

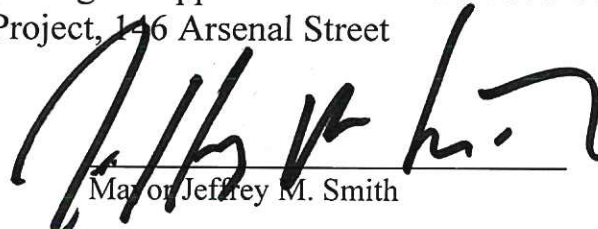


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WAIVER AND CONSENT TO SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

We, the undersigned, constituting the Mayor and all of the Council of the City of Watertown, hereby waive all notice whatsoever of a special meeting of the Council, as called by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce as otherwise required by the Rules of Council contained in Section A321-4 of the Watertown City Code, and do agree and consent that a special meeting may be held in the City Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the object of two Public Hearings for Restore NY Funding applications, Resolution Sponsoring and Supporting an Application for Restore NY Funding for the Greenleaf Builders Special Project at 567 and 571 Fairbanks Street and 629 Factory Street, and Resolution Sponsoring and Supporting an Application for Restore NY Funding for the YMCA Community Center Project, 146 Arsenal Street



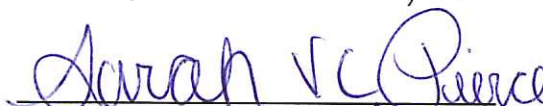
Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith



Council Member Patrick J. Hickey



Council Member Clifford G. Olney III



Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce



Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
January 25, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith Presiding

Present: Council Member Patrick J. Hickey
Council Member Clifford G. Olney III
Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce
Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero
Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith

Also Present: Kenneth A. Mix, City Manager
Justin Miller, Interim City Attorney (via Teleconference)

City staff present: Michael Lumbis, Jennifer Voss

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution 1 - Sponsoring and Supporting an Application for Restore NY Funding for the Greenleaf Builders Special Project at 567 and 571 Fairbanks Street and 629 Factory Street
- Resolution 2 - Sponsoring and Supporting an Application for Restore NY Funding for the YMCA Community Center Project, 146 Arsenal Street

Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk

Mayor Smith asked the City Clerk to read the notice of the Special Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:01 p.m. Mayor Smith asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing concerning the application for Restore NY Funding for the Greenleaf Builders Special Project at 567 and 571 Fairbanks Street and 629 Factory Street.

Mayor Smith declared the hearing open at 6:01 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Smith declared the hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.

At 6:02 p.m. Mayor Smith asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing concerning the application for Restore NY Funding for the YMCA Community Center Project, 146 Arsenal Street.

Mayor Smith declared the hearing open at 6:02 p.m.

Jonathan Phillips, 735 Mill Street, expressed his opposition to the application for the YMCA Community Center Project and said he thinks the money should be used for something else within the City.

Mayor Smith declared the hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1 - Sponsoring and Supporting an Application for Restore NY Funding for the Greenleaf Builders Special Project at 567 and 571 Fairbanks Street and 629 Factory Street

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City of Watertown is eligible for grant funding under Round 7 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the City Council has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one special project to be included in an application that will be submitted to the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as follows:

The adaptive reuse of three buildings located at 567 and 571 Fairbanks Street and 629 Factory Street into a mix of commercial space and approximately 130 units of housing, both market rate and workforce housing, known as Housing at the Carriages, and

WHEREAS this special project is consistent with all existing local plans, the proposed financing is appropriate for the project, the project will facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the City of Watertown,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby supports and will sponsor a special project application for Restore NY funding for the Housing at the Carriages Project located at 567 and 571 Fairbanks Street and 629 Factory Street and will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations established by ESDC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to sign the application and any agreements required by ESDC for grant funding that results from the application.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Olney commented that affordable housing is needed in the City.

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

Resolution 2 - Sponsoring and Supporting an Application for Restore NY Funding for the YMCA Community Center Project, 146 Arsenal Street

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City of Watertown is eligible for grant funding under Round 7 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the City Council has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one regular project to be included in an application that will be submitted to the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as follows:

Redevelopment of 146 Arsenal Street. The project will assist the Watertown Family YMCA to redevelop a large vacant brownfield site in the center of Watertown's

downtown to become an 89,880 square foot thriving community and aquatic center,
and

WHEREAS this project is consistent with all existing local plans, the proposed financing is appropriate for the project, the project will facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the City of Watertown,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby supports and will sponsor an application for Restore NY funding for the YMCA Community Center Project located at 146 Arsenal Street and will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations established by ESDC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to sign the application and any agreements required by ESDC for grant funding that results from the application.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Ruggiero asked if the YMCA was the only one to apply for this funding.

Mr. Mix explained that the YMCA was one of many that applied during the first round of funding, and at that time, Council indicated that the YMCA project would be the first in line if there was to be a second round of funding. He added that staff did not solicit applications for the second round of funding due to that reason.

Council Member Ruggiero pointed out that this is funding applied for on behalf of the YMCA and the City serves as a pass-through entity. Responding to Mr. Philips' comments, she stated that the funding cannot be used for anything else by the City because it is for projects that meet the Restore NY grant requirements.

Council Member Olney remarked that this project will improve the quality of life in the City and noted that additional funding is needed due to the costs of the project escalating after COVID. He also pointed out that the YMCA offers scholarships for people who cannot afford their programs, regardless of whether they are a member or not.

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 6:09 p.m. by motion of Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero, seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk