

RESOLUTION

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Re-Adoption of Fiscal Years 2020-21 through
2024-25 Capital Budget – DRI Streetscape
Project

Council Member HICKEY, Patrick J.

Council Member OLNEY III, Clifford G.

Council Member PIERCE, Sarah V.C.

Council Member RUGGIERO, Lisa A.

Mayor SMITH, Jeffrey M.

Total

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Introduced byCouncil Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS on June 1, 2020 the City Council adopted the Fiscal Years 2020-21 through 2024-25 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS the Fiscal Years 2020-21 through 2024-25 Capital Budget included the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Streetscape Project at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000, and

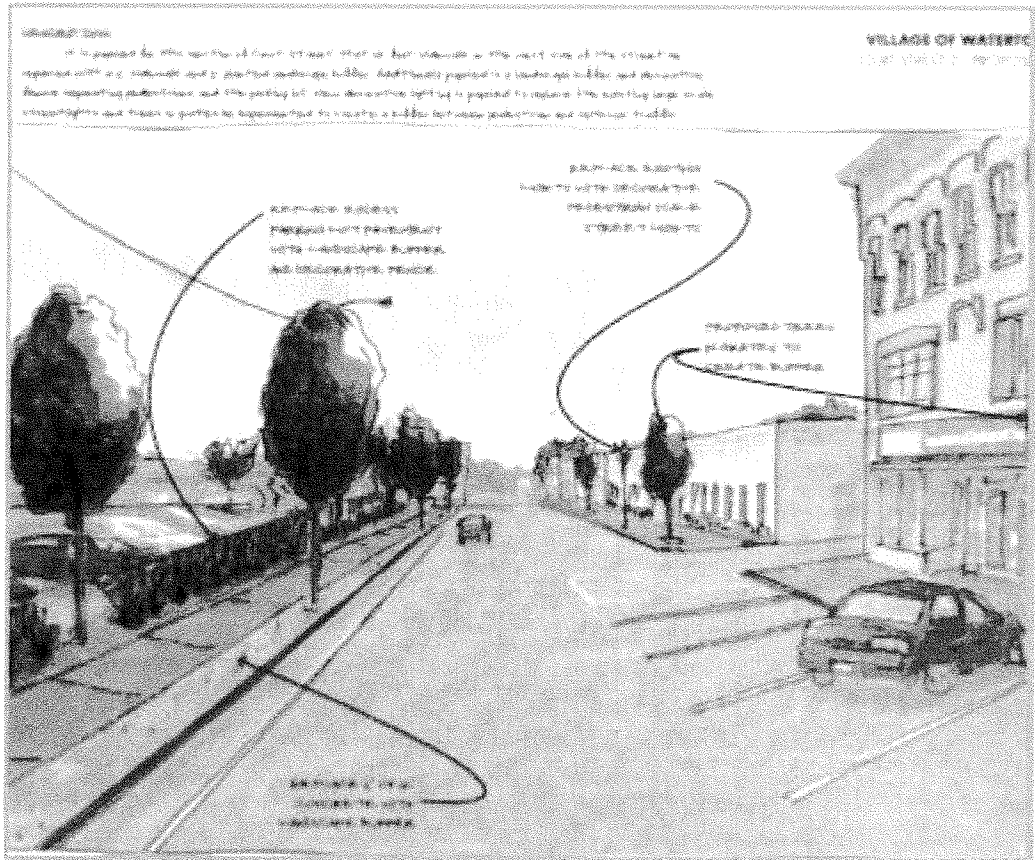
WHEREAS the current project scope has been expanded and the estimated cost of the project is now \$3,700,000, and

WHEREAS City Council desires to continue with the revised project scope and fund the funding deficit with American Rescue Plan Act funds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2020-21 through 2024-25 Capital Budget to add an additional \$2,000,000 to the estimated cost of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Streetscape project and to fund the additional costs from the New York Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant (\$100,000), the American Rescue Plan Act funds awarded to the City (\$1,775,000) and a National Grid Urban Center/Commercial District Revitalization Program Grant (\$250,000).

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce

FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS DOWNTOWN

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST
<p data-bbox="168 443 1179 527">Franklin Street, Washington Street, Court Street and Coffeen Street Streetscape Enhancement Project</p> <p data-bbox="159 562 1243 821">This project will involve the design and construction of streetscape enhancements to the 200 Block of Franklin St., the area around the Governor Roswell P. Flower Monument on Washington Street, Lachenauer Plaza and the 100-300 Blocks of Court St. and the 200 Block of Coffeen St. to make the public realm more inviting to pedestrians and strengthen the downtown business environment. Improvements in these areas will include site preparation, sidewalks, curbing, paving, crosswalks, bollards, lighting, landscaping, tree planting and drainage.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1276 443 1466 491">\$3,700,000</p>
<p data-bbox="152 1734 1239 1913">Funding to support this project will be through a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant through the NYS Department of State (\$1,600,000), an Urban Center/Commercial District Revitalization Program Grant from National Grid (\$250,000), CHIPS funds (\$75,000) and American Recue Plan Act funds (\$1,775,000).</p>	
<p data-bbox="1078 1927 1239 1969">TOTAL</p>	<p data-bbox="1268 1927 1458 1969">\$3,700,000</p>

March 1, 2022

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Kenneth A. Mix, City Manager

Subject: Re-adoption of the Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26 Capital Fund Budget – DRI Streetscape Project

The following resolution was prepared to re-adopt the Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26 Capital Fund Budget to include the increased estimated cost and expanded scope of the DRI Downtown Streetscape Project. The total cost will increase from \$1,600,000 to \$3,700,000. The additional cost will be funded from the City's available CHIPs funds and American Rescue Plan Act funds.

A total of \$75,000 of CHIPs funding was added to the project at the recommendation of Superintendent of Public Works, Patrick Keenan. Mr. Keenan is recommending that the repaving of Court Street, between Lachenauer Plaza and Arch Street be added to the project scope. This will improve the overall quality and aesthetics of the project and will address a major downtown street that was last repaved over 15 years ago.

The City Council will also note that the ARPA allocation has increased from \$1,563,000 that was discussed at the February 7, 2022, meeting to \$1,775,000. This increase is to cover construction inspection costs estimated at \$76,000 and to provide a budget contingency line item totaling \$136,000. The \$76,000 would pay for hiring a part time construction inspector (20 hrs./week) that would supplement the efforts of the City's Engineering Department. The \$136,000 would cover any unexpected costs that arise during construction.