

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
January 7, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham Presiding

Present: Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.
Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso
Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith
Mayor Graham

Not Present: Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

Also Present: Sharon Addison, City Manager
Robert J. Slye, City Attorney

City staff present: Elliott Nelson, Jim Mills, Ken Mix, Kurt Hauk, Amy Pastuf, Chief Herman, Gene Hayes, Erin Gardner, Michael Sligar, Brian Phelps, Justin Wood, Barb Wheeler, Peter Keenan

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Appointment of Commissioner of Deeds
- Resolution No. 2 - Designating Depositories of City Funds for 2013
- Resolution No. 3 - Readopting Fiscal Year 2012-13 Sewer Fund Budget and Approving Supplemental Appropriation No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2012-13 for Various Accounts
- Resolution No. 4 - Selecting Avalon Associates, Inc. as the City of Watertown's Small Cities CDBG and HOME Consultant
- Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing Application for FEMA's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program
- Resolution No. 6 - Approving Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement, GHD Consulting Engineers LLC
- Resolution No. 7 - Accepting of Conveyance by NYSDOT as a City Street, Dedicating Said Street, and Naming the Street as Western Boulevard
- Ordinance No. 1 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$200,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Costs of the Construction or Reconstruction of Sidewalks in Special Assessment District No. 9 Within the City
- Ordinance No. 2 - Ordinance Amending City Municipal Code §293, Vehicles and Traffic – Western Boulevard
- Public Hearing - Resolution for Sidewalk Improvement Special Assessment Program, District No. 9
- Public Hearing - Resolution for Establishing Assessment Charge for Sidewalks, Spring and Fall 2013 Pursuant to Section 93 of the City Charter
- Laid Over Under the Rules - Ordinance for Amending the Code of the City of Watertown, §310-34 Accessory Uses in Residence Districts

- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Jefferson County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Fluoride Update
- Tree Watertown Committee 2012 Annual Report
- The 24th Annual Local Government Conference Workshop on March 28, 2013

Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2012 was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Graham interrupted the regular course of business to proclaim January 11, 2013 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day and urged all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library to work toward the elimination of human trafficking.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Northern Regional Center for Independent Living, 210 Court Street requesting a curb cut be placed at the corner of Arsenal and Arcade Streets for the safety and accessibility needs of wheelchair and scooter users.

Above communication was placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning the Sidewalk Improvement Special Assessment Program, District No. 9

Mayor Graham declared the hearing open at 7:30 p.m.

No one addressed the chair.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Appointment of Commissioner of Deeds

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS Commissioner of Deeds in the cities of this state shall be appointed by the common councils of such cities, and

WHEREAS Commissioner of Deeds shall hold the term of two years, and

WHEREAS Any person who resides in or maintains an office or other place of business in any such city and who resides in the county in which said city is situated shall be eligible to appointment

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals are hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

Non-City Employees

Martha A. McIntosh

Cynthia E. Cronk

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 2 - Designating Depositories of City Funds for 2013

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS Section 30 of the City Charter requires the City Council to designate each year at its first meeting some incorporated bank or banks or trust company located in the City of Watertown for the deposit of all moneys belonging to the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following banks be and they are hereby designated as depositories of the City of Watertown, New York for the year beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013:

Community Bank, N.A.

Key Bank

WSB Municipal Bank

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Bank, N.A., ~~HSBC Bank USA~~, Key Bank and WSB Municipal Bank each be required to either execute a bond, deliver to the City of Watertown, New York approved collateral or to deposit at a mutually agreed upon depository approved collateral of a value up to TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000).

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler mentioned that he does not plan on voting on this resolution because he is an employee of Community Bank and pointed out that HSBC Bank is mentioned in this resolution so someone might want to amend the resolution to exclude HSBC because this bank no longer operates in the City of Watertown.

Motion was made by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith to amend the foregoing resolution in order to delete HSBC Bank USA from the last paragraph. Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof except for Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. abstaining.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea except for Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. abstaining.

Resolution No. 3 - Readopting Fiscal Year 2012-13 Sewer Fund Budget and Approving Supplemental Appropriation No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2012-13 for Various Accounts

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS Michael J. Sligar, Superintendent, is recommending a water meter replacement project not funded in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Water and Sewer Fund Budgets that will enhance revenues through more accurate meters, and

WHEREAS the Water Fund's portion of the water meter replacement project can be funded from the water main replacements included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Water Fund Budget for Henry Street, Grant Street and Seward Street funded at a total cost of \$70,000 as the water main replacements will not be undertaken before the end of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS on May 26, 2012 the City Council passed a resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13, of which \$5,326,609 was appropriated for the Sewer Fund, and

WHEREAS on November 19, 2012 the City Council re-adopted the Sewer Fund Budget to increase appropriations by \$185,000 to pay the costs of the change order to the contract with North Country Contractors to reconstruct Clinton Street, and

WHEREAS the Sewer Fund Budget does not currently forecast any projected savings to fund its portion of the water meter replacement project, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby re-adopts the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget for the Sewer Fund in the

total amount of \$5,549,109 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the following adjustment be included in the re-adopted Fiscal Year 2012-13 Sewer Fund Budget:

<u>Revenues</u>	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 37,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 37,500</u>

<u>Expenditures</u>	
G 8120.0465 Equipment < \$5,000	<u>\$ 37,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 37,500</u>

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the total amount of \$37,500 is hereby transferred and appropriated from and to the following accounts of the listed funds for FY 2012-13:

F.8340.0465 Equipment < \$5,000	\$ 37,500
F 9950.0800 Transfer to Capital Fund	<u>(37,500)</u>
Total	<u>\$ -</u>

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Smith asked which meters were involved and how long they have been defective.

Michael Sligar, Water Superintendent stated that the meters in question belong to industrial, commercial and some institutional type accounts. He explained that they are three inches and above in size and some are 40 – 50 years old as well and confirmed that this has been a problem for some time.

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

Resolution No. 4 - Selecting Avalon Associates, Inc. as the City of Watertown's Small Cities CDBG and HOME Consultant

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS it has been determined that the City of Watertown will need assistance from a qualified Community Development Consultant for the preparation of application materials and, if the applications are successful, for the administration and implementation of grants from the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and

WHEREAS a Request for Proposals was issued on December 3, 2012, seeking proposals from qualified consultants and a single proposal was received from Avalon Associates, Inc., Glens Falls, New York, and

WHEREAS the proposal from Avalon Associates has been reviewed and it has been determined that their selection will be in the best interest of the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby selects Avalon Associates, Inc. as its Community Development consultant for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program for a period of up to three years (2013, 2014, and 2015), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it will be at the City's discretion as to whether or not it enters into a contract with the selected consultant during each of the three years.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, **Ken Mix**, Planning Coordinator confirmed for Mayor Graham that the City had recently received notification from the CDBG grant.

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

Resolution No. 5 - Authorizing Application for FEMA's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program

Introduced by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Fire Department is seeking City Council approval to apply for grant funding under FEMA's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the purpose of this program is for acquiring equipment designed to enhance public fire safety education to the elderly, the young, and others within a risk population for injury or death due to fires, and

WHEREAS the application, in the amount of \$17,190, requiring the City to match 10% in the amount of \$1,719, would provide funding for said Hazard House,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the Fire Department to submit a grant application under FEMA's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fire Chief Dale C. Herman is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Smith asked for the size of the

unit and its portability.

Dale Herman, Fire Chief explained that the unit will have six rooms and is modular so that the sections can be moved from location to location easily but it is large enough to be presented to a large audience. He confirmed that one person should be able to move this around.

Council Member Smith asked if the intent is to educate the elderly in the high rise buildings.

Chief Herman replied that it will be present there as well as other elderly care facilities such as Ives Hill Community and Centennial Apartments.

Council Member Butler mentioned that his daughter recently received fire safety education at her school and thanked the Chief for this education. He asked if this unit would augment the education done in schools.

Chief Herman said that the Fire Safety Trailer is used for the elementary schools but it is not utilized during the winter months due to difficulty transporting it and the lack of heat. He explained that this unit is portable enough to take to the schools during the winter and used for presentations at civic organizations. He pointed out that the City would only need to contribute a 10 % match of \$1,719. He indicated that it is large enough for people to view but still portable and explained that there is duct work that moves smoke to individual rooms to simulate a fire in different rooms. He noted that the Fire Educator is Captain T.G. Kolb.

Council Member Butler asked how often this unit will be used.

Chief Herman stated that it depends on demand but he would like to expand education in the “at risk” area such as senior housing and with students in 7th – 12th grade.

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

Resolution No. 6 - Approving Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement, GHD Consulting Engineers LLC

Introduced by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

WHEREAS on August 20, 2012, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with GHD Consulting Engineers LLC for the disinfection improvements to the Watertown Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

WHEREAS Amendment No. 2 results in an additional amount of \$29,300 to the Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Amendment No. 2, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution, in the amount of \$29,300 to Professional Services Agreement with GHD Consulting Engineers

LLC for the disinfection improvements to the Watertown Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of City Council.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler asked if the City would have to bond for the additional amount.

James Mills, City Comptroller said that it is too soon in the project to borrow money so it would be paid from the operating fund and he would present the resolution at the next meeting to readopt the budget.

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

Resolution No. 7 - Accepting of Conveyance by NYSDOT as a City Street, Dedicating Said Street, and Naming the Street as Western Boulevard

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS the City Council agreed on December 16, 2002 to accept ownership of the Stateway Plaza entrance road upon completion of construction work performed by the New York State Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS the New York State Department of Transportation has completed the work and transferred ownership to the City of Watertown on July 2, 2012, and

WHEREAS the City council has desired to name the completed street Western Boulevard, and

WHEREAS the four individual parcels conveyed from the New York State Department of Transportation to the City of Watertown have been administratively combined into a single parcel, and

WHEREAS the provisions of §243 of the City Charter have been met and the City Engineer recommends acceptance of the conveyance, and

WHEREAS the City Engineer shall have City Monuments installed in the future as a public work,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached deed be accepted for highway purposes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said roadway is hereby dedicated to public use as a Watertown City Street pursuant to Section 243 of the Watertown City Charter and Section 34(4)

of the New York General City Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said street shall be known and appropriately signed hereafter as Western Boulevard.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Macaluso asked if the owners of the plaza were involved in these discussions.

Mayor Graham explained that this parcel has been commonly known as a street but was not officially in the City's hands.

Ms. Addison commented that she met with the plaza's owners but nothing has been resolved. She indicated that there is another meeting scheduled and that she will provide an update after that meeting.

Mayor Graham mentioned that he talked to Mr. Donegan and informed him that this resolution would be presented tonight. He added that Council and the City Manager are committed to moving this along quickly.

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

Resolution "Sidewalk Improvement Special Assessment Program, District No. 9"

(Introduced on 11/19/2012; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety on page 290-291 of the 2012 Minutes Book).

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

Resolution Establishing Assessment Charge for Sidewalks, Spring and Fall 2013 Pursuant to Section 93 of the City Charter

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS a public hearing was held in accordance with Section 93 of the City Charter on January 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. to hear public comment concerning whether all or a portion of the cost for proposed sidewalk improvements to the properties identified in the attached report, which constitutes Special Assessment District #9, shall be a charge or expense upon the abutting properties, and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that it shall fix the charge to be paid by the abutting property owner at **\$5.25** per square foot, with the remaining cost being paid by the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown,

pursuant to Section 93 of the City Charter, hereby fixes the charge to be paid for by the abutting property owner's of Special Assessment District #9 at \$ **\$5.25** per square foot, with the remaining cost being paid by the City.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Motion was made by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith to amend the foregoing resolution to set the charge per square foot to \$5.25. Motion was seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Smith commented that he helped introduce this program approximately ten years ago and it takes a proactive approach to fixing the sidewalks in the City while offering payment options to the residents.

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$200,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Costs of the Construction or Reconstruction of Sidewalks in Special Assessment District No. 9 Within the City

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of bonds of said City to finance costs of said class of objects or purposes; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying costs of the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks in Special Assessment District No. 9 within the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$200,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$200,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of \$200,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State or Federal aid or any other revenue received by the City from other sources

for such class of objects or purposes.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is ten years, pursuant to subdivision 24 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied upon property in Special Assessment District No. 9 determined to be specially benefitted by such construction or reconstruction of sidewalks a special assessment to pay such portion of the principal of and interest on such obligations, as the same become due and payable, as shall be established in proceedings under Title XII of the City Charter and, to the extent such assessments are insufficient, there shall annually be levied a tax to pay principal and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City, provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or

of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1340-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Laid over under the rules

Ordinance No. 2 - Ordinance Amending City Municipal Code §293, Vehicles and Traffic – Western Boulevard

Introduced by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith

WHEREAS the City Council agreed on December 16, 2002 to accept ownership of the Stateway Plaza entrance road upon completion of construction work performed by the New York State Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS the City Council desired to name the completed street Western Boulevard, and

WHEREAS The New York State Department of Transportation has completed the work

and transferred ownership to the City of Watertown on July 2, 2012, and

WHEREAS the property has been dedicated for Right of Way purposes and dedicated as a City Street known as Western Boulevard,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that Section 293-49 of the City Code of the City of Watertown shall be amended to include as follows:

§293-49. Schedule I: Traffic Control Signals.

Intersection

Arsenal Street and Western Boulevard

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 293-49 of the City Code of the City of Watertown shall be amended to delete as follows:

§293-49. Schedule I: Traffic Control Signals.

Intersection

Arsenal Street and Stateway Plaza
and
Arsenal Street at Arsenal Street Plaza (P&C)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 293-53 of the City Code of the City of Watertown shall be amended to include as follows:

§293-53. Schedule V: U-Turn Prohibitions.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Location</u>
Western Boulevard	Entire length

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 293-61 of the City Code of the City of Watertown shall be amended to include as follows:

§293-61. Schedule XIII: Parking Prohibited at All Times

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Western Boulevard	Both	Entire Length

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 293-63 of the City Code of the City of Watertown shall be amended to include as follows:

§293-63. Schedule XV: No Standing.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Western Boulevard	Both	Entire Length

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or printed as the City Manager directs.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Laid over under the rules

Ordinance for Amending the Code of the City of Watertown, §310-34 Accessory Uses in Residence Districts. *(Introduced on 12/17/2012; laid over under the rules; appears in its entirety on page 320-321 of the 2012 Minutes Book).*

Mayor Graham explained that this was laid over under the rules at the last meeting in order to receive recommendations from the Planning Board. The Planning Board's meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Jeffrey M. Smith to table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

DISCUSSIONS

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Mayor Graham stated that this topic brings up a lot of questions in regards to cost, necessity, potential use and the propriety of providing free electricity.

Ms. Addison confirmed that staff would be prepared to talk about these issues at the work session scheduled next week.

Jefferson County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

A memo was available for Council to review and the endorsement of the plan was not discussed.

Fluoride Update

Mr. Sligar informed Council that he has no new information but pointed out that the City is enduring costs while this project is on hold. He explained these costs and requested that the City continue with the acquisition of the materials because they would be utilized in other ways in case the fluoridation program is discontinued.

Council concurred to continue with the acquisition of the materials and installation of the equipment.

Tree Watertown Committee 2012 Annual Report

An Annual Report was available for Council review.

Mayor Graham thanked Mr. Lumbis and the Tree Watertown Committee for their work.

The 24th Annual Local Government Conference Workshop on March 28, 2013

Information on this workshop was given to Council.

Intersection of Franklin Street and Public Square

Council Member Butler stated that he has received complaints regarding this intersection not allowing a right turn on a red light.

Gene Hayes, DPW Superintendent stated that it was that way prior to the streetscape project and believes that it is due to the configuration of the crosswalks.

Thompson Park Sledding Hill

Council Member Smith stated that he was informed by Dr. Mia Gray, SMC ER Director that there have been two children with femur fractures in the past two weeks as a result of hitting the hay bales at the sledding hill. He said that she requested Council look into this and he told her that fencing options are being reviewed.

Ms. Addison noted that a snow drift fence was put up half way down the hill but it was taken down this weekend by sledders. She said staff is looking for other options.

Mayor Graham remarked that Council Member Smith raises a valid point and these are not minor injuries. He advised that this should be looked at seriously.

Mercy Building

Mayor Graham mentioned that the closure of Mercy will occur within 60-90 days and stressed that staff needs to reach out to the owners to determine the plan for closure in regards to winterization, building security, and codes issues.

Council Member Butler inquired when the tax sales certificate would be auctioned.

Mr. Mills said that there are four parcels and that he will provide an update on each parcel to Council.

Council Member Butler asked if there was any communication with GE Capital.

Mayor Graham responded that there was communication with Mr. Rutherford, Watertown Trust and there was no desire to sell their note or interest in the building. He stated that there has been no response for MGNH either.

A D J O U R N M E N T

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 7:41 p.m. by motion of Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr., seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk