

**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
March 23, 2021  
5:00 p.m.**

**Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith Presiding**

**Present:** Council Member Sarah V. Compo  
Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson  
Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero  
Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith

**Also Present:** Kenneth A. Mix, City Manager

**City staff present:** Police Chief Charles Donoghue

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 19 - Adopting Police Reform Plan

**Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk**

Mayor Smith opened the adjourned meeting from March 15, 2021.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 19 - Adopting Police Reform Plan**

**Introduced by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson**

WHEREAS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 203 on June 12, 2020, which mandated that every local government entity with a police agency develop a plan to improve the deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices of the agency for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the community, and

WHEREAS the Executive Order requires that a certification to the fact that the City Council adopted a plan be submitted to the Division of Budget by April 1, 2021, and

WHEREAS a Police Reform Plan for the City of Watertown's Police Department was developed using a collaborative process that followed the guidance issued by the State of New York,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Watertown's Police Reform Plan, dated March 23, 2021 is hereby adopted.

**Seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, each member of Council thanked the City Manager, Police Chief, Police Department and stakeholders for their participation and work put into developing this, as well as the public for their input. It was noted that this was a healthy process and an opportunity for the City to take a look at itself, but since the Police Department was already accredited, many of the policies had been reviewed and elements put in place through the accreditation process.

City Manager Mix explained the timeline and next steps for submitting the plan to the State.

**At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. by motion of Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson, seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting in favor thereof.**

*Ann M. Saunders*  
City Clerk