

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli 6:00 P.M.

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

Also present from City Administration were City Manager Joe LaCivita, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, City Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer, and 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 1-18-24 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Days. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

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**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

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

- Bulk pick-up will be held tomorrow, 2/16/24 for those who signed up
- National Grid gas line repairs
- Mr. LaCivita, Mr. Wheatley and members of the PBA, UFFA and CSEA unions recently reviewed city facilities as part of the Workplace Violence Program.
- Reviewed the results of the traffic light relocation meeting
- Provided an overview of the events that happened during the recent water main break that occurred in the Watervliet Arsenal.
- Recently attended a kick off meeting with engineers and the owners of the tour boat company that will operate at Hudson Shores Park
- Updated the council on the citywide lighting project.
- The city contacted O'Brien Electrical to fix the lighting issues identified at Hudson Shores Park.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- **2021 Community Development Block Grant – Housing Rehabilitation**

Mayor Patricelli opened the public hearing at 6:32PM and Steve Golding from the city gave a presentation on the grant project to the council. There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed at 6:39PM

- **2020 Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities**

Mayor Patricelli opened the public hearing at 6:40PM and General Manager Joe LaCivita gave a presentation on the grant project to the council. There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed at 6:43PM.

- **Local Law No. 1 for 2024 Amend Chapter 168-1.2**

Mayor Patricelli opened the public hearing at 6:43PM and Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer gave a presentation to the council the proposed Local Law No. 1 for 2024. There were no public comments, and the meeting was closed at 6:45PM.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 for 2024** – A Resolution amending an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Gomez and Sullivan Engineering for services required to apply for Department of Energy Funding.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 16 for 2024** – A Resolution adopting a Workplace Violence policy for the City of Watervliet.

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

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## **APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUTING**

**NONE**

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Before the public comment period Councilwoman Diamond asked for the council to be updated on issues relating to the city's Medicare insurance carrier Humana which was provided by Mr. LaCivita, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Kremer, and Mr. Wheatley.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- Holly Collett – 1812 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Phil Milano, PBA President – 2 15<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Sheri Marion – 1013 23<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Akhtar Parvez – 2302 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Ted Wojte – 1828 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Councilman Daus made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond and the motion was passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7th, 2024, 6:00 P.M.  
The meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,  
David C. Wheatley  
City Clerk