

**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
July 6, 2023  
2:00 p.m.**

**Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith Presiding**

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

**Not Present:** Council Member Patrick J. Hickey

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

**City staff present:** Michael Lumbis, Geoffrey Urda, Seth Bailey, Kyle Meehan

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Streetscape Parking Alternatives (Continued Discussion)

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

Mayor Smith opened the adjourned meeting from July 3, 2023.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Streetscape Parking Alternatives (Continued Discussion)**

Mayor Smith asked if staff could provide an update since the last meeting.

Planning and Community Development Director Michael Lumbis explained that he had spoken to Mr. Ferris, one of the owners of the Key Bank building, and was told that the owners are not interested in contributing to the cost of returning the parking in front of their building.

Mayor Smith reviewed the process of when the streetscape plan, originating as a DRI project, was presented to the public and business owners.

Mr. Lumbis provided further information on the initial concept of this project, which was a part of the DRI funds awarded and then was combined with the pedestrian safety project. He informed Council of the dates the plans and design were presented to the business owners in the downtown area, at public forum and Council work session. He noted that Mr. Coon, the previous owner of the Key Bank building, was involved in the initial presentation and made aware of the plans for this area. He reviewed the history of the project.

Mayor Smith explained the two options: Option A included two parallel ADA parking spots on Washington Street, leaving the bump-out design the same, and two new parking spots on Stone Street with a cost of approximately \$1,000; Option B included two angled ADA parking spots on Washington Street, with a smaller bump-out design including the removal of the flower planters, and two new parking spots on Stone Street with a cost of approximately \$38,600.

A lengthy discussion between Council and the two property owners of the Key Bank ensued with multiple questions posed. Mr. Lumbis defended the City's intent for the initial design and process, stressing the safety of pedestrians.

Mayor Smith polled Council for their determination of which option to proceed with and all of the members present, including himself, decided on Option B.

**Motion was made by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero to move into Executive Session to discuss the Employment History of a Particular Person or Corporation.**

**Motion was seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all present voting in favor thereof.**

Council moved into Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

Council Member Pierce left Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

Council reconvened at 4:06 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 4:06 p.m. until Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. by motion of Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero, seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all present voting in favor thereof.**

**Ann M. Saunders**  
City Clerk