

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, AT 12:00 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 12:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Patricelli, Councilwoman Diamond and Councilman Torncello were present.

Also present from City Administration were: City Manager Joe LaCivita, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, Acting Chief of Police Brian Strock, and Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli

A vote to approve the meeting minutes from the 12-17-2020 council meeting was delayed until the 1-7-2021 meeting.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

City Manager Joe LaCivita spoke to the council on the following issues:

- Provided an update on the costs of the December 17<sup>th</sup> snowstorm. He advised that the City paid approximately \$14,000.00 in overtime costs for snow removal and an additional \$30,000 in private contractor costs to assist with the cleanup. The City towed 87 vehicles during the cleanup process and currently there are 21 cars left to be picked up.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2042** - An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet adopting the annual estimate and fixing the rate to be employed in computing the amount to be collected for the City taxes for the year beginning January 1, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 9793** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves a retainer agreement for Council Services between the City of Watervliet and the law firm of GOLDBERGER AND KREMER with an address of 39 North Pearl Street, Suite 201 Albany, New York 12207, commencing on January 1st, 2021 and ending on June 30th, 2021 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 ordinance passed 3-0.*

**RESOLUTION No. 9794** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby approves and adopts provisions of executive order 202.83 whereby suspending the requirements of renewal applications as a condition to granting exemptions under section 459-C and 467 of the real property laws.

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

**RESOLUTION No. 9795** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and approves the Director of Finance to transfer funding, not to exceed \$100,000.00, from the Reserve for Repairs (HRB) to be used for repairs during fiscal year 2020

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

**RESOLUTION No. 9796** – The Council of the City of Watervliet hereby authorizes and approves the Director of Finance to transfer funding, not to exceed \$43,000.00, from the Reserve for Equipment (HRA) to be used for the purchase of a police vehicle during fiscal year 2020

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

**RESOLUTION No. 9797** - A Resolution authorizing and approving the Director of Finance to transfer, not to exceed, \$5,000 from the Reserve for Repairs (HRB) to be used for the emergency repairs to the City of Watervliet Dome Recreation Facility

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

## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING**

**None**

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

NONE

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- Before closing the meeting Councilman Torncello asked if the County or the Department of Health had made the vaccines available for City Hall employees. The Mayor advised that there has not been a time schedule released to-date regarding vaccinating the general public. Acting Police Chief Brian Strock advised that there are multiple phases to the process. The 1A group has been completed and they are now vaccinating the 1B group. The police department is categorized as Phase 2. Acting Chief Strock indicated that there has not been a clear indication as to when the vaccine would be available to the general public.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 7, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

**\*\*\*This meeting will be held virtually\*\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,  
David C. Wheatley  
Deputy City Clerk