

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 7:00 P.M.

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 Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer of Goldberger & Kremer and Director of Finance Amanda Austin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 9-2-2021 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

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REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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

- The city was unsuccessful in their application for grant funding for the proposed 16th Street tunnel from Broadway to Hudson Shores Park, through the CFA application process. The city has identified other potential areas of funding and is working on an application for submission at this time.
- The Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant application has been submitted.
- The 39th Annual Arsenal City Run is scheduled for this Sunday with over 300 runners signed up.
- The city pool was closed on 8/20/21 with over 600 pool passes sold.
- Brandon Upton's last day with the city was today and he is moving on to work for Albany County Department of Corrections. Mr. LaCivita is working to fill the position.
- Sun Common Solar was in the city recently reviewing the solar panels at the Library/Senior Center, Fire House and Hudson Shores Park. They will provide the city with a report on all of the systems.
- The Tree Stump grant is in its 3rd week. Over 30 stumps have been removed to-date.
- The city is nearing a final agreement with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society regarding an outstanding bill related to an ongoing court case. The city will look to sign an agreement to use the humane society services once the issue has been settled.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE No. 2049 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Section 260-30© “Sign Locations” of the code of the City of Watervliet

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

RESOLUTION No. 9834 – A Resolution approving the engagement of the UHY LLP for audits of the City of Watervliet’s 2019 and 2020 financial statements.

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

RESOLUTION No. 9835 – A Resolution approving the purchase of a 2015 Chevy Tahoe from the East Greenbush Board of Fire Commissioners.

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

RESOLUTION No. 9836 – A Resolution amending the annual budget for the fiscal year 2021.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A follow up discussion with the City Council regarding the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).

Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer and Lauren McCloskey of Goldberger & Kremer led a discussion with the council regarding the city’s options under the new Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Theresa Zubretsky, Project Manager at Capital District Tobacco-Free Coalition
- Don Whitehead – 1921 8th Avenue

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 7:46 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk