

Redevelopment Authority (RDA)

To: RDA Board

From: Mason T. Becker, RDA Executive Director

Date: December 10, 2024

Subject: Reappointment of RDA Executive Director

Background

Since the establishment of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Watertown (RDA), which was approved by the Common Council on December 20, 2016 and chartered by an organizing resolution on May 9, 2017, the RDA has had an Executive Director to administer the organization and its activities under the direction of the RDA board members (who are appointed by the mayor).

Originally, a hired consultant served in the Executive Director role. The City later created the full-time position of Strategic Initiatives and Development Coordinator (SIDC). The description of that position includes serving as the RDA Executive Director. Currently, the SIDC is a City employee, and wages and benefits are provided 100% by the City. The SIDC works under and reports directly to the mayor.

It has been requested that the RDA engage in re-appointment of the Executive Director on an annual basis as a matter of best practice.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to this item.

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mason Becker as the RDA Executive Director for the year 2025.