

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JUNE 18th, 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 7:01 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, Acting Chief of Police Brian Strock and Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban.

Before the Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Patricelli asked for a moment of silence for retired police sergeant John W. Cannon who passed away earlier this week.

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 6-4-2020 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 the City Council with updates on the following:

- Provide a review of the amount of garbage picked up by the Refuse and Recycling department during the city's Spring Bulk Week and advised the council that the amount of garbage being picked up this year has risen approximately 50% over last year.
- The Stanton Foundation's funding that was to be used for the city's K-9 program was cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 crisis, but the City could re-apply for funding in 2021.
- The fencing for the Clinton Park Dog Park has been ordered from the AFSCO fence company and city resident John Razzano from the Watervliet Charitable Foundation will be paying for the fencing and the installation. It is anticipated that the fencing will be installed in a couple of weeks.
- Skyway Roofing has been hired to repair the roof on the pool house at the Veterans Memoria Pool and funding from a grant received from Assemblyman John McDonald.
- Mr. LaCivita thanked Mayor Patricelli, the Watervliet D.P.W. and Albany County for their work done in the paving of the DOME parking lot.

Deputy City Manager Mark Spain provided the City Council with updates on the following:

- The work being completed on the 9th Avenue Lead Line Replacement project.
- The work being completed on the Bike Path project along Broadway.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet authorizing and directing David Wheatley, Deputy 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 July 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM 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 by a 3-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 9755 – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes that the regular meetings of the Council in the months of July and August in the year 2020 be held on the following dates and times: July 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM and August 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9756 – A Resolution approving and authorizing the issuance and advertisement of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of soliciting proposals for consulting and management support to the City of Watervliet for planning, administrative and program delivery services for various state and federal grant programs.

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

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

RESOLUTION NO. 9757 - The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of \$189,488.00 from the Reserve for Equipment (HRA) to be used for the purchase of a financial and administrative data processing system for the City of Watervliet.

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

Before the Public Comment period Mayor Charles Patricelli announced that the Veterans Memorial Pool will not be opening this season due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions that would need to be implemented because of it. The mayor also stated that there were financial reasons as well due to the income tax revenue shortfall due to the pandemic.

Both Councilman Torncello and Councilwoman Diamond agreed that it was a hard decision to make but that it would be extremely difficult to meet all the state required regulations.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Amanda Austin – 4 Grotto Court, Watervliet
- Paul Hughes – 108 15th Street, Watervliet

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9th, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council