

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, MAY 21ST, 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 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 5-7-20 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 provided an update on the Covid-19 pandemic and advised that at this time the City is able to begin a couple of projects that had been delayed due to the Governors Executive Orders. He also advised that the city is working on changes to City Hall to protect residents and employees once the City is allowed to reopen.
- Deputy City Manager Mark Spain updated the Council on the status of the CDTA BRT and the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Lead Replacement projects.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **PUBLIC HEARING** – A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing those who wish to be heard in reference to the City of Watervliet’s CDBG funded grant programs. City Clerk David Wheatley gave a presentation outlining each program and updating the attendees on the program’s current status. The City’s CDBG programs discussed were the Watervliet Housing Rehabilitation (PI-HR-2019), Watervliet Planning DRI Planning Grant (PI-CP-2019-1) and Watervliet Comprehensive Plan Grant (PI-CP-2019-2). After the presentation Mayor Patricelli opened the hearing for public comments. There were no public comments and Mayor Patricelli closed the public hearing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9753** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby expresses its gratitude and accepts the gift of a new garbage truck from Twin Bridges Waste and Recycling, LLC. With an address of 1626 Route 9, Clifton Park, New York 12065 which shall be used for a municipal purpose.

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

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

- Director of Finance Amanda Austin updated the Council on the issues that were encountered with the issuance of the City Water Bills and advised that the finance department is working to correct the issues immediately. She also advised that if any residents have questions regarding their bill they can contact her at City Hall.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- *Before the public comment began, Mayor Patricelli addressed the attendees regarding the situation with former Police Chief Anthony Geraci.*
- Kevin Sylvester – 15 Stone Avenue, Ossining, NY
- Paul Hughes – 108 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet, NY
- Patrick Phelan – 23 Mountain Ash Drive, Rochester, NY
- Anthony Buttofucco – 30 Sunset Court, Cohoes, NY
- Dayett Koyon – 2327 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Watervliet, NY
- Paul Hughes – 108 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet, NY
- Alex Rivera – 309 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Watervliet, NY
- Becky Williams – 1525 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Watervliet, NY
- Lois Gundrum – 600 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Watervliet, NY
- Dave Wearing – 1247 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Watervliet, NY
- Lori Caplan – 70 Surrey Hill Drive, Latham, NY

After the closing of the public comment period Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilmen Torncello and the motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

A video of this meeting is available on the City's website: [www.watervliet.com](http://www.watervliet.com)

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4th, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley  
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council