

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, JULY 15th, 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 7:00 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, Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer of Goldberger & Kremer and Lauren McCloskey for Goldberger & Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, and Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 6-17-2021 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

Chris Round from the Chazen Company gave a report to the council regarding the City's Downtown Revitalization Initiative Plan.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

- Provided an update to the council on the city's Bulk Drop off day held at Hudson Shores Park.
- The city pool opened on June 28th and there have been no issues.
- Repairs have begun in a few different areas within City Hall and the police department.
- The new key fob system has been installed in city properties.
- A new phone system is set to be installed within the next week.
- Mr. LaCivita met with representatives from Barton & Loguidice to discuss the striping project for the bike path and discussed the development of a 5-year paving plan for the city. A study on the traffic flow in the city was also discussed.
- The City issued an RFP for a feasibility study for the Dutch Reformed Church project.
- Mr. LaCivita and Director of Finance Amanda Austin will begin working on a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the city.

- Summer DPW staff have begun painting the curbing around City Hall.
- Provided an update on the fire which occurred on June 28th on Broadway.

Mayor Patricelli provided an update on the donations received by the city to assist the families that were affected by the fire.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A Public Hearing was held regarding the City of Watervliet's Local Law No. 3 to Amend Section 30 of the charter of the City of Watervliet.

The hearing began at 7:38PM and City Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer provided an explanation of Local Law # 3.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 7:40PM

LOCAL LAW No. 3 for 2021 – A local law to amend the Section 30 of the Charter of the City of Watervliet.

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

ORDINANCE 2046 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York Amending Section 260-30 (C) "Sign Locations" of the Code of the City of Watervliet

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

RESOLUTION 9828 – Supplemental Bond Resolution of the City of Watervliet authorizing an additional not to exceed \$61,200 aggregate principal amount of serial general obligations bonds to finance the capital project described in the Combine Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plan, an estimated additional maximum cost not to exceed \$467,000 levy of tax in annual installments in payment thereof, the expenditure of such sum for such purpose and determining other matters in connection therewith.

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

RESOLUTION 9829 – A Resolution awarding a contract for Citywide Stump Removal to C & D Tree Removing and Authorizing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to Execute all required documents regarding same.

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

RESOLUTION 9830 - A Resolution Amending the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021

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

Mayor Patricelli updated the Council on the following items:

- The council meeting minutes will be updated on the city website tomorrow. The city will be releasing a new website in the coming weeks.
- Provided an update on roadwork being completed on 8th Avenue.
- The city is working with the Historical Society to promote the city's 125th Anniversary.
- The mayor met with the Commissioner of Senior Services to work to improve the services provided to the seniors in the city.
- Sun Common was asked to come in and review the solar panels in the city and provide a plan to move forward. The company that installed the panels originally has gone out of business.
- The mayor and the general manager provided an update on the city's issue with false fire alarms.
- Provided an update on the city's negotiations with Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society.
- Advised the council on the status of the city's FERC relicensing process.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Paul Huban – 1500 12th Avenue
- Don Whitehead – 1921 8th Avenue

Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss collective bargaining matters which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive session at 8:21 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 12th, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
This meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**

The executive session was called to Order by Mayor Patricelli at 8:25 PM.

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

Also present from City Administration were City Manager Joe LaCivita and Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer of Goldberger & Kremer and Lauren McCloskey for Goldberger & Kremer.

The Council and administration discussed collective bargaining issues. There was no legislation voted on during the executive session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk