Redevelopment Authority for the City of Watertown

Turning Opportunity into Results

Wednesday, October 21, 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, Jacob Maas, and Deb Sybell
    B. Absent: Todd Huhn

    Other attendees: John Kadish, Stef Broere
3. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order at 6:00 pm.
4. Approval of meeting minutes
    A. Regular board minutes 9.16.26.
    Board motioned to approve
    Maas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Comment
    A. None
6. Business
    A. Review and discuss: Creation of Community Development Authority
    Mayor Stocks presented, sharing the benefits of creating a Community Development Authority, timeline and process, including engagement of the Watertown Housing Authority Board in November.
7. Updates
    A. Priority work teams progress
        I. Business continuity
        The proposed plan for a city-guaranteed loan offered through partner banks will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.
        II. Ease of starting a business
        Alder Haase shared proposed website additions and reorganization linking to forms to assist entrepreneurs and business owners navigate the approval process.
        III. RDA Revolving Loan Fund diversity of funding sources and uses
        Wagner reported that work on this priority is on hold.
8. Reports
    A. Social media report

9. Adjournment at 6:40 pm

Ald. Arnett motioned to adjourn

Ald. Haase seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.