

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Roll call showed that Mayor Patricelli, Councilman Daus and Councilman Ferrandino were present.

Also present from city administration were City Manager Melissa Cherubino, Corporation Counsel Brian Kremer from Goldberg & Kremer and City Clerk Dave Wheatley

Approval of the minutes from the City of Watervliet Council meeting held March 19, 2026.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

General Manager Melissa Cherubino updated the council on the following matters:

- Assessor's work on the tax roll
- Code department had one employee leave and is now hiring (1) full-time and (2) part-time employees
- Bulk pick-up for April 17th is sold out.
- Departmental news
- City grant updates
- CRTC will perform a traffic study on 19th Street
- 25th Street project update

Mayor Patricelli addressed the council on the following items:

- Thanked Eric Smith and his staff for their work on the city's new dog park located in Clinton Park. Also thanked DPW for the installation of (2) new dog park fire hydrants that were installed.
- The city is reviewing plans for an elevator and a generator to be installed at City Hall.
- One of the Meneely Bells from the city will be displayed at Terminal C at the Albany International airport.
- Thanked everyone for their help at the Build-a-Bed event held at the Watervliet DOME.
- Discussions have begun for NY Forward grant program.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing for the purpose of public input and comments on the proposed Local Law No. 2 for 2026 which is a Local Law regarding a zoning change for property located at 329 and 330 Broadway.

Mayor Patricelli opened the public hearing at 6:07 PM and General Manager Cherubino reviewed the proposed changes with the council. There was no public comment, and the hearing was closed at 6:09 PM

ORDINANCE No. 6 for 2026 – An Ordinance amending Section 260-42, Schedule VI of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

ORDINANCE No. 7 for 2026 – An Ordinance amending Section 260-43, Schedule VII of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

ORDINANCE No. 8 for 2026 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Section 260-30 (C) “Sign Locations” of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

ORDINANCE No. 9 for 2026 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Section 260-40, Section IV “One-way Streets” of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

ORDINANCE No. 10 for 2026 – An Ordinance of the City of Watervliet, New York amending Section 260-50 Schedule XIV “Parking Prohibited at All Times” of the Code of the City of Watervliet.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 22 for 2026 – A Resolution for SEQRA review pursuant to New York State Environmental Quality Review Act related to rezoning property at 329 and 330 Broadway.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 23 for 2026 – A Resolution authorizing work to begin on the City of Watervliet Pool and Bathhouse Renovation project funded by grant money received from the Dormitory Authority of New York State (DASNY).

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION No. 24 for 2026 – A Resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Watervliet and Northeast Testing Upstate, LLC and authorizing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute all documents regarding same.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION 25 of 2026 – A Resolution authorizing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute a memorandum of understanding (the “MOU”) with the Village of Menands for use of the city’s street sweeper for two weekends, April 10th-13th and April 17th – 20th.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION 26 of 2026 – A Resolution authorizing application for funding through the New York Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization (NY PLAYS) initiative.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION 27 of 2026 – A Resolution committing local match for NY PLAYS GRANT application.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION 28 of 2026 – A Resolution amending the 2026 City of Watervliet General Fund Budget.

Councilman Ferrandino made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Daus. The motion passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION 29 of 2026 - A Resolution categorizing the proposed NY PLAYS grant funded Clinton Park Expansion Project as an Unlisted Action for State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) purposes and making a determination on the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Councilman Daus made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Matt Beeble – 1016 24th Street

Councilman Daus reminded everyone of the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event to be held on Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 AM at the Watervliet Senior Center.

Councilman Daus made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Ferrandino. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM

The next regular scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Watervliet Cultural Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Wheatley, City Clerk