Redevelopment Authority for the City of Watertown

Turning Opportunity into Results

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 6:00 pm
In-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING
Room 2044, City Hall

RDA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1) Strengthen and diversify RDA Revolving Loan Fund, both in size and scope

2) Exploring options for Business Continuity Funding for downtown businesses in preparation for 2028 Main Street Reconstruction project

3) Simplifying the process of starting or expanding a business in Watertown

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
   A. Present: Ryan Wagner, Steve Board, Ald. Tony Arnett, Ald. Rita Haase, Todd Huhn, and Deb Sybell
   B. Virtual: Jacob Maas
   C. Absent: Bob Smith

   Other attendees: John Kadish
3. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order at 6:08 pm.
4. Approval of meeting minutes
   A. Regular board minutes 8.19.26.
      Board motioned to approve
      Huhn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Comment
   A. None
6. Business
   A. For discussion: RDA roles and responsibilities
      Mayor Stocks presented, sharing statutorily defined roles of the RDA with Common Council oversight as described in a distributed memo from City Legal Counsel
   B. Discuss and take action: Beltz grant application from City of Watertown Parks, Rec & Forestry Dept (Holiday Tree Lighting event)
      Board motioned to approve
      Huhn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
   C. Review and discuss: Priority work teams
      i. Business continuity funding
      Wagner reported that action would need to be taken by Finance and Common Council before next steps. Board committed to addressing concerns raised about ease of application and administration of the proposed loan program.
      ii. Ease of starting a business

Huhn shared an organizational structure for navigating the process. Ald. Haase continues to work with the City's Communications team on website changes.

iii. Strengthen and diversity revolving loan fund

Wagner reported work on this priority is on hold.

7. Updates
    A. RiverWalk

    Wagner reported that the City is focused on maintenance of existing structures.
8. Reports
    A. Social media report
9. Adjournment at 6:50 pm

    Ald. Haase motioned to adjourn

    Board seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.