# CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF WATERTOWN July 21, 2025 7:00 p.m.

## Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce Presiding

**Present:** Council Member Robert O. Kimball

Council Member Clifford G. Olney III Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen

Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce

**Also Present:** Eric F. Wagenaar, City Manager

Kristen E. Smith, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, City Attorney

City staff present: Erica Anderson, Michael Lumbis, Aaron Harvill, Brian MacCue, Angel French

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Pollution Control Facility (PCF) Equipment
- Resolution No. 2 Approving the Grant Disbursement Agreement with Empire State Development for the Watertown Masonic Temple Renovation Phase 3 Restore NY IV, Project AB792 (#124,657)
- Resolution No. 3 Approving the Participant Grant Agreement with 242 Washington Street, LLC for the Restore NY IV Project Known as the Masonic Temple Renovation Phase 3
- Resolution No. 4 Declaring the City Council's Intent to Serve As Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for a Public Water Quality Improvement Project Known As the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project
- Resolution No. 5 Authorizing the Submission of a NYS Empire State Development Corporation Pro Housing Supply Funds Program Grant Application for the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project
- Resolution No. 6 Authorizing the Submission of a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program Grant Application for the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project
- Resolution No. 7 Authorizing Adjustment to the 2025-26 City Tax Bill for 907 Water Street, Parcel No. 04-26-210.000
- Resolution No. 8 Authorizing Adjustment to the 2025-26 City Tax Bill for 526 Factory Street, Parcel No. 06-04-231.000
- Tabled Proposed Local Law of 2025 A Local Law to Create an Exception to the Residency Requirement Under Section 3 of the New York State Public Officers Law as Applied to the Current Holders of the Offices of City Manager, City Engineer, and Superintendent of Public Works
- Sale of Surplus Hydro-electricity June 2025
- Sale Tax Revenue June 2025

Meeting opened with a moment of silence and Mayor Pierce asked that it be in remembrance of Karen Hodge, who recently passed away after an e-bike accident in Thompson Park.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2025 and work session July 14, 2025 was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero, seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

## COMMUNICATIONS

An email was received from Debbie and Bill Dermady, 118 Seymour Street, speaking in opposition to approving the exception to residency requirements for certain City Officers.

# PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

<u>Christopher Tehonica</u>, Carthage, thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for helping to make this year's Thousand Islands Challenge successful. He also announced that this year Stewart's Shoppe sponsored the event. Lastly, he discussed the homeless situation and hoped there could be help to these individuals.

<u>Stanley Campany</u>, Public Square, spoke of an individual who has taken it upon himself to clean up the street he lives on within the City and wished there were more individuals willing to do the same. He suggested offering community service credits to school-aged children and/or boys scouts who assist in community cleanups. He also mentioned a person who fell due to a sidewalk in Peanut Park needing repair.

<u>Jonathan Phillips</u>, 735 Mill Street, complained about the scheduling of events during the Jefferson County Fair conflicting with the Lewis County Fair. He also expressed concern about the water district that was accessed during the recent fire on Temple Street and said the pipes should be the same size throughout the City.

<u>Adam Ruppe</u> expressed concern about the speed bumps recently added in Thompson Boulevard and offered suggestions as to how to improve them. He also suggested the City use the Transportation Commission for input regarding updates, such as these speed bumps. He urged Council to reconsider the installation of the speed bumps.

<u>Erik Hicks</u>, informed Council that he operates Salmon River Cannabis dispensary in Pulaski and offered insight on the operations of a dispensary within a municipality. He compared it to running a liquor store, but more highly regulated, and he indicated that most of his patrons are 40 years old and older who are looking for alternative treatments for medical conditions. Lastly, he explained the tax revenue calculation and estimated that the Village of Pulaski has earned approximately \$150,000 in the last year.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Pollution Control Facility (PCF) Equipment

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has surplus equipment, the description of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

WHEREAS this surplus equipment may have some value best determined by an online auction,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby authorizes the sale, by online auction, of the surplus equipment as described in the attached listing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final acceptance of such bids shall constitute acceptance of the same by the City Manager.

Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting yea.

# Resolution No. 2 - Approving the Grant Disbursement Agreement with Empire State Development for the Watertown Masonic Temple Renovation Phase 3 Restore NY IV, Project AB792 (#124,657)

## Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City Council adopted a resolution on September 19, 2016, sponsoring and supporting an application for Restore NY Funding, to secure grant funding for the rehabilitation of the Masonic Temple building located at 242 Washington Street, and

WHEREAS New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development, awarded the City \$500,000 for the project, and

WHEREAS it is necessary to enter into a formal Grant Disbursement Agreement with Empire State Development for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves the Grant Disbursement Agreement between the City of Watertown and New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution, for the Watertown Masonic Temple Renovation Phase 3 Restore NY IV Grant in the amount of \$500,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Grant Disbursement Agreement on behalf of the City and execute any other certifications or documents required to accept the grant and administer the project.

# Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Kimball mentioned that the information attached to the resolution indicated there is a 10% City match to the grant.

Planning and Community Development Director Michael Lumbis explained that the match is the responsibility of the developer and that the City is only a passthrough entity. He further explained that the next resolution is for the agreement between the City and the developer to ensure that they cover the 10% match. Mr. Lumbis responded to questions from Council Member Olney and Council Member Shoen regarding the timeline of the project, the work that is covered by this grant, and what has been

completed to this point. He added that the project also was awarded DRI funds, which will cover additional work to the building.

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

Resolution No. 3 - Approving the Participant Grant Agreement with 242 Washington Street, LLC for the Restore NY IV Project Known as the Masonic Temple Renovation Phase 3

### Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has been awarded \$500,000 in grant funding from the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development (ESD) through Round IV of the Restore NY Grant Program for the Watertown Masonic Temple Renovation Phase 3 Project, and

WHEREAS at its July 21, 2025 meeting, the City Council of the City of Watertown considered a resolution approving the Grant Disbursement Agreement between the City and ESD for the project, and

WHEREAS the Watertown Masonic Temple Renovation Phase 3 Project will include the exterior rehabilitation of 242 Washington Street, including replacement of the portico roof, restoration of two supporting columns, construction of a new entrance, back wall replacement and replacement of the basement windows, and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the City to enter into a Participant Grant Agreement with 242 Washington Street, LLC, for the purpose of reimbursing the owner for the construction costs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby approves the Participant Grant Agreement with 242 Washington Street, LLC, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

for the Restore New York IV grant in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the Watertown Masonic Temple Renovation Phase 3 Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City Council and any other certifications or documents required to administer the grant.

Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 4 - Declaring the City Council's Intent to Serve As Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for a Public Water Quality Improvement Project Known As the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project

# Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown has developed the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer (WOTS) Preliminary Engineering Reports to document system infiltration and inflow (I/I), surcharging during wet weather events, and structural vulnerabilities in the trunk and collector systems in the WOTS, and

WHEREAS these conditions have resulted in sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), basement

backups and emergency pumping operations near Butterfield Avenue, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown proposes inflow and infiltration improvements to remove I/I in the WOTS, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation formally issued an Order on Consent (Case No. R6-20230502-14) on September 21, 2023, requiring the City to take corrective action to mitigate these recurring violations of SPDES permit conditions; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City to comply with the applicable environmental review requirements for the project, through careful consideration of the relationship among component activities, and evaluate their cumulative environmental effects; and

WHEREAS, the Project, under the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) has been determined to be classified as a Type 1 action requiring a coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown City Council declares its intent to serve as Lead Agency to conduct an environmental review of the Project in accordance with SEQRA,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the applicable standards of SEQRA (6 NYCRR Part 617.6) the City of Watertown City Council hereby declares its intention to act as Lead Agency for the review of the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project under SEQRA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Sarah V.C. Pierce, or her designee, is authorized to send or designate and delegate the sending of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and other relevant project information to all involved and interested agencies indicating the City of Watertown City Council's intention to serve as Lead Agency and to coordinate review under SEQRA. **Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting yea.** 

# Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing the Submission of a NYS Empire State Development Corporation Pro Housing Supply Funds Program Grant Application for the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project

## Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS, the NYS Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) is accepting grant applications for the Pro Housing Supply Funds Grant Program through the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown is a Certified Pro-Housing Community and is eligible for grant funding through the program, and

WHEREAS, ESD has made available up to \$100 million to help finance essential infrastructure projects – such as sewer and water system upgrades – needed to facilitate new housing development in certified Pro-Housing Communities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown has completed a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer (WOTS) to document system infiltration and inflow (I/I), surcharging during wet weather events, and structural vulnerabilities in the trunk and collector systems, and

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in multiple sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), basement backups and emergency pumping operations near Butterfield Avenue and the City of Watertown proposes inflow and infiltration improvements to prioritized sub basins to remove I/I; and,

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation formally issued an Order on Consent (Case No. R6-20230502-14) on September 21, 2023, requiring the City to take corrective action to mitigate these recurring violations of SPDES permit conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Consent Order Required Action 3 states, "Respondent shall cease approving any new sanitary connections to the collection system in the WOTS basin, unless Respondent develops and implements an Offset Plan. Said plan shall be subject to DEC approval and must account for the removal of I/I flow in WOTS basin equal to three times the anticipated flow of any new sanitary connection(s), and

WHEREAS, the removal of I/I is directly linked to the City's ability to issue sanitary sewer connection permits for new housing developments in the southwest area of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit an application for up to \$10 million to Empire State Development through the Pro-Housing Supply Funds Grant Program for the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project to address an essential sewer infrastructure project that will aid in attracting new housing development in the City, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 6 - Authorizing the Submission of a NYS Department of Environmental
Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program Grant Application for the Western Outfall
Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project

#### Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is accepting grant applications for the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant program through the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown is eligible for grant funding through the WQIP grant program, and

WHEREAS, DEC has made available up to \$75 million to help finance implementation projects that directly improve water quality or habitat, promote flood risk reduction, restoration, and enhanced flood and climate resiliency, or protect a drinking water source, and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown has completed a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer (WOTS) to document system infiltration and inflow (I/I), surcharging during wet weather events, and structural vulnerabilities in the trunk and collector systems, and

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in multiple sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), basement backups and emergency pumping operations near Butterfield Avenue and the City of Watertown proposes inflow and infiltration improvements to prioritized sub basins to remove I/I; and,

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation formally issued an Order on Consent (Case No. R6-20230502-14) on September 21, 2023, requiring the City to take corrective action to mitigate these recurring violations of SPDES permit conditions,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit an application for up to \$10 million to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation through the Water Quality Improvement Program for the Western Outfall Trunk Sewer Critical Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project to address essential sewer infrastructure improvements in the Wester Outfall Trunk Sewer drainage basin, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required.

# Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Kimball noted this grant application and the previous resolution's grant application are for up to \$10 million, and he wondered who determines the final amount.

Mr. Wagenaar explained the grants are decided on a competitive basis, but staff hope to get the maximum amount from each grant. In response to Council Member Shoen's inquiry of how the City will pay for the amount of the match, he said the City will probably bond for it. At the request of Council Member Olney, Mr. Wagenaar explained why this project is needed and the details of the consent order and the investigation into the problem, as well as the future work that will be needed. Lastly, he assured Council Member Ruggiero that there were no new projects being delayed by this at this time.

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

Resolution No. 7 - Authorizing Adjustment to the 2025-26 City Tax Bill for 907 Water Street, Parcel No. 04-26-210.000

## Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS an amount of \$1,458.00 representing an unpaid Code Enforcement invoice for trash removal was relevied to the 2025-26 City tax bill for 907 Water Street, and

WHEREAS the full amount of the relevied Code Enforcement invoice was subsequently determined to have been billed in error to the incorrect property owner,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby reduces the 2025-26 City property tax bill for 907 Water Street, Parcel No. 04-26-210.000, by \$1,458.00 for the erroneously relevied Code Enforcement invoice for trash removal charges, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the above amount is abated and the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to mark the books and records accordingly.

Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting yea.

# Resolution No. 8 - Authorizing Adjustment to the 2025-26 City Tax Bill for 526 Factory Street, Parcel No. 06-04-231.000

# Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS an amount of \$356.40 representing an unpaid Code Enforcement invoice for snow and ice removal was relevied to the 2025-26 City tax bill for 526 Factory Street, and

WHEREAS it was determined upon review that the work took place in an area where the property boundary between two parcels was not clearly distinguishable and the adjustment was inadvertently not processed prior to the unpaid amount being relevied to the property's tax bill, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby reduces the 2025-26 City property tax bill for 526 Factory Street, Parcel No. 06-04-231.000, by \$356.40 for the erroneously relevied Code Enforcement invoice for snow and ice removal charges, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the above amount is abated and the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to mark the books and records accordingly.

Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting yea.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Local Law of 2025 - A Local Law to Create an Exception to the Residency Requirement Under Section 3 of the New York State Public Officers Law as Applied to the Current Holders of the Offices of City Manager, City Engineer, and Superintendent of Public Works. (Introduced June 16, 2025; public hearing held July 7, 2025 and then tabled; appears in its entirety in the 2025 Minutes Book on page 17-19 of the 6/16/2025 minutes).

Motion was made by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero to remove the foregoing resolution from the table. Motion was seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council Member Ruggiero said she received a phone call from Assemblyman Scott Gray suggesting home rule legislation should be done with Albany to "bulletproof" this law. She said Assemblyman

Gray indicated work on the home rule legislation could start this fall but it would not be passed until next year. She wondered if this local law was adopted whether it could be repealed in the future.

City Attorney Kristen Smith replied that the local law could be repealed at any time and advised that Council could pass this local law and still ask for home rule legislation at the State level.

Council Member Kimball commented that it is unlikely the next Council would rescind this, especially since it only applies to the current holders of these positions.

There was a lengthy dialogue between Council Member Olney and the City Attorney, and Council Member Olney explained why he not only supports providing the exemption to the current holders of these positions but also to all of the City Officers. He stressed that he does not want to hurt the City because he thinks the City has the right people in these positions.

Mayor Pierce stated she has been contacted on both sides of this issue. She stressed this was a difficult decision, but the City Manager is doing an exemplary job and his experience and connections to the community would be hard to replicate. She said the City has a lot of issues, on which they are just starting to make progress, so not offering this exemption could stall this progress. She added that the City should survey employees as to why they do not want to live in the City and offer incentives to future employees who are or who become City residents.

In response to Council Member Ruggiero's question of whether these people are still employed by the City if the local law did not pass, Attorney Smith indicated they would be, but they would be required to move into the City limits. She advised the City has not been in compliance with State law until now, but it would be difficult to continue that. She agreed with Mayor Pierce's statement that the City now has the burden of knowledge, which puts them on notice.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing local law and carried with all voting yea except for Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero voting nay.

#### STAFF REPORTS

## Sale of Surplus Hydro-electricity and Sale Tax Revenue – June 2025

Council Member Kimball mentioned that the hydro revenue looks good, but he expressed concern with the sales tax revenue. He noted there is still concern for what sales tax will do going forward.

Council Member Olney talked positively of the hydro revenue and sales tax revenue for the future, stressing the impact that Micron coming to Syracuse might have on this area as well.

### NEW BUSINESS

# Response to Privilege of the Floor – Mr. Tehonica's comments

Council Member Kimball thanked Mr. Tehonica for his interest in youth sports, as well as for his comments regarding the good work of the Parks and Recreation Department.

## **Ethics Hearing – Complaint Against Council Member Olney**

Council Member Kimball stated that he intends to bring a resolution forward at the next Council meeting requesting Council proceed with the ethics hearing involving a complaint against Council Member Olney. He read from a prepared statement explaining the reasons the hearing was delayed and his reasons for wanting to proceed through the process.

Council Member Olney argued why he thinks the ethics complaint was wrongfully handled and that it was done only as a political ploy by former Mayor Smith. He also suggested why he thought Council Member Kimball would want to proceed with the ethics hearing.

### **Hydro Water Releases**

Council Member Olney said he received a call from Nancy Wheels who said the water being released by the hydro plant is affected by the leak of water going around the wall. He added that she is a member of NY Rivers, and he plans to speak to her because it might affect what the City needs to do in order to be in compliance. He said he would forward the information to the City Manager.

# **Huntington Street**

Council Member Olney said he received a complaint that water was running down this street into a resident's yard.

## **Disinfectant Bi-Products**

Council Member Olney asked for an update on this project at the next work session.

### **Sewall's Island Fence**

Council Member Olney mentioned the chain link fence on Sewall's Island, stating it was installed for insurance purposes.

#### e-Bike Tragedy

Council Member Olney said his heart goes out to the family affected by this and he would like to know more about the installation of the speed bumps.

#### **FOIL Request**

Council Member Olney questioned who runs the City, wondering whether it is the lawyers, the Council or the City Manager, and he expressed his frustration about recent decisions made regarding his request for unredacted invoices from former City Attorney Harris Beach, in particular Todd Bullard. He said he would like to know what lawyer made the decision to redact the information that he was requesting. He said he plans to do an independent investigation

Attorney Smith replied that his requests for information are not being ignored and that she is working on a response to him, which should be sent to him this week.

#### **Block Party**

Council Member Ruggiero announced the July Block Party will be this Friday and she thanked everyone involved in making this event happen.

## **Hospice Annual "Make Every Day Matter" Award**

Council Member Ruggiero announced that longtime northside resident, Sylvia Buduson, was awarded this recognition from Hospice this year. She congratulated her and spoke of everything that Ms. Buduson has done for the community.

# **City Residency Exemption for Certain City Officers**

Council Member Shoen said this was not an easy vote for him to make and explained his reasons for voting in favor of the local law. He stressed that, in the last 15 years, there has been a lot of turnover in the City Manager position, and he noted setbacks that occur with each turnover due to the lack of knowledge of current City issues. He said he believes this is the right action for the City and taxpayers at this time.

## Sales Tax Revenue

Council Member Shoen pointed out that sales tax has seen minimal increases over the last few years, which will continue to make decisions harder at budget time.

# **Jefferson County Fair Scheduling**

In response to Mr. Phillips' comments during Privilege of the Floor, Council Member Shoen advised that the City is not responsible for the scheduling of events for the Jefferson County Fair. He suggested there be a liaison between the fairs in Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

### Dogs at Farmers' Market

Mayor Pierce said she had received a complaint about dogs at the Farmers' Market and reminded the public that dogs were banned from this event due to an incident in which a dog attacked a young child several years ago.

## **Mayor's Email**

Mayor Pierce reminded everyone that her email address is no longer <a href="scompo@watertown-ny.gov">scompo@watertown-ny.gov</a> and that it is <a href="spierce@watertown-ny.gov">spierce@watertown-ny.gov</a>. She asked Council Members to forward her any emails that they see going to the wrong email address.

#### **Homelessness Update**

At the request of Mayor Pierce, Mr. Wagenaar provided Council with an update regarding the recent changes on how the City, County and DSS will be jointly addressing the homeless issue.

Motion was made by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero to move into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation and collective bargaining.

# Motion was seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

#### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 9:05 p.m. by motion of Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero, seconded by Council Member Benjamin P. Shoen and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

<u> Ann M. Saunders</u>

City Clerk