

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 7:02 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, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban and Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley.

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 7-9-2020 and the 7-29-2020 meetings which Councilman Torncello seconded. A vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes which passed unanimously.

At this time Mayor Patricelli read a proclamation and presented a plaque to former city resident Scott Earl, President and CEO of Twin Bridges Waste and Recycling proclaiming August 6, 2020 to be “Scott Earl Day” in the City of Watervliet.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

City Manager Joe LaCivita updated the council on the following items:

- Provided an update on the City’s furloughed employees and advised that there was anticipated return date of 8/10/2020.
- The City’s “Save our Small Business” grant received applications from (8) businesses throughout the City. There is a meeting to review the applications scheduled for next Tuesday.
- NewsChannel 13 did a story earlier today on the City’s dog park and the proclamation presented to Scott Earl at tonight’s meeting.
- There will be a kick-off meeting with The Chazen Co. regarding the City’s park study.
- The City awarded a contract to C&D Tree Service to remove trees in Hudson Shores Park and that work begin earlier this week.

Deputy City Manager Mark Spain reported on the following:

- Updated the Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Water Line replacement project. He advised that the final walk through was scheduled for Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and provided an update on the scheduled paving project.

- Provided an update on the Watervliet Bike Path project and advised that there is a walk through scheduled with the Watervliet Tree Committee for their recommendations on the proper trees to be placed along the bike path.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2029** – An Ordinance approving and confirming the sale of 2112 Fourth Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189 to Davco Masonry, LLC with an address at 2107 4th Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

*Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond.*

*Before voting on this resolution Mayor Patricelli read the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) form.*

*After the reading this Resolution passed by a 3-0 vote.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 9763** – A Resolution approving, ratifying, and confirming the execution by Mayor Charles V. Patricelli of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Albany and the City of Watervliet for trimming of overgrowth and painting of directional arrows.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9764** – A Resolution approving and authorizing the issuance and advertisement of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of soliciting proposals for consulting services to the City of Watervliet for a feasibility study in connection with the Watervliet/Troy Congress Street Bridge Zone Waterfront Access and Connectivity Study between the City of Watervliet and City of Troy.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9765** – A Resolution accepting the bid and awarding the contract to furnish milling and asphalt paving for the Watervliet Main Replacement – 9th Avenue Paving Phase to New Castle Paving, LLC, with an address of 1 Madison Street, Suite 200, Troy, New York 12180, in the amount of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Thirty and 00/100 Dollars (\$60,130.00), the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with the specifications and authorizing and directing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute a contract between the City of Watervliet and New Castle Paving, LLC.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9766** – A Resolution accepting the proposals from and awarding the contracts for consulting and management support to the City of Watervliet for planning, administrative and program delivery services for various state and federal grant programs to MFCS, LLC, with an address at P.O. Box 343, Watervliet, New York 12189 and authorizing and directing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute contracts between the City of Watervliet and MFCS, LLC.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9767** – A Resolution accepting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Assistant to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9768** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes Goldberg Segalla, with offices located at 8 Southwoods Boulevard, Suite 300, Albany, New York 12211 as special legal counsel to the City of Watervliet in the matter of the Fiqh Mosque v. City of Watervliet et al. and further authorizes and directs Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Goldberg Segalla.

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

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

NONE

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Before the Public Comment Period Councilman Torncello inquired as to how the City fared during the recent storm. The Mayor explained that the Fire Department received between 25-27 calls and pumped water out of 5 basements.

Mark Spain advised that the Watervliet Civic Center received a small amount of water damage from the storm.

Councilwoman Diamond asked that information regarding the Census 2020 workers going door-to-door in the City be placed on the City website.

Acting Police Chief Brian Strock told the council that new police officers McQueen and Ellis were completing their field training and are on schedule to complete on September 5<sup>th</sup>. They will immediately go into the field at that time as they have previously completed their academy training.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

NONE

Before closing the meeting, Corporation Counsel Yorden Huban the City Council, General Manager Joe LaCivita and Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley to go into Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter.

Councilmen Torncello made a motion to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:41 P.M.

After the executive session, the council came back to the public meeting where a vote was taken on Resolution # 9768.

Councilman Torncello made a motion to close the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. This motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 3rd, 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  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2020**

The meeting of the Executive Session was called to Order by  
Mayor Charles V. Patricelli at 7:48 P.M.

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, Corporation Counsel  
Yorden Huban and Deputy City Clerk and Clerk to the Council Dave Wheatley

The Council and administration discussed a litigation matter.

There was no legislation voted on during the executive session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Wheatley  
City Clerk & Clerk to the Council