

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
🔗 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 🔗
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00 PM.
ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS ~ 2ND FLOOR ~ CITY HALL
235 GRAND STREET, WATERBURY, CT 06702

:AGENDA:

The Regular Meeting will be broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast Channel 96; Frontier Channel 6096) and the City of Waterbury's YouTube Channel. <https://youtu.be/igHGVG4ZuT4>

▶ **CALL TO ORDER:**

▶ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

▶ **PRAYER:**

▶ **ROLL CALL:**

▶ **OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION:**

West Grove Low-Income Housing Development and Requested Tax Modification

▶ **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

▶ **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

▶ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

▶ **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

▶ **RECESS INTO COMMITTEES:**

▶ **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ANTOINETTE C. SPINELLI
Waterbury Town Clerk

RE: Submittal of ED 626 Notification of
Number of Polling Places.

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2. TARA L. SHAW
Director of Human Resources

RE: Submittal of Responsive Documents
Concerning Executive Employment
Contracts and Related Retirement
Provisions Referred from the January 20,
2026 Board of Aldermen New Business
Item #5 on the Agenda.

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3. PAUL K. PERNEREWski, JR.
Mayor, City of Waterbury

RE: Notification of the appointment of the
following individuals to the Waterbury
Development Corporation Board of

Directors. All terms commence on January 2026, and expire January 1, 2028, to wit:

****Mayoral Appointments:**
John Alseph – *Representative of neighborhood groups not belonging to the Waterbury Neighborhood Council*
Steven Colon – *Representative of neighborhood groups not belonging to the Waterbury Neighborhood Council*

****Additional Appointments by the Waterbury Regional Chamber:**
Lynn Ward – *President and CEO, WTBY Regional Chamber – serves during term as President of the WTBY Regional Chamber*
William Paloma – *Chairman, Executive Committee, WTBY Regional Chamber – serves during term as Chair of the WTBY Regional Chamber*
Domenic Giglio *Neil M. O’Leary *Carmen Romeo *Stephen A. Dohoney *Mary Rosengrant Chiappalone

****Additional Appointment by New Opportunities, Inc.:**
Dr. Omar Andujar

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

4. LIEUTENANT KEVIN SWITZ <i>Waterbury Police Department</i>	RE: Requesting approval of a Police Executive Summary – VuWall and Video Walls contract, in the amount, not to exceed <u>\$202,035.34</u> . The city was awarded a State Grant in the amount of <u>\$1,000,000.00</u> which would be used to fund this purchase.
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REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. MICHAEL STEFANS <i>Former Commissioner</i>	RE: Notification of the resignation of Mr. Stefans from the City Plan Commission, effective February 9, 2026.
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6. RYAN D. BUSHKA <i>Assistant Project Manager</i> <i>Engineering Department</i>	RE: Requesting approval of a Maintenance Services Agreement for 2026 On-Call Catch Basin Cleaning between the City of WTBY and American Pipe & Catch Basin Cleaning LLC.
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REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

7. CARRIE A. SWAIN, Clerk <i>Waterbury Board of Education</i>	RE: Requesting approval of a Services Agreement (RFP #8648) with Access Rehab Centers, LLC, through June 30, 2029, in the not to exceed amount of <u>\$400,000.00</u> , to provide speech and language therapy services for students.
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REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

8. CARRIE A. SWAIN, Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE:

Requesting approval of a Services Agreement (RFP #8648) with Orange Tree Staffing, LLC, through June 30, 2029, in the not to exceed amount of **\$400,000.00**, to provide speech and language therapy services for students.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

9. CARRIE A. SWAIN, Clerk

Waterbury Board of Education

RE:

Requesting approval of a Services Agreement (RFP #8648) with Delta-T Group Hartford, through June 30, 2029, in the not to exceed amount of **\$400,000.00**, to provide speech and language therapy services for students.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

10. MICHAEL LEBLANC

Director of Finance

RE:

Requesting approval of an Eversource Energy Electric Distribution Easement for the new North Main Street Water Pump Station – 2780 North Main Street.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

11. MICHAEL LEBLANC

Director of Finance

RE:

Requesting approval of a **\$5,000,000** Bond Authorization for Road & Parking Lot Improvements – Milling & Repaving of Streets and Parking Lots.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

12. GEORGE N. NOUJAIM

Board of Alderman
District 4

RE:

Requesting approval of an Ordinance authorizing the Health Department to establish and impose administrative monetary fines for violations of health-related laws and ordinances.

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

13. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN

Alderman ~5th District

RE:

Notification of a formal legislative inquiry requesting written clarification regarding the interpretation of Robert’s Rules of Order concerning written notes during debate and the authority of the Board

President as an ex-officio committee member.

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- 14. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN**
Alderman ~5th District

RE: Communication requesting detailed revenue breakdowns, documentation, bank statements, and audit materials related to FY25 Recreation Department revenues and the Hamilton Fund.

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- 15 Alderman Rafael Feliciano-Roman**
Alderman Sandra Martinez-McCarthy
Alderman Adrian Sanchez
Alderman Kelly Zimmermann
Alderman Michael Grosso
Alderman Bryan McEntee
Alderman George Noujaim

RE: Requesting approval of proposed amendments to strengthen enforcement mechanisms, notification requirements, and penalties related to snow emergencies, parking bans, truck parking, and sidewalk snow removal. Recommending Law Department review.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

- 16. Alderman Rafael Feliciano-Roman**
Alderman Sandra Martinez-McCarthy
Alderman Adrian Sanchez
Alderman Kelly Zimmermann
Alderman Michael Grosso
Alderman Bryan McEntee
Alderman George Noujaim

RE: Requesting approval of proposed language requiring interdepartmental compliance verification prior to issuance of licenses or permits, including a formal Board appeal process for waivers related to noncompliance or outstanding debts.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

- 17. Alderman Rafael Feliciano-Roman**
Alderman Sandra Martinez-McCarthy
Alderman Adrian Sanchez
Alderman Kelly Zimmermann
Alderman Michael Grosso
Alderman Bryan McEntee
Alderman George Noujaim

RE: Requesting approval of an order directing formation of an Ad Hoc Committee pursuant to §110.03 to review, modernize, digitize, and streamline City license and permit forms, including bilingual accessibility and process improvements.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

- 18. Alderman Rafael Feliciano-Roman**
Alderman Sandra Martinez-McCarthy
Alderman Adrian Sanchez
Alderman Kelly Zimmermann

RE: Requesting approval of a Proposed ordinance establishing a formal Centennial Celebrations Commission to coordinate the City’s participation in the 250th

Alderman Michael Grosso
Alderman Bryan McEntee
Alderman George Noujaim

Anniversary (Semiquincentennial) celebration, and any future major local, state, or national Centennial Celebrations, with structured membership, reporting requirements, and public transparency provisions. Referred for Corporation Counsel review and draft refinement.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

19. Alderman Rafael Feliciano-Roman
Alderman Sandra Martinez-McCarthy
Alderman Adrian Sanchez

RE: Order requesting Public Works Commission & Department action regarding stop sign placement, repainting of stop and pedestrian lines, consideration of additional traffic safety measures, and installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage at specified South End intersections.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

20. RYAN D. BUSHKA
*Assistant Project Manager
Engineering Department*

RE: Requesting approval of a Construction Contract for the Waterville-Wyman Streets Retaining Wall Replacement Project between the City of Waterbury and Complete, LLC.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

21. THOMAS F. CROWE JR. P.E.
*Civil Engineer II
Engineering Department*

RE: Requesting approval of Amendment #1 to the Construction Contract for the Lakewood Park Carousel Improvements between the City of Waterbury and Nosal Builders, Inc., in the amount of **\$60,000.00**.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

22. ROBERT T. DAVIS
Deputy Chief, WPD

RE: Requesting approval of the Municipal Police Department “DUI” Enforcement Grant 2026, in the amount being of **\$163,031.72**, for the period of February 26, 2026 through September 12, 2026. The grant reimburses the City at **100%** with **NO** matching funds required.

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

23. DANIEL J. FOSTER
Assistant Corporation Counsel, Interim

RE: Response to your request that the Corporation Counsel provide input on a proposal to decommission Rolling Mill Playground, create a park of equal or larger size in the area of Rolling Mill Playground, and/or to convert said park to a dog park.

CORRESPONDENCE

24. DANIEL J. FOSTER
Assistant Corporation Counsel, Interim

RE: Response to your request that the Office of the Corporation Counsel provide input on a proposal Gentrification Mitigation Zone Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE

25. DANIEL J. FOSTER
Assistant Corporation Counsel, Interim

RE: Response to your request that the Office of the Corporation Counsel provide information regarding a proposal that the City of Waterbury establish a Puerto Rican Heritage Cultural District.

CORRESPONDENCE

26. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval of West Grove Low-Income Housing Development Project agreements, including the Tax Abatement Agreement with West Grove Owner, LLC, Second Amendments to Redevelopment Agreements (December 15, 2017, and June 24, 2015), and Consents to Lease for 21 Johnson Street and 332, 339, 342, 345, 346, 352, and 355 Grove Street.

REFERRED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE.

27. THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
(Approved on 02/12/26)

RE: Requesting approval of the following **REFUNDS** to wit:~

R&R Plumbing, 186 Country Club Road \$1,215.00
Duplease, Wihelmina, 144 Dwight Street 964.84
Saeteros, Luis Elias & Quizphi, Maria, 28
Buckingham Street 3,064.66
Totaling \$5,244.50

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

► **STANDING COMMITTEE:**

CASSIE M. GORMAN
Tax Collector

RE: Request for refunds for Tax Overpayments
in the amount of **\$26,755.64.**

REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

► **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. PAUL K. PERNERREWSKI, JR.
Mayor
City of Waterbury

RE: Requesting approval of a Proposed Resolution regarding Display of Flags on City Property. The proposed resolution would confirm that the City of Waterbury property where flags may be displayed, including flagpoles, is not intended to serve as a forum for expression by the public; and (ii) identify which flags may be displayed on City property, including flag poles.

(Received on July 14, 2025 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee.

2. MICHAEL LEBLANC
Director of Finance

RE: Requesting approval of Granting of a Purchasing and Sale Agreement to sell 36 Welton Street, a vacant .43-acre Parcel in consideration of **\$25,000** and an Associated Tax Assessment with Laing Capital Partners, LLC.

(Received on January 05, 2026 and referred to Finance Committee). PH set for January 20, 2026

3A. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN
Board of Alderman
5th District

RE: Requesting to approval for cultural district establishment bond reporting, and Rolling Mill Playground plan, including:

A. Puerto Rican Heritage Cultural District
(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee postponed until Monday February 23, 2026).

3C. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN
Board of Alderman
5th District

RE: Requesting to approval for cultural district establishment bond reporting, and Rolling Mill Playground plan, including:

C. Rolling Mill Playground

(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025 and referred to Corporation Counsel and postponed until Monday February 23, 2026).

4A. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN
Board of Alderman
5th District

RE: Requesting to approval for updates to City Boards and Commissions structure and transparency, including:

A. Arts, Culture and Tourism Commission

(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee Referred to Corporation Counsel).

4B. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN
Board of Alderman
5th District

RE: Requesting to approval for updates to City Boards and Commissions structure and transparency, including:

B. Transparency of Boards and Commissions

(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025 and referred to Corporation Counsel and postpone until March 9, 2026.)

4C. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN
Board of Alderman
5th District

RE: Requesting to approval for updates to City Boards and Commissions structure and transparency, including:

C. Employee Verification

(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee. Referred to Corporation Counsel and postpone until March 9, 2026.)

5A. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN
Board of Alderman
5th District

RE: Requesting to approval for independent review, property transfer, and ordinance drafting, including:

A. Palace Theater Operating Agreement

(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee - Referred to Corporation Counsel)

5B. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN
Board of Alderman
5th District

RE: Requesting to approval for independent review, property transfer, and ordinance drafting, including:

B. Property Transfer (Rivera Memorial Foundation Inc.)

Received on Monday, December 15, 2025 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee

6. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN

Board of Alderman

5th. District

RE:

Requesting to approval to hold hearings and a non-binding 2026 referendum on municipal election and budgeting reforms, including:

1. Ranked Choice Voting

2. Term Limits

3. Participatory Budgeting

(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025 and referred to Corporation Counsel -Amend the timetable until March 9, 2026).
- 7A. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN

Board of Alderman

5th District

RE:

Requesting to approval to establish a Gentrification Mitigation Zone Ordinance and create Youth Alderman positions, including:

A. Gentrification Mitigation Zone Ordinance

(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025. - Referred to Intergovernmental Committee. Refer to Corporation Counsel and to amend the timetable to postpone consideration until Monday, February 23, 2026.
- 7B. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN

Board of Alderman

5th District

RE:

Requesting to approval to establish a Gentrification Mitigation Zone Ordinance and create Youth Alderman positions, including:

B. Youth Alderman Positions

(Received on Monday, December 15, 2025. - Referred to Intergovernmental Committee). Referred to Corporation Counsel.
8. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN

Board of Alderman

5th District

RE:

Requesting a Baldwin Street Capital Improvement &Infrastructure Status Resolution.

(Received on Monday, January 5, 2026. - Referred to Intergovernmental Committee). Referred to DPW with a response on before April 20, 2026.
9. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN

KELLY ZIMMERMANN

MICHAEL GROSSO

ADRIAN SANCHEZ

SANDRA MARTINEZ-MCCARTHY

BRYAN MCENTEE

Aldermen/Alderwomen

RE:

Requesting a Board and Commission Appointment Transparency Ordinance.

(Received on January 05, 2026 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee)
10. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN

Alderman – 5th District

RE:

Requesting a Hobart Welton Carriage Shed Historic Recognition Resolution.

11. SANDRA-MARTINEZ MCCARTHY
MICHAEL GROSSO
RAFAEL FELICIANO ROMAN
BRYAN MCENTEE
KELLY ZIMMERMANN
ADRIAN SANCHEZ
Aldermen/Alderwomen

RE: Requesting a Resolution Establishing a Multilingual Emergency Water Safety Communication Protocol.

(Received on January 05, 2026 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee) Referred to Corporation Counsel).
12. MICHAEL GROSSO
BRYAN MCENTEE
KELLY ZIMMERMANN
RAFAEL FELICIANO ROMAN
ADRIAN SANCHEZ
Aldermen/Alderwoman

RE: Requesting a Legislative Inquiry Municipal Vehicle Fleet, Fuel Usage, Take-Home Policy & Procurement Practices.

Received on January 05, 2026 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee – Refer to Corporation Counsel - forward to Sarah Geary-Manager of Budget Development and Oversight and then forward to the necessary Departments & respond on or before April 20, 2026.
13. RAFAEL FELICIANO-ROMAN
BRYAN MCENTEE
KELLY ZIMMERMANN
RAFAEL FELICIANO ROMAN
ADRIAN SANCHEZ
Aldermen/Alderwoman

RE: Requesting a Proposal – Traffic & Accountability Initiative.

Received on January 05, 2026 and referred to Intergovernmental Committee – Refer to Police Department & Police Commission