's to be planted along the new bike path.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chris Round and Norabelle Greenberger from The Chazen Companies gave a presentation to the Council on the City of Watervliet's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) study.
- City Clerk Dave Wheatley gave a presentation on the City of Watervliet's Fair Housing Program

RESOLUTION NO. 9746 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes participation in the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium (“NYSMEC”) for cooperative energy purchasing services for electricity and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute all required agreements and documents that are necessary and appropriate for this purpose.

Councilman Torncello made a motion to move on this resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. After discussing the proposed resolution Councilman Torncello withdrew his motion to move on the resolution and the resolution was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 9746 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby determines that the Watervliet Microenterprise Grant Program 1210ME140-19 is a Type II action and that no further action or review relative to this project is required by SEQR.

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

- *At this time Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss employment and personnel issues and contract negotiations which was seconded by Councilman Torncello.*

Mayor Patricelli asked that the Council, General Manager Joe LaCivita, Deputy General Manager Mark Spain, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban, City Clerk David Wheatley and Finance Director Amanda Austin attend the Executive Session.

This motion was approved with a 3-0 vote. The Council Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:50 PM

The minutes of the Executive Session follow the minutes from the City Council meeting in this document.

RESOLUTION NO. 9747 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes David Wheatley, City Clerk and Clerk to the Council to advertise once in the official newspaper that the Council of the City of Watervliet will hold a public hearing at the City Council meeting on May 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of reporting grants funded using CDBG program income revenue.

The hearing will provide information to the City Council and the public on the progress and effectiveness of Watervliet Housing Rehabilitation (PI-HR-2019), Watervliet Planning DRI Planning Grant (PI-CP-2019-1) and Watervliet Comprehensive Plan Grant (PI-CP-2019-2).

This public hearing will provide an opportunity for review and discussion of these grants and allows persons who wish to be heard an opportunity to comment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9748 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves, ratifies and confirms the reappointment of Paul Fahr to serve as a member of the City of Watervliet Tree Committee to March 19, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9749 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves Amendment 3 to Task Order No. 40, Task Order No. 80 and Task Order No. 90 between the City of Watervliet and Gomez and Sullivan Engineers, D.P.C. with an address of 288 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502, for engineering services regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of the Normanskill Hydroelectric Project and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9750 – A SEQRA Resolution determining the issuance of Serial General Obligation Bonds to finance the infrastructure improvements including replacement of lead lines from the municipal water main at an estimated cost of \$600,000 will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby determines that the proposed Project is a Type II action and the Council is precluded from further environmental review.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9751 – A Bond Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$600,000 aggregate principal amount of Serial General Obligation Bonds to finance the construction and reconstruction of the City of Watervliet water distribution system.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9752 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes the Mayor, General Manager and Director of Finance to take the steps necessary to cut City expenses including through the furloughing and/or laying off of City employees and further authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreements regarding employee furloughs.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

- Director of Finance Amanda Austin gave a presentation to the Council on the City's 2019 Appropriations and Accounting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Paul Hughes 108 16th Street

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

A video of this meeting is available on the City's website: www.watervliet.com

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 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, MAY 7TH, 2020**

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The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by
Mayor Charles V. Patricelli at 8:02 PM.

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, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban and Director of Finance Amanda Austin

The Council and administration discussed employment and personnel issues as well as contract negotiations.

There was no legislation voted on during the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Torncello which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond to adjourn the executive session which was passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley

City Clerk & Clerk to the Council