



Watertown City Council  
Monday, September 12, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

The City Council meeting is open to the public,  
And will be held at the Zoo New York, 1 Thompson Park, Watertown, NY

Discussion Items:

1. Zoo Master Plan Update
  - Lawrence J. Sorel, Executive Director/CEO
2. Zoning Discussion
  - Lisa C. Nagle, AICP, RLA, Principal, Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture, PLLC
  - Lawrence Howard, Esq., Shulman, Howard, & McPherson LLP

Staff Reports:

1. Review and Discussion of the City's Draft Zoning Ordinance

Work Session

September 8, 2022

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Michael A. Lumbis, Planning & Community Development Director

Subject: Review and Discussion of the City's Draft Zoning Ordinance

At the April 20, 2020 meeting, the City Council approved a contract with Elan Planning for the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Project. Since that time, Elan Planning has been working with Planning Department staff and the Zoning Re-Write Steering Committee on updating the City's Zoning Ordinance. This marks the first time that the Ordinance has been completely updated since it was first adopted in 1959.

The draft Ordinance was first introduced to Council at the August 8, 2022 Council meeting where each member received a printed copy including the draft map. The next day, two open houses were held for the purposes of introducing the draft and answering questions. The following day the draft ordinance and map were placed on the City's website for the public's review and a comment portal was available. A second open house will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, from 4:00-6:00pm, prior to the Council work session to gain further public input.

The purpose of Monday night's work session will be to review the draft Ordinance with Council members and discuss any questions, comments or concerns they may have. The consulting team and staff from the Planning Department will be there to facilitate the discussion and clarify any questions to ensure that Council members are comfortable with the Ordinance before the finalization steps begin.