

CITY OF WORCESTER
AGENDA OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
6:30 P.M.

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5a Adopt

- 5a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 19, 2025.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - a person may speak for no more than two (2) minutes on any items appearing on the agenda

- 6a. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in-person and remote participation at all City Council and Standing Committee meetings. To partake in the "Public Participation" section of the meeting, you may attend the meeting in-person within the meeting location, follow the below link to join via Zoom or dial the direct line as indicated. If you join a Zoom meeting by dialing in with a phone number, you can raise your hand by dialing *9.

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7. PETITIONS - a Petitioner may speak up to three (3) minutes the first time their petition appears on an agenda

7a Refer to Planning Board

- 7a. Kevin J. Breen, Head of Worcester Academy (fka Trustees of Worcester Academy), request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property located at and known as 232 Stafford St. aka 242 Stafford St. (MBL 28-042-00001) from the current zoning designation of RS-7 (Residence, Single Family) to RG-5 (Residence, General), as shown in the plan attached hereto.

7b Refer to Public Works Committee

- 7b. Idella Hazard request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 75 Providence St.

7c - 7l Refer to Traffic and Parking Committee

- 7c. Jacqueline Grampetro et al. request installation of speed humps on Mason St.
- 7d. Kelly Ann Druskis-Abreu request installation of resident permit parking on Elliott St. from the corner of Edward St. and Elliot St. intersection to Liberty St.

- 7e. Sheila F. Shea request "Private Way" signage on the street sign of Greenleaf Terrace be reinstalled.
- 7f. Holly Hartley request installation of handicap parking space in front of 2 Blodgett Pl.
- 7g. Robert Bilotta request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 85 Merrifield St.
- 7h. Matthew C. Morse et al. request installation of a crosswalk in the vicinity of 974 Main St. at Beaver St. for daily usage by caregivers and students at Goddard School of Science and Technology.
- 7i. Paul Smith request installation of handicap parking space in front of 73 Florence St.
- 7j. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Yessica Rivas request installation of speed humps on Malmo St.
- 7k. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of William McCarthy et al. request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Davenport St. and Electric St.
- 7l. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of William McCarthy et al. request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Davenport St. and Dutton St.

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9. TABLED ITEMS

- 9a. ORDER of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program. (Held Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)
- 9b. RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

- 9c.** ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Held Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)
- 9d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)
- 9e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops: recommend Order be placed on file. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)
- 9f.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Held Under Privilege - Haxhiaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhiaj August 22, 2023)
- 9g.** PETITION of Gordon Davis request City Council request Standing Committee on Public Safety investigate the issue of systemic racism and public safety with public hearings included. (Tabled - Toomey May 14, 2024)
- 9h.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell and Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager install metal detector safety equipment at City Hall whenever open, similar to the equipment used at Polar Park, the Worcester District Court and other public places, on or before December 31, 2024. (Held Under Privilege - Russell September 24, 2024 and October 1, 2024 and Tabled - Russell October 8, 2024)

- 9i. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager conduct an equity audit of all city departments every five (5) years. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson December 10, 2024 and Held Under Privilege - Toomey December 17, 2024 and Tabled - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
- 9j. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to how the U.S. Department of Justice's report on the Worcester Police Department differs from the account of the municipality. (Held Under Privilege - King April 29, 2025 and May 6, 2025 and Tabled - King May 13, 2025)

10. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the September 9, 2025 City Council meeting.

- 10a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of MGL Ch 148, Section 26I, which mandates the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in residential buildings with four or more dwelling units: recommend Communication be placed on file. – Item #19a CC Accepted on a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 4 Nays
- 10b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the city's fire sprinkler policies and the potential impact of adopting M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 26I: recommend Communication be placed on file. – Item #19b CC Accepted on a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 4 Nays
- 10c. CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any incentives the city can implement to encourage individuals to install sprinklers in their properties. – Item #19c CC Order adopted
- 10d. CHAIRMAN'S RESOLUTION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby reaffirm its established commitment to fire safety and prevention. – Item #19d CC Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 10e. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how the city plans to be more inclusive as it relates to providing information to the public as to the progress of construction projects in the city, including information concerning sidewalk repair projects and private street conversions. – Item #19e CC Order adopted

- 10f.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhij – Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report detailing any compliance work associated with the city’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreements, including details about citations and fines against TIF and TIE developers, over the past six (6) months. Further, request said report also include information concerning determinations made by the city against contractors and subcontractors working on such projects. – Item #19f Order adopted
- 10g.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhij – Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer update future Semi-Annual Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Reports to include information concerning determinations relative to the requirements of the Responsible Development Ordinance, including information concerning citations and fines of contractors working on such projects. – Item #19g CC Order adopted
- 10h.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with updated information relative to rental agreements for all municipal properties, including but not limited to churches renting Worcester Public Schools properties. Said updated information should include all temporary arrangements in the city, including but not limited to such arrangements at Worcester Technical High School. – Item #19h CC Order adopted
- 10i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline associated with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) project relative to creating a rotary at the intersection of May St. and Chandler St. in the vicinity of Worcester State University. – Item #19i CC Order adopted
- 10j.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request Standing Committee on Public Works hold a meeting to solicit input from the public regarding Zero Waste proposals and potential changes to the city’s current trash and recycling program. Further, request said meeting also include a discussion relative to the results of the Department of Public Works researching the contents of the city’s resident’s trash. – Item #19j CC Referred to Public Works Committee

Scheduled Meetings of the Standing Committees

Wednesday, Sep. 17, 2025	Traffic and Parking Committee	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King	

Wednesday, Sep. 24, 2025	Public Works Committee	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson George J. Russell, Candy Mero-Carlson, Jenny Pacillo	

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Convened: 6:32 P.M.

Recessed to Executive Session: 10:29 P.M.

Reconvened from Executive Session to

Adjourn: 11:55 P.M.

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor Colorio and Councilor Nguyen. Councilor Ojeda participated in the meeting remotely.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Gary Gemme, Matthew Ohman and William “Bill” S. Coleman, III. Gary Gemme was the former Police Chief for the City of Worcester, who passed away on August 6, 2025, at the age of 71. Matthew Ohman was the city’s Animal Control Officer, who passed away on August 10, 2025, at the age of 41. Bill Coleman was a long-time community activist, who passed away on July 20, 2025, at the age of 70.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5a.

Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 24, 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following Speakers:

1. Dave Dick, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #7a CC
2. Jessica Saxton, Washington, DC resident, spoke in opposition to item #12.25C CM
3. Tanawah Downing, Washington, DC resident, spoke in opposition to item #12.25C CM
4. Len Zalauskas, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to an item not listed on the agenda
5. Sean Brennan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15e CC
6. Amaria (no last name), Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #15e CC
7. Debbie Hall, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9e CC
8. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #15c CC, #15e CC, and #15h CC
9. Senator Robyn Kennedy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15e CC
10. Harriette Chandler, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15e CC
11. Tim Garvin, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15e CC
12. Keira Munns, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #15c CC, #15d CC, #15o CC, and #18a CC
13. Natalie Turner, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14b CC
14. Sabrina Desy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10s CC
15. Amanda Shearstone, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC
16. Paula Rosenblum, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9d CC
17. Dan Deedy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10j CC
18. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #12.6A CM, #12.12C CM, #12.18C CM, and #12.24B CM and spoke in favor of item #15e CC
19. Jacquelyn Weber, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #20y CC
20. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke indiscernibly to item #12.10A CM, spoke in opposition to items #12.12B CM, #12.12C CM, #14a CC, and #14u CC, spoke in favor of items #14h CC though #14l CC, and #15a CC through #15c CC, and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #14m CC
21. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #12.8A CM, #9e CC, #10c CC, #10u CC, and #10v CC spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #10g CC, and spoke in opposition to item #10q CC
22. Alina Bluto, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12.6A CM

7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

7a.

Petition and Hearing: National Grid for a conduit location at Beverly Rd.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to open the hearings for items #7a CC and #7b CC. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Clerk, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Pacillo.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to close the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the items. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

7b.

Petition and Hearing: National Grid for a conduit location at Harrison St.

Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #7a CC).

8. SUSPENSION OF RULES TO TAKE UP A COMMITTEE REPORT AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

8a.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - As Chair of the City Council Standing Committee on Economic Development and in accordance with Rule 33 (e) of the Rules of City Council, request City Council suspend its rules at its August 19, 2025 meeting to take up the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Joshua Lee Smith on behalf of Wolfe Farms LLC request to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Worcester, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning designation of the Properties identified below from the current zoning designation of Residence, Single Family (RS-7) to Residence, Limited (RL-7), as shown on the map attached hereto. The Properties include the properties known and numbered as 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 40, 42, and 44 Malden Street, 1-6 Malden Terrace, 1-3, 5-7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Reynolds Street, and 885, 915, 919, 921 and 923 West Boylston Street, as presented by the Petitioner and referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development as Item #15a on the June 10, 2025 City Council agenda, along with related items pending before the Committee.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

Note: Refer to the "New Business Under Suspension" section of the agenda to view item #25b CC, which is the item reported out of the Standing Committee on Economic Development that is referenced in this Order.

8b.

ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – In accordance with Rule 33 (c) of the Rules of City Council, request City Council suspend its rules at its August 19, 2025, meeting to take up an item not reasonably anticipated: That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby convene in Executive Session at its August 19, 2025, meeting, for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy with respect to the case of Town of Holden vs. Department of Conservation and Recreation & another, pending in the Superior Court for the County of Worcester, Case No. 23-P-794, as having such a discussion in Open Session would be detrimental to the city's negotiating position. The City Council will not reconvene in Open Session.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent)

9. PETITIONS - PART I - a Petitioner may speak up to three (3) minutes the first time their petition appears on an agenda

9a.

Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of city shade trees on Duxbury Rd.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Department of Public Works and Parks. Referred to the Department of Public Works and Parks on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9b.

Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Jenny Savage request Manor St. be resurfaced.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #9b CC through #9p CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9c.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request sidewalk resurfacing on Neptune Rd.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and

o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9d.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paula Rosenblum et al. request sidewalk resurfacing on Haviland St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to amend the item to include the following second petition: “Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paula Rosenblum et al. request speed hump plan associated with Haviland St. be amended to include three (3) speed humps placed as equal distance to each other as possible.” (See Item #25a CC).

9e.

Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of the Worcester Black History Project request Winfield St. from Park Ave. to Mason St. be given the Honorary Street Name designation of Bethany Veney Way.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to suspend the rules of City Council for the purpose of further discussing item #9e CC. Motion approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

9f.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of an additional streetlight in the vicinity of 6 and 8 Emily St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9g.

Petition of Clayton Norling request curb installation in front of 586 Salisbury St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9h.

Petition of Andrew Ngo request installation of guardrail along Bittersweet Blvd. adjacent to 58 Sophia Dr.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9i.

Petition of Cora Butler-Jones request installation of a street light on Tatman St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9j.

Petition of Cora Butler-Jones request installation of a street light at the end of Stockholm St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9k.

Petition of Steven Caligaris II request the sidewalk on Colonial Rd. be reviewed and assessed for repair.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9l.

Petition of Donald J. O'Neil, on behalf of Suhan Thapa, request extension of sanitary and surface sewer mains in Marmion Ave. from their current terminus northerly a distance of approximately 127 feet for the sanitary main and 117 feet for the surface sewer main to the service the property located at O Marmion Ave. at the expense of the owner of said property.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9m.

Petition of Megan Young request the installation of guardrails in front of 19 Westminster St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9n.

Petition of James Hachey request Morgan St. be resurfaced.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9o.

Petition of Paul Belton request the end of the two (2) driveways at 471 and 473 Mill St. be repaired.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9p.

Petition of Angelo Dagnello request sidewalk repair in front of 159 King Philip Rd.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9q.

Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of a truck ban/weight restriction on North Pkwy.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #9q CC through #9z CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9r.

Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Marielis Colon request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Pilgrim Ave. and Cohasset St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC)

9s.

Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps on Frothingham Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC)

9t.

Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Miguel and Jose Rivera request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 58 Providence St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9u.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Flagg St. between Pleasant St. and Audubon Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9v.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Rexhame Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9w.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Tim Faron request installation of a crosswalk across Holden St. at its intersection with Saratoga Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9x.

Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 21 Ellsworth St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9y.

Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of a yield sign on Marconi Rd. at Indian Hill Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9z.

Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage on Merrick St. at its intersection with Shawmut St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

10. PETITIONS - PART II

10a.

Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King request installation of speed humps on Forsberg St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #10a CC through #10z CC, except for #10s CC, to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

10b.

Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King request installation of speed humps on Victoria Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10c.

Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request install of curb extensions on both corners of the intersection between Mason St. and Chandler St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10d.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Westbrook Rd. and Kinnicutt Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10e.

Petition of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey request installation of a left turn arrow at the intersection of Dalton St. and Grafton St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10f.

Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Erin Morell request installation of “Dead End Street” signage on Winchester Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10g.

Petition of Christine Rodriguez et al. request removal of “No Parking Anytime” signage on Glennie St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10h.

Petition of Traci Talamini request installation of a speed hump between 148 and 156 Orient St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10i.

Petition of John Wadsworth and Ann McCrea request installation of a speed hump on Grand View Ave. between Main St. and Abington St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10j.

Petition of Daniel F. Deedy request installation of speed humps on June St. between the intersection of June St. and May St. to the vicinity of 341 June St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10k.

Petition of Dave Tayyeh request removal of handicap signage in front of 45 Ledgecrest Dr.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10l.

Petition of Ethan Bates request review of the intersection of Franklin St., Norfolk St. and Suffolk St. for traffic calming measures to address dangerous conditions for both pedestrians and motorists.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10m.

Petition of Eduard Shehu and Laorent Miha request removal of residential permit parking on Wamsutta Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10n.

Petition of Jose L. Otero request installation of a speed hump on Eastern Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10o.

Petition of Joseph Cummings request installation of an additional handicap parking space in front of 53 Raymond St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10p.

Petition of Laurie Ghiz request installation of flashing traffic lights at 11 Lake Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10q.

Petition of Brian Thamel request installation of a crosswalk between 335/337 and 338 Park Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee as amended on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to amend the item to include the installation of flashing beacon lights at the location.

10r.

Petition of Cynthia Turncliff request installation of speed humps on Pine Tree Dr.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10s.

Petition of Sabrina Desy request the placement of traffic signage on the sidewalk in front of 84 Blackstone River Rd. be reviewed to ensure vehicles can safely traverse the area.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Department of Transportation and Mobility. Referred to the Department of Transportation and Mobility on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

10t.

Petition of Alyssa Benefit request removal of resident permit parking on South Flagg St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10u.

Petition of Nathalie Gibson request solid white line be repainted on Mill St. from Gates Ln. to 169 Mill St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10v.

Petition of Nathalie Gibson request center solid yellow line be painted on Coes St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10w.

Petition of Patricia Tricomi request parking be prohibited on both sides of Thorndyke Rd. from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on school days.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10x.

Petition of Patricia Tricomi request installation of speed humps on Thorndyke Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10y.

Petition of Patricia Tricomi request installation of signage at the entrance and exit of Thorndyke Road School driveway to inform drivers that the street is a one-way street, such as "No Left Turn - One Way" and "Right Turn Only - One Way" signage.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10z.

Petition of Alondra Pichardo Rosario request installation of a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Vernon St. and Richard St

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

11. PETITIONS - PART III

11a.

Petition of Debra Army request installation of speed humps on Parsons Hill Dr.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

11b.

Petition of David Webb filing an Open Meeting Law Complaint Form.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Law Department to Prepare an Answer and Respond. Referred to the Law Department to Prepare an Answer and Respond on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

11c.

Petition and Hearing: Charter Communications for a conduit location at Hermon St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set Hearings for items #11c CC through #11e CC on September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

11d.

Petition and Hearing: National Grid for a conduit location at Harrison St.

Hearing set for September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #11c CC).

11e.

Petition and Hearing: National Grid for a conduit location at Winfield St.

Hearing set for September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #11c CC).

12. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. APPOINTMENTS - Non-City Council Confirmation

1a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Shepard Allen to the Trust Funds Commission.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place items #12.1A CM through #12.1E CM on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

1b.

Communication of the City Manager recommending appointment of Michael Murphy to the Worcester Ballpark Commission.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.1A CM).

1c.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Christian Roberts to the Elder Affairs Commission.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.1A CM).

1d.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Erin Michelotti and amending the term expirations of Cassandra Tortorici, Chris Michelotti, and Angelique Webster to the Worcester Arts Council.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.1A CM).

1e.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Daniel McAuliffe to the Commission for the Preservation of Historic Artifacts, Relics and Military Memorials.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.1A CM).

2. APPOINTMENTS - City Council Confirmation

2a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointments of Kelly J. Brochu and Sarah Gerace to the Citizen Advisory Council.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointments for #12.2A CM and #12.2B CM. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

2b.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Joseph McEvoy to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Confirmed on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.2A CM).

3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - William Bagley, Jr., Esq., Chief Human Resources Officer

3a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of proposed Fiscal Year 26 Salary Ordinance Amendment.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the four (4) proposed Ordinances. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinances on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

4a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a corrected Zoning Map Amendment for 18 Mountain Street East.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION - Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer

6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - John K. Westerling, Commissioner

6a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Quarterly Report on Keep Worcester Clean and Clean City Initiatives.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #15g CC and #15h CC.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell and Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing prior City Council Orders and recommendations relative to trash management in the city." (See Item #25c CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to, "Request City Manager review neighborhood concerns and clean/remove a large trash receptacle located in the Canal District." (See Item #25d CC).

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

7. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CEMETERY - Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner

- 7a.** Communication of the City Manager requesting adoption of a Green Hill Golf Course Maintenance Contract in excess of three years with an option to renew the said contract for up to three one-year extensions.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

7b.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a request to provide City Council with a report concerning outreach done by the Green Hill Golf Course staff to invite and encourage Worcester Public Schools Students to learn and play golf at the course.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

8. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY - Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

8a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Street and Sidewalk Construction Progress Report for July 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT - Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

9a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to PFAS-free gear acquired by the Fire Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9b.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Council request on the impact of adopting M.G.L Chapter 148, Section 26I.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to hold the item under privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Toomey

10. POLICE DEPARTMENT - Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

10a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Police Body Camera Report.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

11. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

12. LAW DEPARTMENT - Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor

12a.

Communication of the City Manager requesting review and approval of an amendment to the Municipality's Organizational Ordinances, modifying the Department of Public Works & Parks; creating the Parks, Cemetery and Recreation Department; relocating the Designer Selection Board to the Department of Administration & Finance; and restructuring the Fire Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

12b.

Communication of the City Manager requesting review and approval of enclosed reorganizational ordinance amendment regarding the Law Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

12c.

Communication of City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the conflict-of-interest law and councilor participation in housing and rent control matters.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any State Ethics Commission rulings relative to issues around City Council reaching a quorum when considering topics impacting many City Councilors and whether any exemptions exist around such circumstances." (See Item #25e CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

**13. DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES -
Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner**

**14. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- Dr. Matilde "Mattie" Castiel, M.D., Commissioner**

**15. WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Jason L. Homer,
Executive Director**

- 16. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER - Election Commission Division - Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk**
- 17. PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - Brian Allen, Superintendent**
- 18. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE - Timothy J. McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer**

18a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of May 31, 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18b.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the financial update as of period ending June 30, 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18c.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to DCU Special Tax District Borrowing.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

- 19. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES - James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities**

20. DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE - John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

21. DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY - Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

22. FINANCE ITEMS - Capital Transfers

23. FINANCE ITEMS - Grants and Donations

23a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$178,642.31) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, DPH Offices for the Massachusetts Large Cities Health Coalition Entities.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #12.23A CM through #12.23E CM, #12.24A CM through #12.24E CM and #12.25A CM through #12.25G CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

23b.

Communication of City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to accept and expend a donation in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

23c.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to accept a donation of Twenty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$25.00) from Christine's Auto Sales.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

23d.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to accept and expend a grant in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the United Way of Central Massachusetts.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

23e.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Six Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$685,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services for the implementation of the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

24. FINANCE ITEMS - Operational Transfers

24a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Five Cents (\$186,248.05) be transferred from Fund #FD311-PG10069, Cable Educational Access, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC5203-PG50098, GMC Educational Cable Access Fund, which represents the Fiscal Year 2026 Cable PEG program allocation.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

24b.

Communication of City Manager recommending that Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$88,938.00) be transferred from various sources and be appropriated to CC1017-699399, Communications Capital Outlay, to fund the purchase of a replacement vehicle that was damaged in a no-fault accident.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

24c.

Communication of the City Manager recommending operating transfers to make adjustments to municipal accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

24d.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that Four Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$477,000.00) be transferred from FD311 Program PG10070, Cable Administration, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1031 Program PG10480-610100, Innovation and Technology Operations, for the allocation of the FY26 Cable PEG program for INET.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

24e.

Communication of the City Manager recommending City Council's authorization of the Zero Waste Revolving fund for Green Worcester's Plan for Fiscal Year 2026, at the limits of Twelve Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents per M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53 1/2. The Zero Waste Revolving Fund was created so that revenue from the Professional Service Agreement with Casella is allowed to be used for associated program costs. These require annual Authorization from City Council.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25. FINANCE ITEMS - Prior Year

25a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that Eight Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars and Fifty Seven Cents (\$8,601.57) be authorized from Fiscal year 2025 Cost Center #CC1048, Health & Human Services Veterans Services Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25b.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that a total of Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Dollars and Fifty Five Cents (\$6,273.55) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1004, Economic Development Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25c.

Communication of the City Manager recommending authorization of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$22,544.15) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1038, Police Department Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25d.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$1,361.19) be authorized from various Fiscal Year FY25 Department of Public Works and Parks cost centers, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25e.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$4,765.14) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 from Cost Center #CC1046, Division of Public Health Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25f.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that One Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Forty Cents (\$1,415.40) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1081, Transportation & Mobility Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25g.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$12,465.56) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1061, Budget Office Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

26. FINANCE ITEMS - Loan Orders

27. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

13. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

13a.

Chairman's Order from the Committee on Economic Development – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update relative to three (3) previously requested Chairman's Orders relative to 1) the creation of a taskforce to explore the feasibility of drafting an ordinance for residents to keep and raise chickens; 2) the processes used by other municipalities who allow for residents to keep and raise chickens; and 3) any challenges faced by other municipalities who allow for residents to keep and raise chickens.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #13a CC and #13b CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

13b.

Chairman's Order from the Committee on Public Health and Human Services – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing supportive data provided in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) program relative to the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Street Outreach.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #13a CC).

14. ORDERS - PART I

14a.

Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager conduct a review of the mail services used by the city to ensure the amount of time it takes for mail to arrive to a destination is reduced.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14b.

Order of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation review the Beaver Brook softball field permit holder's usage of sound systems and all complaints by Park Ave.'s residents related to sound pollution.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to amend the item to replace the words, "Park Ave." with "Parker St."

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to suspend the Rules of City Council to allow a resident, Nathalie Turner, to address the City Council concerning the item. Motion approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized the resident, Nathalie Turner, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14c.

Order of Councilor Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation provide City Council with a report concerning whether any steps have been taken to create a Master Plan for Burncoat Park. Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation begin the process of creating a Master Plan for Burncoat Park if such a plan does not yet exist.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14d.

Order of Councilor Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation provide City Council with a report concerning whether any steps have been taken to create a Master Plan for Poet Hill. Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation begin the process of creating a Master Plan for Poet Hill if such a plan does not yet exist.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14e.

Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning efforts made to rename Holland Rink Park to Jack “The Shot” Foley Park, in honor of basketball legend Jack Foley.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14f.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report regarding the planning and implementation schedule for the sidewalks on the upper portion of Burncoat St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14g.

Order of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study in the vicinity of 21 Ellsworth St. to determine ways the city can curb dangerous speeding concerns in the area.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the

item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14h.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a cost analysis of chemical treatments needed in Indian Lake that targets the excessive growth of Elodea, the native plant species.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #14h CC through #14l CC, as well as items #15a CC and #15b CC, collectively.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the items. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14i.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the treatment schedule for Indian Lake and all other lakes under lakes and ponds management throughout the city.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

14j.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a study that determines the best treatments for the lakes and ponds across the city.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

14k.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request Standing Committee on Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment invite representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to attend a meeting to discuss best practices for treating the city's lakes and ponds.

Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

14l.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a study determining the environmental impact of fertilizer being washed down into Indian Lake.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

14m.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report concerning functions and services that were gained and lost on the city's website because of transitioning the website to a new system.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and City Clerk, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Pacillo.

Councilor Pacillo then moved to, "Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing the operational challenges faced by the department relative to transitioning to a new agenda management software, OneMeeting by Granicus, and website. Further, request City Clerk include in said report information relative to any functions lost or gained concerning vital records

operations on the city's new website.” (See Item #25f CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Clerk, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman and Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Russell.

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report concerning how much money the city is currently spending on software associated with both the city’s agenda management program and the city’s website.” (See Item #25g CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14n.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager explore the feasibility of incorporating environmental reclamation efforts for American Chestnut Trees at Indian Lake Park, located at 149 West Boylston Dr.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent)

14o.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks repaint the yellow line on Rexhame Rd.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14p.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager install additional trash receptacles on Lincoln St. and Boylston St. between Pasadena Pkwy. and Tacoma St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14q.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the sidewalks on Neptune Rd. to make any immediately necessary safety repairs.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14r.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the sidewalks on Haviland St. to make any immediately necessary safety repairs.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14s.

Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager organize a public meeting in the vicinity of Elm Park to discuss the challenges, solutions, timelines and funding sources to fully restore the water bodies at Elm Park.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Haxhiaj, Nguyen absent).

14t.

Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing efforts to utilize naming opportunities at Beaver Brook Park for Douglas J. Hannam, Jr., to honor him for his lifetime commitment to Little League in Worcester.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell and Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Haxhij, Nguyen absent).

14u.

Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager request Police Chief and Fire Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the plans that the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Worcester Fire Department (WFD) have regarding retention and recruitment.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14v.

Order of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager consider creating and installing a “Welcome to Worcester – Home of State Champions” sign, listing the years and names of local youth sports teams that have won state championships over the past ten years (see attached for example).

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to amend the item to include public and private high school championships.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14w.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Etel Haxhiaj, Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager and Mayor work with the Governor’s Office and State Delegation to reduce private utility costs, in anticipation of potential fall rate hikes.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of adjusting private utility permitting fees in relation to any utility rate changes.” (See Item #25h CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of Councilor Pacillo’s motion (see Item #25h CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the legality of imposing retaliatory increases to private utility fees based on increases to resident utility bills.” (See Item #25i CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount the city is charging utility companies for utility work being done in the city’s streets, as well as the feasibility of increasing said charges to account for additional funds required to fix damage to the city’s streets associated with such work.” (See Item #25j CC).

Mayor Petty moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14x.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Etel Haxhiaj, Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager work with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning any improvements made to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), as well as plans for future improvements.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14y.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report detailing all data from the past eighteen (18) months between Dispatch and the Worcester Police Department (WPD) concerning the Main South area, in response to resident concerns. Said report should include any relevant communications aimed at improving operations while highlighting areas of consistent and timely responses. The audit should also include levels of response to calls as documented by WPD.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #14z CC.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King and Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report also include the percentage of calls in this area that include a clinical co-response.”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report include similar information for other urban neighborhoods in the city.” - Not Put.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a third time, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report be cross-referenced by data from other areas in the city.”

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14z.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief conduct an internal audit of all Main South 911 and non-emergency police calls from the past eighteen (18) months.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14y CC).

15. ORDERS - PART II

15a.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a quarterly report concerning the quality of the city’s blue spaces management. Said report should outline treatment planning, timelines, and options that are defined for each blue space.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

15b.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a quarterly report specifically detailing a review of the 2024/2025 Indian Lake Management. Said report should include information concerning nutrient loading and lake aging strategies, lake conditions, related adjustments, and the health of the ecosystem.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

15c.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager review the feasibility of enhancing the capacity of the Department of Health and Human Services as it relates to the city’s responsiveness to the challenges of the unsheltered population in the city. Said strategy should include increased social workers/clinical and outreach staffing and consider a reorganization plan versus a budget increase.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the timeline and efforts being made to secure a day center and general public facilities for the city’s homeless population.” (See Item #25k CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, Councilor Toomey, and Councilor Haxhiaj, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Haxhiaj.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman and Councilor King for second times, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15d.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s ability to require landscape/green space plans for underdeveloped lots under ordinances and regulations associated with anti-bligh. Further, request City Manager contact owners of the former Notre Dame Church property, as well as other Polar Park district properties, regarding any implementation of such a plan.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item. Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15e.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning tiny home projects in the city, including such a project on Claremont St.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and recognized Mayor Petty and Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Bergman,

who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15f.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager create a contingency fund up to \$500,000.00 to assist Community Preservation Act (CPA) recipients who can demonstrate hardship, to assist in cost reimbursement payments.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, “Request City Manager consider requesting non-profits who own real estate in the city to voluntarily contribute back to the city, should they ever receive contingency funds from the city regarding their receipt Community Preservation Act (CPA) monies.” (See Item #251 CC).

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15g.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell, Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Morris A. Bergman, Councilor Khrystian E. King, Councilor Etel Haxhiaj and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Due to August’s “Free’ Bulk Waste Drop Off” incentive program being filled for all of August on or about August 13, 2025, request City Manager extend this “free” program to all appointments made in August so that they are honored in September and moving forward.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.6A CM).

15h.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell, Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Morris A. Bergman, Councilor Khrystian E. King, Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager once again consider accommodating bulk waste drop off open all weekdays and one weekend day each week, free of charge, for city residents with no appointments necessary.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.6A CM)

15i.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased traffic and speed enforcement at the Newton Square Rotary.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent)

15j.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning draft language to implement an institutional zoning ordinance, which would require institutions such as colleges, universities, and hospitals to file ten (10) year institutional master plans with the city.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson. Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15k.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the installation of sidewalks at the beach near Shore Park, as the sidewalks are currently incomplete and posing a safety hazard.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson

and Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Russell.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Pacillo.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15l.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct an updated traffic study regarding the number of accidents that have occurred at the intersection of St. Nicholas Ave. and Clark St. Further, request said traffic study include information concerning the implementation of a vulnerable road user safety strategy plan.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King and Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Pacillo.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who

moved to amend the item to read as follows: "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline for the implementation of a safety and strategy plan at the intersection of Clark St. and St. Nicholas Ave."

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15m.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager initiate a public service response (PSR) regarding dog waste, including but limited to creating an advisory discouraging dog waste disposal in the city's storm drains. Further, request said response also include the installation of earth friendly locations with compostable waste bags at all standard parks and dog parks in the city.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15n.

Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the installation of all stop signs and speed humps in the city since January 1, 2022, to ensure all locations comply with all Commonwealth of Massachusetts and federal regulations associated with their placement and installation.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to amend the item to replace the year, "2022," with the year, "2020."

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

150.

Order of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the drafting of ordinances relative to the advancement of two (2) Worcester Now|Next recommendations concerning: A) eliminating or reducing minimum parking requirements; and B) reforming tree protection requirements for all developments.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

16. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY AUDITOR

16a.

Communication of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication auditing construction progress reports completed or not completed, information related to street selections, as well as completed streets over the past five (5) years with funding considerations and realizations.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - King

17. COMMUNICATIONS

17a.

Communication of Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, " Express for Whom?: Ridership, Recovery, and the Importance of the Worcester/Framingham Line."

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Service and Transportation Committee. Referred to Public Service and Transportation Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

18a.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of the FY2026 – FY2030 Housing Production Plan.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Resolution.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18b.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Fiscal Year 25 Worcester Arts Council Grantmaking.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #18b CC through #18d CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18c.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to MBTA Communities Compliance and Economic Feasibility Analysis for Inclusionary Zoning.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #18b CC).

18d.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Petition of Evan Corrigan request the creation of a permitting process to allow for resident to have chicken hens.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #18b CC).

19. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

19a.

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption for U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Programs – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) - City of Worcester Fiscal Year 2026/Program Year 51.: recommend adoption of the four (4) accompanying Resolutions.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda and Councilor Russell, who moved to recuse themselves from the item and left the room.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (Ojeda, Russell recused).

19b.

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services Upon the Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the impact a gas leak in the vicinity of Wawecus Road School, 20 Wawecus Rd., had on the community.: recommend Order be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept item #19b CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

20. TO BE ORDAINED - PART I

20a.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking Across From #6 Pattison Street.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #20a CC through #20z CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

20b.

Amending Section 47 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances Of 2008 to Remove School Parking Prohibitions on Portions of Gage Street and Eastern Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20c.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking Across From #118 Tower Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20d.

Amending Section 40 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish Resident Permit Parking on a Portion of Dominion Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20e.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15-Minute Parking on a Portion of Meade Street Near #39 Lamartine Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20f.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15 Minute Parking on a Portion of Grosvenor Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20g.

Amending Section 43 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Modify the Winter Parking Ban on Vernon Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen

absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20h.

Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign Facing Franklin Street Traffic Turning Right at Plantation Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20i.

Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign Facing Pratt Street at Whitman Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20j.

Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign Facing Stoneland Road at Freeland Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20k.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #64 Ward Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20l.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #1 Belvidere Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20m.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in the vicinity of #35 Columbia Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20n.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #49 Cutler Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20o.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish 30-Minute Metered Parking on a Portion of Green Island Blvd.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20p.

Amending Section 78 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a 20 MPH Safety Zone In The Vicinity Of 337 Mill Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20q.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #51 Pilgrim Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20r.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #16 Alpine Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20s.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #27 Vernon Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20t.

Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #59 Windsor Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20u.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #26A Marjorie Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20v.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #16 Elizabeth Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20w.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #75 Norfolk Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20x.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #58 Haven Lane.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen

absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20y.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Catharine Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20z.

Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Henrietta Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

21. TO BE ORDAINED - PART II

21a.

Amending Section 37(Q) of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish a Tow Zone on a Portion of Sutton Lane.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote of ordain items #21a CC through #21k CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

21b.

Amending Sections 40 and 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15 Minute Parking on a portion of Schussler Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21c.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15 Minute Parking on a portion of Washington Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21d.

Amending Section 46 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish a Commercial Loading Zone on a portion of Theodore Tonna Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21e.

Amending Sections 42 and 46 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish a Commercial Loading Zone and 2-Hour Metered Parking on a portion of Pearl Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21f.

Amending Sections 45 and 46 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish Passenger and Commercial Loading Zones on a portion of Main Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21g.

Amending Section 40 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish Resident Permit Parking on a portion of the west side of Scott Street and Prohibit Parking on the east side of Scott Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21h.

Amending Section 79 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a 20 MPH School Zone on Plantation Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21i.

Amending Section 79 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a 20 MPH School Zone on Chrome Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21j.

Amending Section 79 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a 20 MPH School Zone on Caroline Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21k.

Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign Facing Nelson Park Drive at Nelson Place

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

22. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

22a.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager consider providing City Council with a report concerning the expansion of the Shannon CSI funding parameters. Said report should include information that identifies how the changes in funding parameters may impact Youth Crisis Responsiveness, as well as an update concerning the related selection committee member planning and selection process.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

23. TABLED ITEMS

23a.

Order of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program.

No action taken

23b.

Resolution of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill.

No action taken

23c.

Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment.

No action taken

23d.

Report of the Committee on Public Service and Transportation Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way: recommend Order be placed on file.

No action taken

23e.

Report of the Committee on Public Service and Transportation Upon the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops: recommend Order be placed on file.

No action taken

23f.

Order of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen – Request City Manager work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights.

No action taken

23g.

Petition of Gordon Davis request City Council request Standing Committee on Public Safety investigate the issue of systemic racism and public safety with public hearings included.

No action taken

23h.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell and Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager install metal detector safety equipment at City Hall whenever open, similar to the equipment used at Polar Park, the Worcester District Court and other public places, on or before December 31, 2024.

No action taken

23i.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager conduct an equity audit of all city departments every five (5) years.

No action taken

23j.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to how the U.S. Department of Justice's report on the Worcester Police Department differs from the account of the municipality.

No action taken

24. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES – Items brought forth under suspension at the July 15, 2025, City Council meeting.

ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the amount of money spent on Mill St.'s traffic safety redesign project. – Item #23a CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report that outlines strategic mapping, planning and timelines associated with the installation of additional crosswalks on Mill St. – Item #23b CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount of funding required to repave Massasoit Rd. – Item #23c CC Order adopted

RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the allocation of monies for the purpose of installing School Zone safety signage. – Item #23d CC Resolution adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion as to the difference between a motion to place an item on file and a motion to adopt an item. – Item #23e CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report breaking down the cost of losing human life, should the city fail to adopt Mass. General Law Ch. 148, Section 26I. Said report should include the costs associated with the risk of injury to civilians and firefighters, as well as costs associated with health and psychological harms, long term health issues and any estimations on additional strains the failure to adopt the measure could have on emergency services. – Item #23f CC

Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the reason hundreds of fish died in Indian Lake. – Item #23g CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline and treatment plan associated with remedying water quality concerns at Indian Lake. – Item #23h CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing whether Indian Lake is considered property of the city or property of the State of Massachusetts. – Item #23i CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how instituting a program in the city relative to M.G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 50, which provides property tax relief to landlords that rent their units at a federally determined affordable rate, would impact the city. Said report should include information concerning: 1) Will these properties, if not registered in the rental registry, be required to register?; 2) How will Inspectional Services be engaged to provide information concerning property owners who have multiple code and sanitary violations?; 3) How will the city enforce rent and code violations, as well as what guardrails will there be to protect tenants?; 4) How does it affect the abatement overlay?; 5) What is the overlay amount that the city puts aside to manage tax abatements?; 6) What process would the city and City Council follow if the amount required to manage tax abatements would need to be increased?; 7) If a landlord who rents property potentially asks for an abatement based on the tax policy provision the Governor signed into law in 2023, does the Assessor's Office know whether a property owner is an LCC? Further, does the Assessor's Office know where the principal of the LLC resides or whether there are investors of such an LLC that live in Worcester or elsewhere?; and 8) How many staff currently work on abatements in the Assessor's Office currently? – Item #23j CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 50. – Item #23k CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a prospective draft ordinance within any report from the city that recommends the implementation of a program stemming from the adoption of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 50. – Item #23l CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning efforts to bring additional grocery stores to the city. – Item #23m CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report defining food deserts. – Item #23n CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays

ORDER of Councilor Donna M. Colorio – Request City Manager work with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of providing a bus route that takes residents of Lincoln St. to Market 32, located at 72 Pullman St. – Item #23o CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays

ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager ensure any actions associated with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) installing fencing around railroad crossings and train tracks for public safety include CSX, where applicable. – Item #23p CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a detailed report outlining the pros and cons of discontinuing the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance. – Item #23q CC Order adopted

RESOLUTION of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – That the City Council does hereby reaffirm its support to preserve residents’ right of to petition the City Council using the same process currently in place in the city. – Item #23r CC Resolution denied on a roll call vote of 4 Yeas and 6 Nays

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager rule out whether or not the city plans to lease out the property located at 51 and 61 Sever St. – Item #23s CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 3 Nays

25. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the August 19, 2025 City Council meeting.

25a.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paula Rosenblum et al. request speed hump plan associated with Haviland St. be amended to include three (3) speed humps placed as equal distance to each other as possible.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9d CC).

25b.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Joshua Lee Smith on behalf of Wolfe Farms LLC request to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Worcester, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning designation of the Properties identified below from the current zoning designation of Residence, Single Family (RS-7) to Residence, Limited (RL-7), as shown on the map attached hereto. The Properties include the properties known and numbered as 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 40, 42, and 44 Malden Street, 1-6 Malden Terrace, 1-3, 5-7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Reynolds Street, and 885, 915, 919, 921 and 923 West Boylston Street: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #8a CC).

25c.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing prior City Council Orders and recommendations relative to trash management in the city.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12j CC).

25d.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager review neighborhood concerns and clean/remove a large trash receptacle located in the Canal District.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.6A CM).

25e.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any State Ethics Commission rulings relative to issues around City Council reaching a quorum when considering topics impacting many City Councilors and whether any exemptions exist around such circumstances.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.12C CM).

25f.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing the operational challenges faced by the department relative to transitioning to a new agenda management software, OneMeeting by Granicus, and website. Further, request City Clerk include in said report information relative to any functions lost or gained concerning vital records operations on the city's new website.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14m CC).

25g.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report concerning how much money the city is currently spending on software associated with both the city's agenda management program and the city's website.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14m CC).

25h.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager provide City Council provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of adjusting private utility permitting fees in relation to any utility rate changes.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14w CC).

25i.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the legality of imposing retaliatory increases to private utility fees based on increases to resident utility bills.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14w CC).

25j.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount the city is charging utility companies for utility work being done in the city's streets, as well as the feasibility of increasing said charges to account for additional funds required to fix damage to the city's streets associated with such work.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14w CC).

25k.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the timeline and efforts being made to secure a day center and general public facilities for the city's homeless population.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #15c CC).

25l.

Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager consider requesting non-profits that own real estate in the city to voluntarily contribute back to the city funds they receive regarding Community Preservation Act (CPA) monies.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #15f CC).

To the City Council of the City of Worcester:

The undersigned, being the owner of certain property in the City of Worcester, most respectfully petitions the City Council as follows:

To amend the Zoning Map of the City of Worcester, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning designation of the property located at and known as 232 Stafford Street (a/k/a 242 Stafford Street), Worcester, Massachusetts, shown on the City of Worcester's Assessor's Map as M/B/L 28-042-00001 (the "Property") from the current zoning designation of Residence, Single Family (RS-7) to Residence, General (RG-5), as shown on the plan attached hereto.

For Worcester Academy's title to the Property, see the Quitclaim Deed dated January 24, 2000, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 22256, Page 372 and filed with Worcester District Land Court as Document 71622 on Certificate of Title No.14080 and the Quitclaim Deed dated September 9, 2005 and recorded with the Registry in Book 37366, Page 241, excepting therefrom the land conveyed to Melbourne Property, LTD. by Quitclaim Deed dated September 20, 2005 and recorded with the Registry in Book 37366, Page 244.

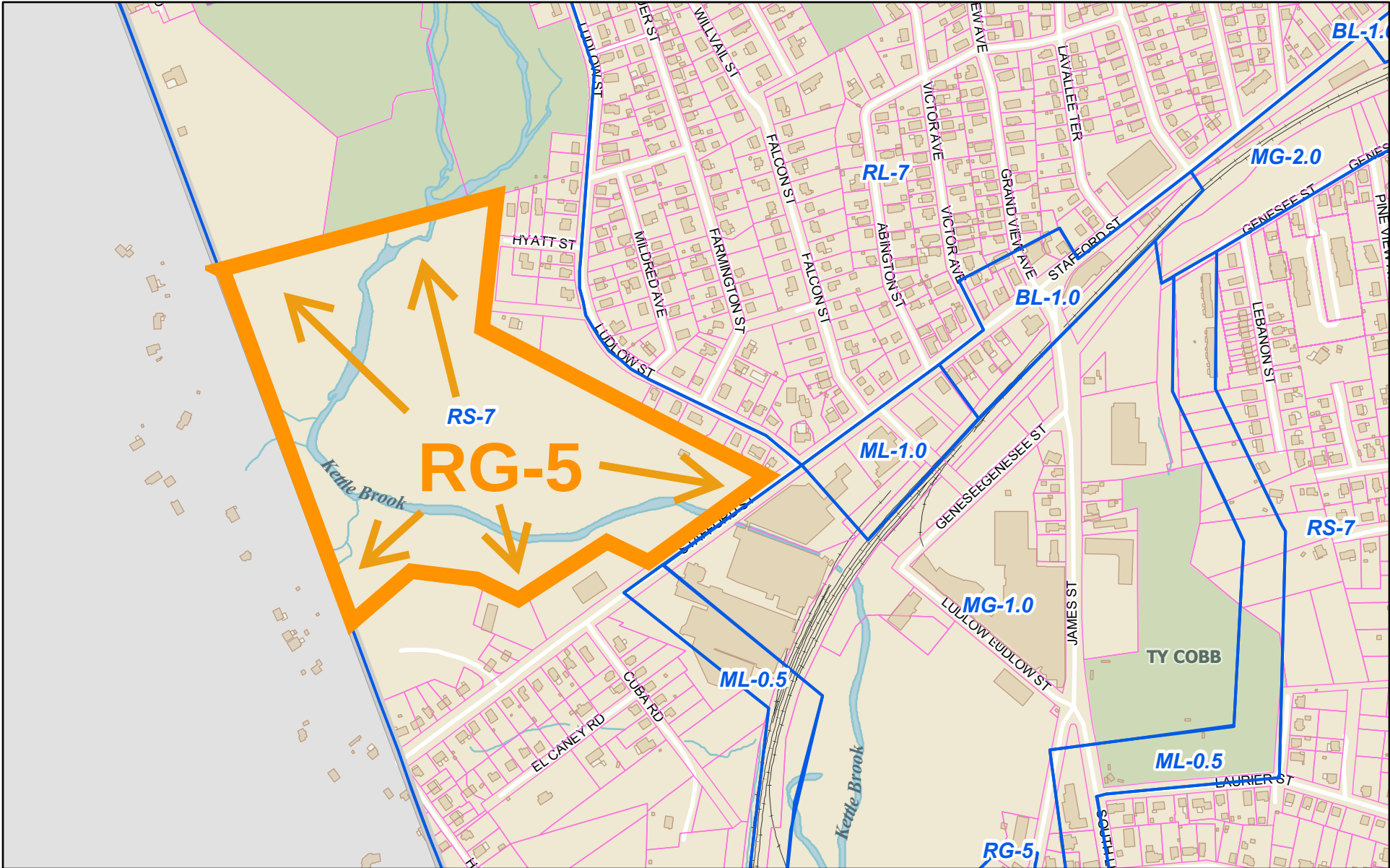
Respectfully submitted,

Worcester Academy (f/k/a Trustees of Worcester Academy)

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Name: Kevin J Breen
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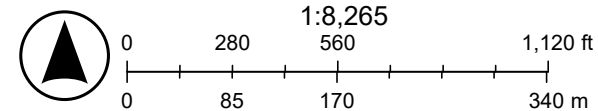
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The sidewalk in front of 75 Providence St be brought up to date via concrete placed down to replace tar after repairs made April of 2024.

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Speed bumps to be installed on Mason street.

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
 eSigned via GovOS.com Key: 2b3ab590c9be463df9da573fa5350d51	Jacqueline Grampetro	63 Mason St #2, Worcester Ma	5086638218	grampetro84@gmail.com

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Good morning, I am requesting as a resident of 15 Elliot Street Worcester for resident parking only. From the corner of Edward/Elliot Street down to Liberty Street. Recently one of my vehicles has been vandalized by a non-resident who resides a few blocks away but chooses to park his vehicle in front of my home.

Thankyou,

KellyAnn Druskis-Abreu

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
eSigned via GovOn.com <i>KellyAnn Druskis-Abreu</i> Key: 2b3ab696c18e403d9da6739d350d91	Kelly Ann Druskis-Abreu	15 Elliot Street Worcester .Ma.01605	508 736-3949	kellyabreu57@yahoo.com

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I am submitting this petition as a resident of Greenleaf Terrace to request the restoration of the "Private Way" signage that previously appeared on the Greenleaf Terrace street sign.

For many years, a smaller tab above the Greenleaf Terrace sign clearly indicated that the terrace is a private way. After recent municipal work, this sign was removed and has not been replaced.

Background:

- Greenleaf Terrace is not a public roadway but a privately maintained pedestrian terrace.
- The terrace consists of sidewalks that lead directly to our front doors and serve as both access paths and front yards.
- All maintenance—including snow removal, surface repairs, and general upkeep—is performed by the residents at our own expense.

Current Concerns:

Since the removal of the "Private Way" signage, there has been ongoing confusion among pedestrians who assume the terrace is a public sidewalk. This has led to:

- Uninvited use of residents' walkways and yards, which are privately owned and maintained.
- Misunderstandings with visitors and passers-by, who reasonably note that no signage indicates the terrace is private property.

Signature

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
eSigned via GovOS.com  Key: 2b3ab590c9be463df9da573fa5350d51	Sheila F Shea	5 Greenleaf Terr	774-242-5162	S.shea40@gmail.com

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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request...

Installation of a handicap parking sign in front of address 2 blodgett place, My dad is 86 years old and reside's at this apt. There is no parking on the street and if he park's in front of the house he receive's a ticket. He use's a cane and a walker. He also has a handicap plaque,.

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
eSigned via GovOS.com <i>Holly Hartley</i> Key: 2b3ab590c9be463df9da573fa5350d51	Holly Hartley	2 blodgett pl 01605	774-418-3308	hollylynnhartley8@gmail.co

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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request...

Installation of speed hump in the vicinity of 85 Merrifield st

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
eSigned via GovOS.com <i>Robert Bilotta</i> Key: 2b3ab590c9be463df9da573fa5350d51	Robert Bilotta	20 Dallas Street	5084146766	rbilotta86@gmail.com

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the installation of a crosswalk in the vicinity of 974 Main Street at Beaver for daily use by caregivers

and students at Goddard School. This crossing is also the most efficient crossing in cases

of an evacuation of students and staff from the school to their primary evacuation site on the Clark

University campus at Park Avenue.

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
Matthew C. Morse	Matthew C. Morse, Ed.D	115 Northeast Cutoff, Worcester 01605	508-799-3472	morsem@worcesterschools.net
<i>Alyson Kenney</i>	Alyson Kenney	80 Chatham #2 01609	508-274-7564	alykenney@gmail.com
<i>KARRIE ALLEN</i>	KARRIE ALLEN	14 RICHARD ST 01604	508-799-3594	allenkp@worcesterschools.net
<i>Kara Scichilone</i>	Kara Scichilone	14 Richard St 01603	508-799-3594	scichilonek@worcesterschools.net

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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request...

My Name is Paul Smith I live at 73 Florence St.
Worcester, Ma. 01603 there is a 1 car parking space
to the left side of the driveway for the apartment
I live in. I am not allowed to park in the driveway,
and I am requesting a handicap parking space
for the 1 car parking space, as I am handicapped and have
mobility and muscle disabled. I am 62 yrs. old and need
help please. (Thank you)

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
<i>Paul Smith</i>	PAUL SMITH	73 FLORENCE ST. 01603	508-231-2131	Worcesterboxer@gmail.com
		73 Florence St		
		01603		

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER:

The undersigned person(s) most respectfully petitions your Honorable Board:

Request installation of speed humps on Malmo St.

Councilor George J. Russell

**On behalf of Yessica Rivas
4 Malmo Street
Worcester, MA 01607**

cc2025sep12011718

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER:

The undersigned person(s) most respectfully petitions your Honorable Board:

Request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Davenport St. and Electric St.

Mayor Joseph M. Petty

**On behalf of William McCarthy
21A Electric Street
Worcester, MA 01610**

**Meaghan McCarthy
28 Dutton Street
Worcester, MA 01610**

cc2025sep12011917

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER:

The undersigned person(s) most respectfully petitions your Honorable Board:

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Mayor Joseph M. Petty

**On behalf of William McCarthy
21A Electric Street
Worcester, MA 01610**

**Meaghan McCarthy
28 Dutton Street
Worcester, MA 01610**

CITY OF WORCESTER

ORDERED: That

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program.

CITY OF WORCESTER

RESOLVED:

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch, Representative Liz Miranda and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill.

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Liz Miranda and Mindy Domb

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>

HOUSE No.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to effectuate equity in COVID-19 vaccination, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and health.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The governor shall immediately appoint or designate a director of COVID-
2 19 vaccination equity and outreach who shall be a new member of leadership within the
3 executive office of health and human services in its functionality as the COVID-19 command
4 center, who shall report directly to the secretary of the executive office of health and human
5 services, and whose sole and full-time responsibility shall be to plan and implement actions to
6 overcome disparities in COVID-19 vaccination rates rooted in historic and current racism; biases
7 based on ethnicity, income, primary language, immigration status, or disability; geography; or
8 transportation access, language access, or internet access. The director's responsibilities shall
9 include without limitation implementing the provisions of this act. The director shall have
10 significant expertise in public health and experience with a successful mass vaccination
11 campaign, a statewide campaign in the commonwealth, or extensive existing connections with

multiple socially and economically disadvantaged communities across the commonwealth. The director shall be made known to the full membership of the general court and the public no later than the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 12, 2021.

SECTION 2. (a) The director shall immediately establish partnerships, contracts, or memoranda of understanding, as applicable, with trusted community-based organizations, local public health departments or boards of health, community-rooted faith-based organizations, and locally-based health care providers, including without limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, to directly deliver medically and scientifically accurate, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse information about the safety and efficacy of vaccination, including particularly the COVID-19 vaccine, and the pathways to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine to residents of demographic communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Directly delivered information shall also include transmission prevention measures, including but not limited to ventilation, mask-wearing, and physical distancing. Direct delivery may include phone calls, text messages, physically distanced door-to-door and street canvassing, and digital event-based communication involving live and interactive messengers. Television, radio, newspaper, and other mass media campaigns shall not constitute direct delivery of information for purposes of this section. The provisions of this paragraph shall not in any way interfere with, alleviate, strike, subordinate, supersede, or remove the vaccination education and outreach requirements established in line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020.

(b) The director shall undertake similar direct delivery methods and community partnerships to: (i) assist residents of communities described in paragraph (a) in completing self-attestation forms and otherwise preparing for vaccination appointments; and (ii) support transportation-limited residents of communities described in paragraph (a) in getting to vaccination appointments or arranging for vaccinators to otherwise reach said residents.

(c) The director shall expand upon the vaccination education and outreach campaign required by line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 in order to: (i) sustain and, as necessary, increase the penetration of mass media buys in target populations in demographic communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by COVID-19; (ii) communicate the safety, efficacy, science, and benefits of COVID-19 vaccines, as well as pathways to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, in a manner that is culturally competent and utilizes diverse messengers trusted in target communities. This expansion may utilize, but shall not be limited to, the funds appropriated under said line item 4512-2021.

(d) The vaccination education and outreach requirements set forth in this section and established in line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be maintained until parity is achieved and sustained between vaccination rates in communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by COVID-19 and the statewide average vaccination rate, or the termination of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of public health shall immediately deploy, in partnership with local or regional public health officials and experts whenever practicable, no fewer than 30 vans, buses, or other vehicles as vaccination vehicles to municipalities designated in this section for a minimum of 40 hours

per week per vehicle, including some early morning, late evening, and weekend hours, for the sole and express purpose of vaccinating residents of those municipalities. The department shall make reasonable efforts to utilize zero-emissions vehicles to satisfy the requirements of this section. The vaccination vehicles shall be deployed as follows: (i) 1 to the communities in the Cape and Islands region with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (ii) 1 to the communities in the MetroWest/495 region with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iii) 2 to the communities in southeastern Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 2 to the communities in the Merrimack Valley with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (v) 2 to the communities in western Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (vi) 2 to the communities in central Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 3 to the neighborhoods in the city of Boston experiencing the highest percent positivity rates in the prior 2 weeks; and (viii) the remainder to other high-test, highest-contagion communities throughout the commonwealth, provided, however, that the director may deviate from the high-test, high-contagion requirement set forth in this element (viii) only if a strong health equity rationale exists for so deviating and only upon publication of said rationale. For purposes of this Act, the term “high-test, highest-contagion municipality” shall mean a municipality with one of the highest percent positivity rates among the 30 municipalities with the highest test counts in the commonwealth in the prior two weeks.

(b) Residents of the areas designated to be served by the vaccination vehicle program described in paragraph

(a) of this section shall be eligible for vaccination via said program consistent with approvals by the federal drug administration and regardless of phase designations in the commonwealth's vaccine distribution plan.

Residency may be established by self-attestation.

(c) Each vaccination vehicle shall be staffed with at least the following individuals: a medical provider who, acting within the scope of their license, may administer vaccines and deliver basic life support, a medical assistant, a patient services coordinator, and two community health workers, at least one of whom shall have direct experience in the municipality to which the vehicle is deployed. A vaccination vehicle operating in a community that is home to limited English proficiency residents shall also include a language interpreter. All vaccination vehicles shall have telephonic access to language interpretation services. In the event multiple vehicles are deployed in an area designated in paragraph (a), the staff specified in this paragraph (c) may be assigned to any such vehicles, as appropriate.

(d) The department shall partner with local public health departments, local boards of health, and locally-based health care providers to disseminate to target populations accurate, user-friendly, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse information about the vaccination vehicle program, including without limitation how residents can receive a vaccine via a vehicle in their community.

(e) The vaccination vehicle program shall be maintained and operational until a sufficient percentage of the residents of the commonwealth are vaccinated in order to protect the population from the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 4. The department of public health shall immediately partner with local public health departments, local boards of health, locally-based health care providers, including without limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, and local independent pharmacies to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

SECTION 5. For all COVID vaccinations requiring a second dose, all vaccination locations shall assist patients in scheduling a second vaccination appointment at the time of the first appointment. This assistance may be provided during the observation period following vaccination administration.

SECTION 6. No later than February 12, 2021, the governor shall appoint an expert on vaccine disinformation to the Vaccine Advisory Group.

SECTION 7. (a) The department of public health shall immediately comply with all data collection and reporting provisions set forth in Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, including, but not limited to, finalizing regulations on health care providers collecting COVID-19 data.

(b) Further to the interim draft vaccination plan published by the department on its website in October of 2020 and submitted to and approved by the federal government, the department shall immediately publish on its website any updates to said plan and a detailed set of implementation protocols to overcome the vaccination disparities described in section 1 and ensure that 20 percent of the commonwealth's vaccine supply will be administered to residents of demographic communities with high social vulnerability and disproportionately and

negatively impacted by COVID-19. The vaccination plan and implementation protocols shall be publicly updated within 24 hours of any subsequent modification or change thereto.

(c) To further effectuate transparency and equity regarding COVID vaccination, the department shall: (i) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the number of unused vaccine doses in the commonwealth, an explanation for why the doses remain unused, and its plan to redistribute the doses; (ii) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the vaccine doses allocated throughout the commonwealth, delineated by vaccination location; and (iii) effective immediately, collect COVID vaccination data by key socioeconomic and demographic indicators, including race, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity, primary language, occupation, household income, residence in elder care facilities and other congregate care settings, housing status, and zip code, and publish said data on its website not less than weekly except where publication would result in disclosure of personal information as defined in chapter 93H of the general laws.

SECTION 8. (a) No later than February 26, 2021, the director shall submit to the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on public health, and the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight a budget for effectuating the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive. Said budget shall specify the source or sources of funding, whether state, federal, or both, is planned

for each implementation element and whether any additional state appropriations are necessary to achieve compliance with said sections.

(b) No later than March 26, 2021, and at least on every subsequent final Friday of the month for the duration of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, the secretary of the executive office of health and human services or her designee shall report to the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on public health, the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight, and the auditor the following financial information pertaining to COVID-19 vaccination in the commonwealth, including without limitation vaccination education and information dissemination and vaccination distribution: (i) funds expended on vaccinating residents of the commonwealth, delineated by spending item and region of the commonwealth; provided, however, that compliance with section 104 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be considered compliance with the requirements of this section; (ii) any amounts beyond existing state and federal appropriations and reimbursements that may be needed to effectuate the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan generally, and the purposes of section 1 specifically; (iii) any updates to the budget submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section; (iv) a detailed accounting of all funds, including state and federal funds, distributed to local boards of health, including any body that acts as a board of health, public health commission, regional health district or health department of a municipality, since the last report, indicating whether the funds came from state or federal sources, and a budget plan detailing planned or anticipated distribution of funds to these local health agencies in the coming 3 months, indicating

the source of the funds; and (v) any additional financial information pertinent to the implementation of the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan and other provisions of this act.

SECTION 9. The department of public health shall implement all reasonable efforts to maximize federal reimbursement for COVID vaccination implementation efforts and efforts pursuant to section 1. Such reasonable efforts shall include consideration of mobilizing the Massachusetts National Guard to staff phone banking efforts undertaken pursuant to section 2.

SECTION 10. The department of public health shall take immediate action to eliminate COVID-19 testing deserts in the commonwealth by launching at least 1 open access, no-appointment, no-cost testing site in every gateway city in the commonwealth, to the extent no such testing site already exists.

SECTION 11. This act shall remain in effect until the termination of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency.

SENATE No.**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>

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(e) The vaccination vehicle program shall be maintained and operational until a sufficient percentage of the residents of the commonwealth are vaccinated in order to protect the population from the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 4. The department of public health shall immediately partner with local public health departments, local boards of health, locally-based health care providers, including without limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, and local independent pharmacies to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

SECTION 5. For all COVID vaccinations requiring a second dose, all vaccination locations shall assist patients in scheduling a second vaccination appointment at the time of the first appointment. This assistance may be provided during the observation period following vaccination administration.

SECTION 6. No later than February 12, 2021, the governor shall appoint an expert on vaccine disinformation to the Vaccine Advisory Group.

SECTION 7. (a) The department of public health shall immediately comply with all data collection and reporting provisions set forth in Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, including, but not limited to, finalizing regulations on health care providers collecting COVID-19 data.

(b) Further to the interim draft vaccination plan published by the department on its website in October of 2020 and submitted to and approved by the federal government, the department shall immediately publish on its website any updates to said plan and a detailed set of implementation protocols to overcome the vaccination disparities described in section 1 and ensure that 20 percent of the commonwealth's vaccine supply will be administered to residents of demographic communities with high social vulnerability and disproportionately and negatively impacted by COVID-19. The vaccination plan and implementation protocols shall be publicly updated within 24 hours of any subsequent modification or change thereto.

(c) To further effectuate transparency and equity regarding COVID vaccination, the department shall: (i) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the number of unused vaccine doses in the commonwealth, an explanation for why the doses remain unused, and its plan to redistribute the doses; (ii) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the vaccine doses

122 allocated throughout the commonwealth, delineated by vaccination location; and (iii) effective
123 immediately, collect COVID vaccination data by key socioeconomic and demographic
124 indicators, including race, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation and gender
125 identity, primary language, occupation, household income, residence in elder care facilities and
126 other congregate care settings, housing status, and zip code, and publish said data on its website
127 not less than weekly except where publication would result in disclosure of personal information
128 as defined in chapter 93H of the general laws.

129 SECTION 8. (a) No later than February 26, 2021, the director shall submit to the chairs
130 of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing
131 committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint
132 committee on public health, and the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and
133 regulatory oversight a budget for effectuating the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive. Said
134 budget shall specify the source or sources of funding, whether state, federal, or both, is planned
135 for each implementation element and whether any additional state appropriations are necessary
136 to achieve compliance with said sections.

137 (b) No later than March 26, 2021, and at least on every subsequent final Friday of the
138 month for the duration of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, the secretary of the
139 executive office of health and human services or her designee shall report to the chairs of the
140 senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing committee on
141 COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on
142 public health, the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight,
143 and the auditor the following financial information pertaining to COVID-19 vaccination in the
144 commonwealth, including without limitation vaccination education and information

dissemination and vaccination distribution: (i) funds expended on vaccinating residents of the commonwealth, delineated by spending item and region of the commonwealth; provided, however, that compliance with section 104 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be considered compliance with the requirements of this section; (ii) any amounts beyond existing state and federal appropriations and reimbursements that may be needed to effectuate the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan generally, and the purposes of section 1 specifically; (iii) any updates to the budget submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section; (iv) a detailed accounting of all funds, including state and federal funds, distributed to local boards of health, including any body that acts as a board of health, public health commission, regional health district or health department of a municipality, since the last report, indicating whether the funds came from state or federal sources, and a budget plan detailing planned or anticipated distribution of funds to these local health agencies in the coming 3 months, indicating the source of the funds; and (v) any additional financial information pertinent to the implementation of the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan and other provisions of this act.

SECTION 9. The department of public health shall implement all reasonable efforts to maximize federal reimbursement for COVID vaccination implementation efforts and efforts pursuant to section 1. Such reasonable efforts shall include consideration of mobilizing the Massachusetts National Guard to staff phone banking efforts undertaken pursuant to section 2.

SECTION 10. The department of public health shall take immediate action to eliminate COVID-19 testing deserts in the commonwealth by launching at least 1 open access, no-appointment, no-cost testing site in every gateway city in the commonwealth, to the extent no such testing site already exists.

168 SECTION 11. This act shall remain in effect until the termination of the COVID-19
169 public health state of emergency.

CITY OF WORCESTER

ORDERED: That

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment.

CITY OF WORCESTER

In Committee

January 5, 2023

The Committee on Public Service And Transportation to whom was referred December 20, 2022 the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Communication be placed on file.

For the Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie Vega", is written over a rectangular area of light green dotted paper.

Clerk

CITY OF WORCESTER

In Committee

January 5, 2023

The Committee on Public Service And Transportation to whom was referred December 20, 2022 the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Order be placed on file.

For the Committee

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Clerk

CITY OF WORCESTER

ORDERED: That

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights.

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PETITION

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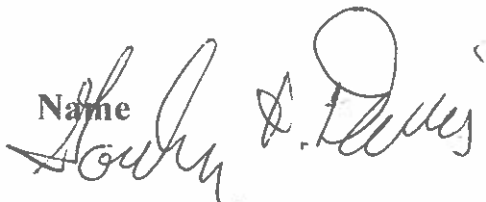
The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows:

Whereas The Disparities in Arrests Report shows a disproportionate number of Black and Latino people arrested in Worcester The Police Chief has said that this systemic racism harms Black and Latino people

Whereas the statement by the Worcester Police Chief is evidence of a clear and present danger.

We ask City Council to assign to the Public Safety Committee the task of investigating the issue of systemic racism and public safety. The investigation should include public hearings.

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CITY OF WORCESTER

ORDERED: That

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to install metal detector safety equipment at City Hall whenever open, similar to the equipment used at Polar Park, the Worcester District Court and other public places, on or before December 31, 2024.

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CITY OF WORCESTER

ORDERED: That

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to conduct an equity audit of all city departments every five (5) years.

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

April 29, 2025

Attachment for Item #9.13A

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

The attached communication relative to a report detailing any instances where the account within the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report concerning the Worcester Police Department (WPD) differs from the account of the municipality, as received from Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief, is forwarded for the information of your Honorable Body.

This communication is in response to an order from a March 25, 2025 council agenda that read: "Motion King @ #6a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any instances where the account within the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report concerning the Worcester Police Department (WPD) differs from the account of the city. Further, request said report include instances when the accounts of the DOJ have been confirmed by the city."

As referenced in the Public Safety Standing Committee meeting on April 15, 2025 by Chief Saucier, the DOJ report does not reflect WPD's current practices including reforms and improvements that have been made since 2022 and there are instances in the DOJ report that mischaracterize practices of the department. The attached report details these instances.

The WPD remains committed to continuing the improvement of practices to promote fair, safe, and unbiased policing in our community. We will continue to update the Council as my Administration works to address recommendations from the DOJ report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

Worcester Police Department

Paul B. Saucier, Chief of Police

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: Paul B. Saucier, Chief of Police
Date: April 29, 2025
Re: Department of Justice Report

Relative to the City Council's request for a report detailing any instances where the account within the Department of Justice Report concerning the Worcester Police Department differs from the account of the municipality, the following report is transmitted for review.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Saucier
Chief of Police

DOJ Analysis

I. DOJ's Mistakes and Mischaracterizations

WPD cooperated extensively with DOJ for over two years, providing them with access to (1) the Department's Records Management System (RMS), (2) the Evidence.com system where body-worn camera footage and other evidence is stored, (3) Bureau of Professional Standards (BOPS) investigative files, (4) use of force data reports, (5) a sampling of 58 sexual assault incident files, (6) training materials and records from MPTC-mandated student officer and in-service trainings, and (7) Department policies and procedures. To date, DOJ has not specifically identified any of the incidents that it reviewed in its investigation.

1. Use of Force

Over 1,300 records of uses of force exist in the relevant time period, of which approximately 770 records pertained to only displays of a tool or weapon and approximately 530 consisted of actual uses of force.¹ These data points reveal that WPD officers very rarely use actual force: actual uses of force amount to approximately 0.08% of all incidents.

DOJ claims that WPD engages in a pattern or practice of using excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment. However, DOJ minimizes or mischaracterizes the practices of the Department, and the individual incidents referenced in its report. For instance:

- DOJ failed to provide important contextual details, such as the officers' knowledge and experience with certain locations or individuals.
- DOJ failed to appropriately describe the subjects' behavior, including their defiance of officer directives, their resistance to arrest, their violent behavior, their agitation, and/or threats to officers immediately preceding the use of force;
- DOJ failed to acknowledge the officers' attempts to de-escalate prior to resorting to force; and

¹ The Commonwealth's definition of "use of force" does not include displays, but WPD has adopted tighter reporting requirements and documents every display of any tool or weapon (including tasers, batons, OC spray, K-9, and firearms).

- DOJ failed to acknowledge the nature of the offenses committed and the danger posed by subjects to officers and to the public.

As the Supreme Court has recognized, “[t]he calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments – in circumstances that are tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving – about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation.” *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 396-97 (1989). The incidents referenced in DOJ’s report were analyzed in hindsight and in a vacuum and lack many key details that would best capture the circumstances of the officers’ uses of force. The four examples detailed below illustrate the scope of DOJ’s omissions and misstatements.

Example #1: Train Station Incident

DOJ describes an incident in its report that involved the use of a taser in apprehending a male subject at Worcester’s Union Station (p.8). DOJ claims that the use of the taser was unreasonable because “the man posed no immediate threat and the only crime the man had committed was loitering.” A review of the incident report makes clear that this is an over-simplified and inaccurate mischaracterization of the incident. Union Station is a problematic location with moderate to high crime, including regular arrests for loitering, alcohol and drug violations, assaults, assault and battery, larcenies, and other crimes. Indeed, the City and WPD have designated a portion of the building as a precinct substation to combat crime and ensure public safety. Consistent with WPD’s experience in other incidents at this location, the subject involved in this particular incident was disorderly, defiant, and aggressive, and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

DOJ’s report fails to mention the many attempts made by officers to de-escalate the situation by attempting to explain the loitering laws and providing over a dozen warnings and commands to leave prior to arresting the subject, as well as the increasing aggression of the subject. The incident report indicates that the subject shouted at officers and refused to leave. When the officer attempted to arrest the subject, he resisted—ripping the officer’s hand off of his arm, pushing the officer in the chest, and taking a fighting stance. The officer ordered the subject to the ground before retrieving his taser. Pursuant to the Use of Force Policy, tasers are authorized to defend against an assaultive individual and perceived imminent attack. The officer yelled “Taser!” as the subject was facing him and pulled the trigger. At the same time, the subject turned and began to run, causing

the probes to impact the back of the subject's thick jacket. The probe deployment was ineffective, and the subject fled the building. The officer chased the subject into a narrow alleyway blocked by a barbed wire fence. The subject repeatedly kicked and elbowed the officer before the officer was able to pull him from the alleyway and effectuate the arrest. After the arrest, the officer complied with WPD policy (Use of Force, No. 400) and reported all uses of force to his sergeant. This was not a case where WPD "quickly and unreasonably resort[ed] to using tasers"—the officer had probable cause to believe that the subject committed crimes, including disorderly behavior, disturbing the peace, loitering, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer, and used reasonable and proportional force to apprehend an agitated and assaultive subject.

Example #2: Walmart Shoplifting Incident

DOJ also describes an incident in which an off-duty officer working at a Walmart punched and used OC (pepper) spray against a shoplifter (p.9). According to DOJ, the officer "observ[ed] the shoplifter get into a waiting vehicle" and used force by punching him in the midsection and face and spraying him with OC spray. DOJ claims that these uses of force "were unreasonable in light of the minor nature of the offenses and the officer's failure to note in his report any other attempts to control or handcuff the man before resorting to punches." This description fails to mention the key contextual information that establishes the immediate danger posed to the officer and justifies the officer's actions and use of force.

This specific Walmart location has the highest rate of theft in the region and requires off-duty officers to be present as part of its operation. Officers assigned to this location are familiar with the shoplifting issues at the store and have experience arresting subjects who are often resistant or unwilling to comply with the officers' directives. In this particular incident, the officer observed the subject taking a flat screen television, sound bar, and tool kit (worth a total of \$745) from the store without paying. The officer then observed the subject getting into a waiting car with the license plates removed. When the officer stepped in front of the car, the unidentified driver unexpectedly accelerated the vehicle in the officer's direction. This initial encounter occurred so quickly that the officer was unable to attempt to de-escalate the scene. The officer narrowly avoided the car and was able to grab onto the subject, who was partially outside of the of vehicle.

The driver fled the scene with the stolen merchandise, and the officer was left with the subject, who began to elbow and kick the officer. Other officers on the scene described that the subject attempted to head butt and kick the officer and flailed his body to resist arrest. The arresting officer verbally told the subject to stop resisting before resorting to strikes. As the officer used his weight to hold the subject to the ground, the subject continued to resist arrest. The officer warned the subject that he would use OC spray if he did not comply. The subject refused to de-escalate, and the officer deployed his OC spray. Ultimately, with the assistance of two additional officers, the officer was able to arrest the subject. The arresting officer immediately reported his uses of force to his sergeant, as required. This was not a situation where, as DOJ alleges, the subject committed a minor offense or where the officer could have further de-escalated the situation prior to resorting to force. The uses of force employed by the officer were appropriate and proportionate given the subject's volatile and assaultive behavior.

Example #3: Skilled Nursing Facility Incident

DOJ's report also references an incident involving an agitated patient at a skilled nursing facility who needed to be transported to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation and treatment (p.9). According to DOJ, the man was handcuffed, resisted being escorted to the stretcher by pulling his arms to his chest, thrashing, kicking at officers, and spitting on an officer, leading an officer to punch the subject in the face three times. Yet again, DOJ's description of this incident is incomplete.

The officer's incident report reveals that he was both familiar with this skilled nursing facility and with this particular subject, who he had previously needed to involuntarily admit for psychiatric evaluation (known as "Section 12") at the same skilled nursing facility in the past. The subject has a long history with WPD: data available in RMS suggests that he has been arrested approximately 60 times in the past, including for resisting arrest and for assault and battery on a police officer. As it relates to this particular incident, the supervising nurse had described the subject as combative and threatening to assault staff and other patients, and Worcester EMS requested that police respond and secure the scene before they could safely transport the subject for evaluation.

Responding officers made numerous attempts to de-escalate the subject by communicating why they were there and what was going on, but the subject was unwilling

to de-escalate and continued to threaten to attack anyone who touched him. When the officers moved to either side of the subject to escort him to the stretcher, the subject pulled his arms to his chest area, spit on the officers, and thrashed around to break free. Despite DOJ's description of the incident, the subject was not handcuffed at this time. One of the officers attempted to turn the subject onto his stomach to secure him with handcuffs, but the subject tucked his hands underneath him, further resisting the officer's attempts. The subject also kicked at the officers, striking them in the legs. One of the officers delivered three closed fist strikes to the side of the subject's face in response to the subject's behavior. The officer's report describes in detail his intent and intensity of his strikes in his report: the officer used his non-dominant hand (while his dominant hand was trying to maintain control over the subject), and the strikes were used to distract the subject to encourage him to cease assaulting officers. The distraction effort was successful, and the officers were finally able to handcuff the subject. The officers then evaluated the subject for injuries. No injuries were visible, and the subject stated that he was uninjured. The officer immediately notified his sergeant of his use of force, as required.

Example #4: Condemned Building Incident

In connection with WPD's use of K-9s, DOJ describes an incident in which a canine was deployed to search a condemned building and bit a woman hiding under a blanket (p.13). According to DOJ, none of the offenses committed by the woman (breaking and entering, destruction of property, trespassing, and resisting arrests) "involved assaulting or threatening officers or others." DOJ's description fails to capture the danger of the situation encountered by officers at this particular scene and officers' experience with earlier reports of crimes at this specific location.

This incident involved a condemned and unoccupied residence. Officers had responded to 69 separate incidents at this particular property in the previous six months, including 15 calls (4 for trespassing and 2 for breaking and entering) in the month of the incident alone. The management company for the property had boarded up all access points and posted "NO Trespass" signs around the exterior of the property, while Code Enforcement had condemned the building and affixed their own placards around the building. In this incident, officers were called to the scene for a breaking and entering in progress. They were notified by the property owner that at least one individual remained within the building. The owner asked officers to search and clear the property so that he could safely enter the building. The responding officers decided to search the building with the aid of a K-9 for officer safety. This decision was made for three main reasons. First,

officers understood from the property owner that a crime had been and was being committed. Second, officers had conducted searches of this particular building prior to this incident and were aware that the building posed an extreme tactical disadvantage to officers. Third, the officers were aware that the building had an attic space and that, just a few weeks prior to this incident, another officer in Massachusetts was shot and killed (and his K-9 was shot) while searching an attic in similar circumstances.

The officers shouted announcements (“Worcester Police K-9. Make yourself known, the dog will find and may bite you”) before entering the building, and the K-9 officer made a total of 11 announcements during the search at five strategic locations throughout the property. The officer waited approximately 5 seconds after each announcement to allow time for any individuals to surrender prior to using force. The subject did not comply with the announcements, and the dog physically apprehended her. The canine was immediately removed once tactically feasible, and the subject was transported to a hospital for treatment. As required, the K-9 supervisor was notified of the use of force and responded to the scene, and photographs were taken.

2. Vice Squad Operations and Public Complaints

The Department’s Vice Squad investigates drug- and prostitution-related offenses and consists of 15 officers and 4 supervisors. In total, approximately 2,465 drug- and prostitution-related arrests were made from January 2018 to November 2022, of which approximately 2,100 related to drug offenses (~85%) and approximately 365 pertained to prostitution-related offenses (~15%). Of the prostitution-related offenses, WPD arrested 204 “Johns” and 99 women engaged in prostitution activities. Indeed, Vice Squad conducted only approximately 30 prostitution stings in the relevant five-year period, otherwise devoting its resources to drug enforcement. Moreover, prostitution stings were only conducted in response to neighborhood complaints from members of the community, such as business owners and schools. These figures are consistent with the Department’s shift away from supply-targeted enforcement to demand-targeted enforcement in the last 5+ years.

These figures put the Vice Squad’s operations into context and make clear the infrequency of the Department’s prostitution-related enforcement activities. The Department does not condone sexual misconduct of any kind and takes any allegations of any misconduct very seriously.

In late 2022, the Department was made aware of general allegations of misconduct in local press coverage. In December 2022, WPD received a copy of a term paper prepared by Clark University students that anonymously surveyed women currently or previously engaged in prostitution regarding their experiences with WPD officers or individuals they believed were WPD officers. The paper raised concerning allegations, but relied on anecdotal and anonymized accounts, instructing respondents “not [to] include any identifying information anywhere on the survey . . . includ[ing] your name, address, phone number, or any other personal information.” In fact, the students who worked on the report have since attempted to withhold their paper from public disclosure given its limitations and flaws in methodology. See Brad Petrishen, *Feds May Investigate Claims of Worcester Police Misconduct Involving Prostitution*, WORCESTER TELEGRAM & GAZETTE (Dec. 18, 2022) (“We do not believe our research methods would hold up as credible due to the time frame and sampling of the study.”). Despite its best efforts, WPD has been unable to follow up with any of the respondents about their allegations, and has no information about the identity of the women surveyed, the officers alleged to have engaged in misconduct, the date, time, or location of any alleged misconduct, or any other specific information that would allow it to fully investigate the allegations without the involvement of the anonymous respondents.

Specific complaint information is essential for any kind of comprehensive investigation. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for members of the public to impersonate police officers during interactions with women engaged in the commercial sex trade in order to avoid paying for their services. For example, less than a month ago, officers arrested an individual driving a de-commissioned unmarked police vehicle (or a vehicle modified to resemble unmarked police vehicle). The vehicle had a state police sticker and charity plate, as well as a police-style antenna on the back. The individual was also found to be carrying a wallet that said, “Mass State Police,” as well as a police badge. This particular individual had a prior arrest for sex for a fee and a past reported sexual assault allegation.

The press coverage in late 2022 attributed many of the misconduct allegations to women working with a specific organization, Living in Freedom Together (LIFT), which WPD has worked with closely in the community and supported in the past. Given the seriousness of the allegations, BOPS investigators made several attempts to meet with LIFT leadership to gather additional information so that they could further investigate the allegations. LIFT’s leadership declined to cooperate or to participate in its investigation. While WPD it recognizes that it is often difficult for victims to come forward and share

their experiences, it remains committed to treating everyone with respect and to approaching these sensitive matters with empathy and integrity.

Anonymous complaints are taken seriously by WPD. Indeed, the Department offers several pathways for members of the public to make anonymous complaints and respects the confidentiality of complainants. Without specific detail, though, the Department is limited in its ability to investigate and corroborate anonymous accounts. Despite interviewing Vice Squad officers about their work and receiving detailed information related to the anonymous complaints and subsequent investigation of the same, DOJ suggests that the Department should have done more to investigate these allegations, without offering any specific guidance or proposals as to what additional investigative steps WPD could or should have taken.

The Department expressed during its meetings with DOJ that, to the extent DOJ was aware of any other complaints, it hoped that DOJ would share any such relevant information with WPD. Despite writing in its report that it “heard multiple credible accounts” of misconduct, DOJ has not provided any information to WPD beyond what is summarized in its report. WPD supports the investigation and prosecution of any officer found to have engaged in sexual misconduct of any kind.

3. Investigations of Reported Sexual Assaults

The Sexual Assault Unit (SAU) is based out of WPD’s Detective Bureau and consists of detectives highly trained in the investigation of sexual assaults. The SAU investigates all reported sexual assaults in Worcester. During the time period relevant to DOJ’s investigation, there were 1,674 incidents coded as potential sexual assaults (SA). Because many of the SA files exist only in hard copy and cannot be easily reviewed electronically, DOJ requested a sampling of 58 SA files randomly selected based on case number. WPD provided scanned copies of those files to DOJ. Thus, DOJ’s review was limited to only 3.46% of the total SA cases reported during the time period subject to investigation. Such a small sample is insufficient to use as the basis for conclusions about the general practices of the Department, especially in this area where the trajectory of each investigation is so dependent on the facts of the case and the wishes of the victim.

Indeed, DOJ inaccurately describes the practices of the Sexual Assault Unit (SAU) and alleges that the Unit's approach is not victim-centered or trauma-informed, despite detailed information provided directly to DOJ to the contrary. Specifically, DOJ's report broadly mischaracterizes the Unit's practices and procedures as follows:

- DOJ ignored detailed information provided by officers during the investigation regarding their victim-centered and trauma-informed approach to sexual assault investigations, especially that detectives are guided by victims throughout the investigative process.
- DOJ failed to acknowledge WPD's support of victims of sexual assault through direct referrals to and partnerships with community and advocacy organizations and resources;
- DOJ failed to acknowledge the close and collaborative relationship between SAU officers and the District Attorney's Office (DA) and failed to recognize that the SAU's reports are relied upon by the DA's Office in deciding whether a case can be prosecuted; and
- DOJ failed to acknowledge and mischaracterized the SAU's efforts to corroborate and investigate sexual assault allegations by conducting interviews and follow-up with witnesses and collecting and reviewing additional evidence.

Each of these deficiencies is discussed in greater detail below.²

Victim-Centered and Trauma-Informed Policing

Contrary to the information provided by SAU officers interviewed during the investigation, DOJ repeatedly and incorrectly suggests that WPD does not investigate sexual assaults with a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach. Officers told DOJ that, consistent with MPTC training and best practices, the SAU explains to victims from the outset of their investigation that the victim holds the ball and is in charge of the investigation, including whether to follow the case all the way to court or to drop the case early. Officers inform victims about the statute of limitations and provide an overview of the investigation and prosecution process but otherwise will follow the lead of the victims and make every effort not to re-traumatize the victims by pressuring them to be interviewed or conducting

² Out of respect for the privacy of the victims whose cases are highlighted in DOJ's report, this report will not detail DOJ's shortcomings on an incident-by-incident basis.

multiple interviews. When asked specifically what “trauma-informed” policing means to them, officers expressed that it is understanding where the victims are coming from, where they are in life, the dynamics and relationships they may have with their abusers, and acknowledging that it is difficult and frightening to trust and speak with a stranger about what may be the most traumatic event that has ever happened to them. This general approach to sexual assault investigations is consistent with the Commonwealth’s Adult Sexual Law Enforcement Guidelines and MPTC training.³

The SA files referenced in DOJ’s report demonstrate these principles: several of the investigations involved victims who chose not to proceed, either by explicitly informing officers of their decision or by not showing scheduled meetings or not responding to numerous outreach attempts by officers. In these instances, the SAU respected the wishes of the victims by not pressuring them to proceed and by not further investigating their cases without the victims’ permission. However, as investigators indicated to DOJ, should a victim re-engage in the process in the future by reaching back out to WPD, the SAU would reopen the matter and continue its investigation.

Partnerships and Referrals to Support Services

DOJ faults the SAU as being “ill-equipped to connect victims with community victim advocacy services.” This is false. As addressed during DOJ’s interview of SAU investigators, the Unit partners and connects victims with a wide variety of advocacy and support groups. In cases involving children, WPD partners with the accredited Child Advocacy Center through the DA’s Office. The Center’s partnership involves several non-governmental organizations that work with child victims, including the Seven Hills Foundation. WPD works extensively with the Worcester Intervention Network through the YWCA to support victims of intimate partner abuse and sexual assault and sits on the boards of the Domestic Violence High Risk Teams (DVHRT) and Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams (DVFRT) to be able to identify, address, and rectify potential gaps in the system. WPD routinely refers adult victims of non-intimate partner sexual assaults to Pathways for Change, a community advocacy center located in Worcester. Elder

³ See Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, *Adult Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Guidelines* (2017), <https://www.mass.gov/doc/2017-adult-sexual-assault-law-enforcement-guidelines-0/download>. See also U.S. Dep’t of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), *Framework for Prosecutors to Strengthen Our National Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Involving Adult Victims*, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/framework-prosecutors-strengthen-our-national-response-sexual-assault-and-domestic-violence>.

victims are referred directly to Elder Services, a state advocacy service with connections to other community services. WPD supplements these referrals as appropriate, including for victims with physical and developmental disabilities.

These referrals and partnerships are thoughtful and victim-centered; indeed, to the extent WPD is a step removed once the referral is made, that distance is created to protect victim confidentiality and to protect disclosures made to clinicians and psychologists from discovery. Many of these organizations and partnerships were referenced by officers in their interviews with DOJ investigators. Some of these resources are even mentioned in the very SA case files that DOJ referenced in its report.

Documentation and Coordination with DA's Office

WPD, and the SAU in particular, has a very close relationship with the Worcester County DA's Office, frequently collaborating on cases and working together to connect victims with support services and other resources. Ultimately, the DA's Office, equipped with the SAU's reports and evidence, decides whether or not to prosecute each case. As such, and as recognized by the Commonwealth's Guidelines, officers have an obligation to make note of important details, including, but limited to, any physical or verbal resistance on the part of the victim, any victim injury, the victim's thoughts before and during the assault, the relationship between the victim and offender, any alcohol or drug use or other incapacitation of the victim, the existence of any physical evidence, any seemingly inconsistent statements made by the victim, any memory blackouts or lapses during or after the assault, and any delays in reporting.⁴

DOJ describes SAU's reports as "seriously flawed" for including these kinds of details, alleging that the detectives "relied on problematic stereotypes" and "uninformed assumptions" (p.25). But including these details—facts that are essential in evaluating whether there is sufficient evidence and probable cause to satisfy the elements of the crime under Massachusetts law—is necessary and important to the SAU's work. These reports are not opinion pieces, nor are victims met with skepticism or disbelief; these

⁴ See Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, *Adult Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Guidelines* (2017), at p.16-18, <https://www.mass.gov/doc/2017-adult-sexual-assault-law-enforcement-guidelines-0/download>.

reports are used to determine what charges, if any, are available for prosecution and must accurately include all potentially relevant facts.

Assessment of All Available Evidence

Contrary to DOJ's assertions, WPD collects, reviews, and analyzes all available evidence in its sexual assault investigations. In the incidents cited in the report alone, detectives interviewed (or sought to interview) victims, requested and reviewed phone records and cell tower "ping" locations, interviewed the victims' friends and loved ones, and reviewed video footage from surveillance cameras.

The SAU's approach to this additional evidence is consistent with its victim-centered model: officers will not put victims in danger or involve others in the investigation without permission from the victim. If officers are unable to reach a victim after making reasonable efforts to do so, they will not proceed with speaking to other witnesses or collecting additional evidence so as not to endanger or retraumatize the victim or to break the trust between the officers and the victim.

4. Enforcement Activities, Data Collection, and Data Analysis

DOJ's report, like the CNA Racial Equity Audit before it, criticizes WPD for its data collection and analysis practices. The Department is fully supportive of additional data collection and sharing of data with the public, but has, to date, been limited by the capabilities of its record management system (RMS). As described more fully in Part III below, the City and Department are in the process of developing and implementing a new RMS system that will allow for more extensive data collection and analysis. WPD informed DOJ of this replacement project several times, including during their first meeting in December 2022. In January 2024, in an effort to align with DOJ on these data-related issues as it worked to configure the new RMS platform, WPD reached out proactively to DOJ and sought their guidance as to best practices related to RMS data capture, reporting, review, and analysis. DOJ recommended three consultants that WPD could consider reaching out to for advice, but did not otherwise offer any specific guidance.

DOJ's conclusion that WPD's enforcement activities disproportionately affect Hispanic and Black people is based primarily on a review of traffic stop, citation, and arrest data. While this trend was also observed in the CNA Audit, DOJ's data analysis is seriously flawed in that it relies on "the overall demographics of drivers *stopped* by WPD" (p.27) (emphasis added). But this conclusion entirely unsupported because WPD does not collect race data on drivers *stopped* by the Department—something that it has been criticized for by both CNA and DOJ. WPD does, however, collect race data for *citations*. In comparing citation data to Worcester census data from 2018 to 2023,⁵ the disparities observed by DOJ are much less significant:

Race	% of Citations	% of Population	Difference
White (Not Hispanic)	52.1%	50.5%	+1.6%
Black	15.6%	12.1%	+3.5%
Asian	2.8%	6.9%	-4.1%
Hispanic	27.5%	24.9%	+2.6%

DOJ also relied on data related to arrests for minor offenses in its conclusion that racial disparities exist in WPD's enforcement activities. While the new RMS system will help the Department conduct the kinds of analyses that DOJ sought to review in their investigation, it is worth noting that, as CNA found, the data shows that racial disparities actually *decrease* where officers have greater discretion in issuing citations. This suggests that these disparities cannot simply be explained by officers' discretion alone, and that there are other factors that need to be better understood and accounted for in the analysis.

⁵ See <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/worcestercitymassachusetts/PST045223>.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Council Agenda For
Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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- 8.1 **APPOINTMENTS**
Non-City Council Confirmation
- 8.2 **APPOINTMENTS**
City Council Confirmation
- 8.3 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**
William Bagley, Jr., Esq., Chief Human Resources Officer
- 8.4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer
- 8.5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**
Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer
- 8.6 **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**
Division of Human Rights and Accessibility
Patricia M. LaFore, Director
- 8.7 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
Administration Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner
- 8.8 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner
- 8.9 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
Operations Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner
- 8.10 **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETARY**
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner
- 8.11 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**
Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the construction status of ongoing and forthcoming street and sidewalk projects as of Aug. 31, 2025.
 Informational Communication

- 8.12 **FIRE DEPARTMENT**
Martin Dyer, Fire Chief
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the residential use of fire blankets.
Informational Communication
- 8.13 **POLICE DEPARTMENT**
Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a quarterly report regarding the Worcester Police Department's small Unmanned Aircraft System.
Informational Communication
- 8.14 **DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the municipality's Tornado Response.
Informational Communication
- 8.15 **LAW DEPARTMENT**
Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor
- 8.16 **DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Administration
Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner
- 8.17 **DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Building and Zoning Division
David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner
- 8.18 **DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Housing and Health Inspections Division
Lee R. Hall, Director
- 8.19 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Administration
Dr. Matilde "Mattie" Castiel, M.D., Commissioner
- 8.20 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 8.21 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director
- 8.22 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Services
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 8.23 **WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director

- 8.24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 8.25 **PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Rachel Monárrez, Superintendent
- 8.26 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Administration
Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer
- 8.27 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor
- 8.28 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Budget Office Division
Erin E. Taylor, Director
- 8.29 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Purchasing Division
Christopher Gagliastro, Director
- 8.30 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Treasury and Collections Division
Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes
- 8.31 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES**
James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities
- 8.32 **DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE**
John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer
- 8.33 **DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY**
Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer
- 8.34 **FINANCE ITEMS**
Capital Transfers

FINANCE ITEMS**Grants and Donations**

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars And No Cents (\$3,942.00) from the UMass Chan Medical School Prevention Research Center.

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,061,230.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management (OPEM).

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a donation in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation.

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

FINANCE ITEMS**Operational Transfers****FINANCE ITEMS****Prior Year**

- A. Recommend that Three Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3,027.60) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Public Works cost centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- B. Recommend that One Thousand Sixty-Four Dollars And No Cents (\$1,064.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1009, Law Ordinary Maintenance, for payment of a prior year invoice.

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

FINANCE**Loan Orders****MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS**

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.11 A

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully submit the attached communication relative to the construction status of ongoing and forthcoming street and sidewalk projects, updated to reflect project status as of Aug. 31, 2025, as received from Stephen S. Rolle, Commissioner of Transportation & Mobility and John K. Westerling, Commissioner of Public Works, and forwarded for the information of your Honorable Body.

This monthly report includes projects divided into six categories with information related to location, project type, and completion status. It reflects the municipality's new data-driven pavement management program intended to optimize decision-making and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner of Transportation & Mobility
John K. Westerling, Commissioner of Public Works
Date: September 16, 2025
Re: Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Street and Sidewalk Construction Progress Report for August 2025.

This communication provides a monthly update on the status of various roadway projects being managed by either the Department of Transportation & Mobility (DTM) or the Department of Public Works (DPW) as of **Aug. 31, 2025**.

Construction Highlights

- A contract has been awarded for construction of permanent speed humps, implementing the locations reviewed and approved by the City Council in May 2025. Construction will begin in mid-September and be completed by Oct. 31, 2025. This project is shown in Table 6 of the attached construction status report. Project information is available at:
www.worcesterma.gov/mobility/projects-engineering/traffic-calming
- Construction of Complete Streets improvements to Country Club Blvd. (Table 6) will also begin in September. This work, supported by a grant from the MassDOT Complete Streets program, includes construction of raised crosswalks, traffic calming, ADA improvements, and establishment of a buffered two-way micromobility bikeway. Preliminary project plans were reviewed at a community meeting held April 3, 2025 at Lincoln Village. Based on community feedback, changes to the bikeway design were made to accommodate on-street parking on one side of Country Club Blvd. Project information and construction updates may be accessed at:
www.worcesterma.gov/mobility/projects-engineering/country-club-boulevard
- Rubberized Chip Seal applications to 50 streets have been completed (Table 2). This treatment improves the riding surface and extends the life of streets that are still in fairly good condition.

- In partnership with Worcester Public Schools, sidewalks have been constructed along a portion of Sunderland Road (Table 5) to provide access to Roosevelt School. In addition, rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) are being installed at crosswalks located at either end of the new sidewalk. Complementary sidewalk segments will be constructed this fall on the opposite side of the roadway to extend access to additional nearby residences.

Background

In 2025, Worcester began utilizing a new data-driven pavement management program to strengthen objective decision-making and improve the cost-effectiveness of pavement management projects. This program is a collaboration between DTM and DPW and is organized into six categories:

1. Major corridor and intersection projects (Table 1) involving full depth reconstruction and/or pavement mill-and-overlay, sidewalk reconstruction to current ADA standards, traffic signal improvements and targeted safety and complete streets improvements;
2. Pavement Preservation projects (Table 2) with various surface treatments to extend the life of the pavement and restore the rideability of the pavement surface;
3. Local roadway projects (Tables 3 and 4), including District Councilor selections, with full-width pavement mill-and-overlay, full sidewalk reconstruction to attain ADA compliance, traffic signal improvements and targeted safety improvements;
4. Standalone sidewalk projects (Table 5), including District Councilor selections, to improve pedestrian safety and ADA compliance on pedestrian routes;
5. Standalone safety and Complete Streets projects (Table 6), including permanent speed humps, to improve vulnerable roadway user safety; and
6. Routine maintenance (not included in this report), including crack sealing and permanent patching.

Note that Vision Zero improvements with a specific focus on safety for all users may be advanced as a component of any project listed under these categories and

will be routinely included in major corridor and intersection improvements as well as standalone complete streets improvements.

The rationale for this funding approach was presented to the City Council via a communication from the City Manager on March 14, 2025; the report and information on the program can be found here:

worcesterma.gov/mobility/projects-engineering/pavement-management.

In addition to the report, this website also offers:

- An interactive map showing the street/intersection, treatment type, project engineer name and contact information, and contractor;
- A color-coded map showing the most up-to-date Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for each roadway; and
- An image and description of each treatment type being used as part of the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen S. Rolle".

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner of Transportation & Mobility

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John K. Westerling".

John K. Westerling, Commissioner of Public Works

Suggested Council Action: Informational
Communication

STREET & SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION STATUS

STATUS AS OF AUG. 31, 2025

TABLE 1
MAJOR CORRIDORS AND INTERSECTIONS

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
1	BURNCOAT ST	NORTH PKWY	E MOUNTAIN	MILL & OVERLAY	95%
4	CHANDLER ST	MAY	MAY	TIP – FULL DEPTH	DESIGN
5	CHANDLER ST	PARK	MAIN	TIP – FULL DEPTH	DESIGN
2	GROVE ST	HOLDEN	FOREST	MILL & OVERLAY	100%
2/3	LAKE AVE	BIGELOW DAVIS		INTERSECTION	DESIGN RFP
3	MASSASOIT RD	RTE 20	GRAFTON	MILL & OVERLAY	DESIGN
1	PARK AVE	HIGHLAND	SALISBURY	MILL & OVERLAY	20%
5	STAFFORD ST	HEARD	CITY LIMIT	MILL & OVERLAY	92%

BID: Solicitation of bids for constructing the project.

DESIGN: Engineering phase prior to construction.

DESIGN RFP: Request for proposals for engineering design services.

FULL DEPTH: Full or substantial reconstruction of the roadway, including sidewalks.

MILL & OVERLAY: Resurfacing project that involves grinding away the top surface of a street and applying a new overlay of asphalt pavement. Scope typically also includes sidewalk reconstruction unless existing sidewalks are in good condition and compliant with ADA standards

TIP (Transportation Improvement Program): Regional funding program involving state and federal funding sources to pay for larger-scale projects.

TABLE 2
PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECTS

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
2	ALMONT AVE	HAMILTON	PLANATATION	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	ANGELA ROSA LN	FRANKLIN	END	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	ATLANTA ST	PLANTATION	TAMPA	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	BENHAM ST	GRAFTON	LORENZO	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	BENSON ST	MASSASOIT	END OF PUBLIC ROW	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	BLANCHE ST	JEFFERSON	PATTERSON	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	BRANCH ST	ORIENT	WALL	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
5	BREWSTER RD	PROUTY	END	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
1	BRIGHTON RD	BURNCOAT	BAY STATE	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	CARLSTAD ST	WHIPPLE	KOSTA	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	CHARLTON ST	MAIN	BEACON	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
1	CHATHAM VILLAGE RD	BURNCOAT	END	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
1	CHRISTINE ST	FRATERNAL	MARMION	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	CRYSTAL ST	MAIN	ILLINOIS	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
1	DENNIS DR	BURNCOAT	MARY ANN	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	EASTERN AVE	PROSPECT	BELMONT	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	EKMAN ST	CARLSTAD	GREENWOOD	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	FAIRMONT AVE	HAMILTON	PLANATATION	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	FAIRMONT AVE	HAMILTON	GRAFTON	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	FRONGILLO FARM RD	FRANKLIN	END	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	FROTHINGHAM RD	LINCOLN	MELROSE	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
5	GODDARD MEM DR	APRICOT	130 GODDARD MEMORIAL	HOT IN PLACE	90%
5	GLEN ELLEN	PROUTY	END OF PUBLIC ROW	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	GRANITE ST	1000' S OF OTTO	2300' N OF OTTO	COLD IN PLACE	50%
1	GRANVILLE ST	DOROTHY	AIRLIE	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	HALMSTAD ST	CARLSTAD	GREENWOOD	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
5	HICKORY DR	FOREST HILL	END	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	HITCHCOCK RD	FREELAND	MAIN	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	KENDRICK ST	LEEDS	WEST BOYLSTON	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	KOSTA ST	CARLSTAD	GREENWOOD	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	LAWTON ST	MASSASOIT	SOMERVILLE	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
5	MAPLEWOOD RD	COLONIAL	CHAMBERLAIN	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
1	MARY ANN DR	BURNCOAT	DENNIS	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	MASON ST	MAY	WINFIELD	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
5	MORELAND GREEN DR	MORELAND	LEDGEWOOD	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	OREAD ST	MAIN	END OF PUBLIC ROW	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	REEVES ST	GREENWOOD	WHIPPLE	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	RODNEY ST	BELMONT	BRECK	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	ROSEMARY ST	AMANOLA	MONTGOMERY	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	ROXBURY ST	HIGHLAND	WILLIAM	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	SEVER ST	HIGHLAND	WILLIAM	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	SHAFFNER ST	LINCOLN	END	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
4	SOMERSET ST	HIGHLAND	WILLIAM	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
5	SOUTH FLAGG ST	HADWEN	BARR	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
5	SOUTH LENOX ST	COLONIAL	CHAMBERLAIN	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	STANTON ST	BELMONT	BRECK	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
5	SUNNY HILL DR	BAILEY	PLEASANT	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
5	TAHANTO RD	COLONIAL	CHAMBERLAIN	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
3	TRENTON ST	MASSASOIT	END OF PUBLIC ROW	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
2	VENTURA RD	GRANBY	ADAMS	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
5	WALTER ST	MORELAND	PARADOX	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%
1	WILKINSON ST	FRATERNAL	MARMION	RUBBER CHIP SEAL	100%

COLD IN PLACE: A resurfacing technique where the top layer of asphalt is removed, processed, and reused to restore the roadway surface.

HOT IN PLACE: Similar to Cold in Place, but the process involves heating the recycled pavement.

RUBBER CHIP SEAL: A thin surface treatment consisting of rubberized asphalt emulsion and small pebbles.

Note: Pavement preservation projects aim to restore the riding surface and extend the life of a roadway. These projects do not typically include sidewalk reconstruction, changes in curbing, or other more sustainable reconstruction.

TABLE 3
LOCAL ROADWAY PROJECTS
UNDER CONSTRUCT FOR CONSTRUCTION

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
2	AYRSHIRE RD	COBURN	LAKE	FULL DEPTH	99%
1	BARRY RD	SALISBURY	DICK	FULL DEPTH	99%
1	BAY STATE RD	DEVENS	THORNDYKE	FULL DEPTH	99%
4	CASTLE ST	MAIN	END OF ROW	FULL DEPTH	30%
5	CATALPA ST	CATALPA CIR	BISHOP	FULL DEPTH	98%
5	CHESTERFIELD RD	BEACONSFIELD	PLEASANT	FULL DEPTH	98%
1	CHEYENNE RD	INDIAN HILL	NAVAJO	FULL DEPTH	20%
2	COLUMBIA ST	WATER	END OF ROW	FULL DEPTH	UTILITY HOLD
4	DAYTON ST	SEVER	WEST	FULL DEPTH	90%
5	FLAGG ST	BERWICK	HANNA	FULL DEPTH	0%
1	FLORIDA AVE	BRATTLE	DEAD END	FULL DEPTH	5%
1	FRATERNAL	WILKINSON	WATSON	FULL DEPTH	100%
4	FREELAND TER	FREELAND	TIRRELL	FULL DEPTH	UTILITY HOLD
5	GATES LN	MAIN	WENTWORTH	FULL DEPTH	UTILITY HOLD
1	GERMAIN ST	HIGHLAND	INSTITUTE	FULL DEPTH	30%
1	GREEN FARMS RD	VENUS	DEVONSHIRE	FULL DEPTH	60%
5	HAMILL RD	MAY	CHANDLER	FULL DEPTH	98%
1	HILLCROFT AVE	CUTTING	KING PHILLIP	FULL DEPTH	99%
3	HOUGHTON ST	ACTON	HEYWOOD	FULL DEPTH	UTILITY HOLD
3	HURTLE AVE	NANITA	ORTON	FULL DEPTH	90%
3	JENNINGS ST	COMMONWEALTH	HURTLE	FULL DEPTH	90%
5	LANARK ST	HEARD	END OF ROW	FULL DEPTH	95%
3	LUND ST	ESHTER	LOUISE	FULL DEPTH	98%
1	MIDLAND ST	INTERVALE	ELMWOOD	FULL DEPTH	100%
5	MOORE AVE	PLEASANT	END	FULL DEPTH	98%
1	NEWTON AVE	MIDLAND	SUBURBAN	FULL DEPTH	100%
5	PERROT ST	CHANDLER	HADWEN	FULL DEPTH	30%
3	PINECREST DR	WESTBOROUGH	END OF ROW	FULL DEPTH	100%
3	PROGRESSIVE ST	GRAFTON	LACHAPELLE	FULL DEPTH	50%
3	ROATH ST	WARNER	END OF ROW	FULL DEPTH	100%
3	SOUTHOLD RD	GREENWOOD	#36 SOUTHOLD	FULL DEPTH	95%

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
3	STANDISH ST	GRAFTON	HAMILTON	FULL DEPTH	95%
3	TRAVIS ST	LAMAR	ARBORWOOD	FULL DEPTH	50%
1/2	TRINITY AVE	LINCOLN	#26 TRINITY	FULL DEPTH	90%
3	VALE ST	AETNA	DORCHESTER	FULL DEPTH	UTILITY HOLD
2	VINSON ST	EASTERN	VELANDER	FULL DEPTH	25%
2	VINSON ST	OLGA	RODNEY	FULL DEPTH	25%
1/2	WAYCROSS ST	EAGLE	NORTHERN END	FULL DEPTH	50%
1	WESTINGHOUSE PKWY	ARRARAT	CHEYENNE	FULL DEPTH	0%
2	WHITTIER ST	EDGEWORTH	HEMANS	FULL DEPTH	UTILITY HOLD
5	ZENITH DR	MAY	BUCKLEY	FULL DEPTH	98%

BID: Solicitation of bids for constructing the project.

FULL DEPTH: Full or substantial reconstruction of the roadway, including sidewalks.

MILL & OVERLAY: Resurfacing project that involves grinding away the top surface of a street and applying a new overlay of asphalt pavement. Scope typically also includes sidewalk reconstruction unless existing sidewalks are in good condition and compliant with ADA standards

UTILITY HOLD: Resurfacing is on hold temporarily to allow for necessary repairs or upgrades to underground utilities.

TABLE 4
LOCAL ROADWAY PROJECTS

*NOT YET ASSIGNED TO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT,
EXPECTED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN 2026*

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
1	CASTINE ST	DIXFIELD	END	FULL DEPTH	UNKNOWN HOLD
1	DRURY LN	MASSACHUSETTS	RUTLAND	FULL DEPTH	WATER HOLD
5	FIRST ST	MILL	END	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
2	FRANKLIN ST	ANGELA ROSE	POLLOCK	FULL DEPTH	WATER/SEWER HOLD
5	HADWEN ST	#784 PLEASANT	#85 MORNINGSIDESIDE	FULL DEPTH	UTILITY HOLD
2	INDIAN LAKE PKWY	NORTHBOUND		FULL DEPTH	WATER HOLD
2	INDIAN LAKE PKWY	SOUTHBOUND		FULL DEPTH	WATER HOLD
4	IVES ST	CAMBRIDGE	HAYNES	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
2	LAKE VIEW ST	175' E OF LOCUST	AGATE	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
2	LAKE VIEW ST	LOCUST AVE E	175' E OF LOCUST	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
2	KENWOOD AVE	ASHBURNHAM	END	FULL DEPTH	WATER HOLD
1	NOTTINGHAM RD	FOREST	LACONIA	FULL DEPTH	UTILITY HOLD
2	PAINE ST	NORTON	END	FULL DEPTH	WATER/SEWER HOLD
1	PASADENA PKWY	TACOMA	END	FULL DEPTH	WATER HOLD
1	QUINAPOXET LN	HOUSATONIC	ASCADILLA	FULL DEPTH	WATER/SEWER HOLD
2	ROCKPORT RD	DUXBURY	SHATTUCK	FULL DEPTH	SEWER HOLD
2	SEARS ISLAND DR	BRIDGE		FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
4	STONE ST	SOUTH WARD	PERRY	FULL DEPTH	WATER HOLD
3	UPSALA ST	LOUISE	PROVIDENCE	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
1	VOLKMAR RD	#19 CROYDON	#820 WEST BOYLSTON	FULL DEPTH	WATER/SEWER HOLD
2	WHITTIER ST	#6 EDGEWORTH	HEMANS	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
4	WILLIAM ST	RUSSELL	SEVER	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
2	WINNECONNETT RD	LAKE AVE N	MOHICAN	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE
4	WOODLAND ST	MAY	KINSBURY	FULL DEPTH	2026 TENTATIVE

FULL DEPTH: Full or substantial reconstruction of the roadway, including sidewalks.

MILL & OVERLAY: Resurfacing project that involves grinding away the top surface of a street and applying a new overlay of asphalt pavement. Scope typically also includes sidewalk reconstruction unless existing sidewalks are in good condition and compliant with ADA standards

UTILITY (WATER/SEWER) HOLD: Resurfacing is on hold temporarily to allow for necessary repairs or upgrades to underground utilities.

**TABLE 5
SIDEWALK PROJECTS**

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
5	ABBOTT ST	#18		SIDEWALK	100%
2	AGATE AVE	# 9, 39		SIDEWALK	100%
5	BEAVER BROOK PKWY	#112		SIDEWALK	100%
5	BEECHING ST	#34		SIDEWALK	100%
4	BENEFIT ST	#46		SIDEWALK	100%
4	BERKSHIRE ST (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)	HIGHLAND	HAMPDEN	SIDEWALK	30%
4	CLAREMONT ST	#10, 12		SIDEWALK	100%
2	DARTMOUTH ST	#28		SIDEWALK	100%
1	EINHORN RD	#5		SIDEWALK	100%
5	FLAGG ST	#16		SIDEWALK	100%
5	FRIEDEL ST	#18		SIDEWALK	100%
1	HIGHLAND ST	#208	#210	SIDEWALK	100%
4	HITCHCOCK RD	#6		SIDEWALK	50%
4	HOLLYWOOD ST	#23		SIDEWALK	100%
3	HOUGHTON ST	#37		SIDEWALK	100%
4	HUDSON ST	#9		SIDEWALK	100%
4	JAQUES AVE	QUEEN	PIEDMONT	SIDEWALK	100%
4	JOHN ST	#47		SIDEWALK	100%
1	KING PHILLIP RD	VARIOUS LOCATIONS		SIDEWALK	100%
2	LISCOMB ST	#3		SIDEWALK	100%
3	LOXWOOD ST	#29		SIDEWALK	100%
1	MARLAND RD (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)	HILLCROFT	WEST BOYLSTON ST	SIDEWALK	100%
3	MARS ST	#11, @ ESTER		SIDEWALK	100%
3	PILGRIM AVE	#196		SIDEWALK	100%
3	RAYMOND ST	#61		SIDEWALK	100%
5	SALISBURY ST	#487		SIDEWALK	100%
2	SHERBROOK AVE	#26		SIDEWALK	100%
4	SILVER ST	#6		SIDEWALK	100%
3	SOUTH ST	#52		SIDEWALK	100%
3	STERLING ST	#146		SIDEWALK	100%
3	SUNDERLAND RD	PERKINS FARM	REDWOOD HILLS	SIDEWALK	50%

4	VIEW ST	#7, 15, 37	SIDEWALK	100%
4	WEST ST	#20	SIDEWALK	100%
3	WEST UPSALA ST	#1, 60, 66	SIDEWALK	100%

TABLE 6
SAFETY AND COMPLETE STREETS PROJECTS

DISTRICT	STREET NAME	SEGMENT FROM	SEGMENT TO	PROJECT TYPE	STATUS
2	BELMONT ST	RODNEY		PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	80%
3	BIGALOW ST	ENDICOTT	LAFAYETTE	FULL DEPTH	BID
4	CAMBRIDGE ST	EXETER		PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	90%
5	CHANDLER ST	COOLIDGE		PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	80%
1	COUNTRY CLUB BLVD	PLEASANT VALLEY	ST NICHOLAS	PEDESTRIAN & BIKE IMPROVEMENTS	0%
3	ENDICOTT ST	QUINSIGAMOND	HARDING	FULL DEPTH	BID
3	GRAFTON ST	LAMAR		PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	80%
1	HOLDEN ST	DOGWOOD		PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	90%
1	HOLDEN ST	TUXEDO		PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	90%
1	SALISBURY ST	BARRY RD		PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	90%
4	SOUTBRIDGE ST	SOUTHOLD		PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	90%
12345	PERMANENT SPEED HUMPS			TRAFFIC CALMING	0%
12345	SEASONAL SPEED HUMPS			TRAFFIC CALMING	100%

BID: Solicitation of bids for constructing the project.

FULL DEPTH: Full or substantial reconstruction of the roadway, including sidewalks.

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS: Enhanced crosswalks, curb extensions, refuge medians, sidewalks and other related improvements to improve pedestrian accommodation and safety.

TRAFFIC CALMING: Projects designed to reduce speeding and manage vehicle speeds at levels appropriate for the neighborhood context.

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.12 A

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully submit the attached communication relative to the residential use of fire blankets, as received from Martin Dyer, Fire Chief, and forwarded for the information of your Honorable Body.

To keep residents safe, my Administration must ensure that residents stay informed on best practices in emergency situations. The Worcester Fire Department (WFD) holds a critical role in ensuring public safety and staying on top of the best and latest fire prevention and suppression tools. Recently, WFD researched the efficacy of commercially-available fire blankets, and it found that they can be ineffective and potentially dangerous for residential use. WFD instead advises residents to evacuate and call 911 in the event of a fire. The department also emphasizes preventative safety measures such as installing and maintaining smoke alarms, developing a home fire escape plan, and practicing safe cooking habits.

Our public safety departments will continue to research and communicate the most effective ways that Worcester residents can protect themselves and prepare for emergency situations.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

Worcester Fire Department

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager

From: Martin W. Dyer, Fire Chief

Date: September 16, 2025

Re: Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the effectiveness of fire blankets and any recommendations for use by residents. (Toomey)

The Worcester Fire Department has conducted extensive testing and research on commercially available fire blankets and has made the following determinations:

- The use of fire blankets requires occupants to approach flames directly, significantly increasing the risk of burns and smoke exposure.
- Attempting to use a fire blanket may delay critical evacuation and calling 911, the most vital life-saving actions.
- National fire safety agencies do not endorse the use of fire blankets for home settings; instead, they emphasize the importance of working smoke alarms, and evacuation procedures.

Based on these findings, the Worcester Fire Department does not recommend the use of fire blankets for residential purposes. We advise residents to take the following safety measures:

- Install and regularly maintain smoke alarms in their homes.
- Practice safe cooking habits and never use water on grease fires.
- Develop and routinely practice a home fire escape plan.

Our primary recommendation when residents encounter a fire in their home is to: Get Out, Stay Out, and Call 911. Fire blankets pose more risks than benefits in a home setting. The Worcester Fire Department will continue to focus on promoting proven safety practices that prioritize rapid evacuation and life safety.

Sincerely,

Martin W. Dyer

Fire Chief

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.13 A

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully submit the following quarterly report on the use of the Worcester Police Department's small Unmanned Aircraft System, as received from Paul Saucier, Police Chief and forwarded for the information of your Honorable Body.

The drone was requested 10 times between June 19, 2025 and Sept. 9, 2025. The calls included one community event, one article search, one missing person search, two search warrant assists, one assist to the Worcester Fire Department for visual and thermal imaging, one Worcester Public Schools bus training, and three barricaded subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

Worcester Police Department

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: Paul B. Saucier, Chief of Police
Date: September 16, 2025
Re: small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) Quarterly Update

Relative to your request for a quarterly report regarding the deployments of the small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS), the following information is respectfully submitted.

The sUAS log was created and will be maintained as part of the Worcester Police Department's (WPD) commitment to transparency.

This report is being offered per WPD policy #404 Policy and Procedure for Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) that reads in part:

- The sUAS supervisor or his/ her designee shall publish a quarterly report documenting the agency's deployment and use of the sUAS device, which shall be distributed to the City Manager's office for review.

Since June 19, 2025 the sUAS Drone Team has been requested to assist 10 times.

1. On June 19, 2025, I#25-68077 Florence St. the sUAS/Drone Team was requested by Lt. Joseph Scampini to assist the SWAT Team during the execution of a search warrant.
2. On June 20, 2025, I#25-67945 Tainter/Beacon St. area the sUAS/Drone Team was requested by Sgt. Robert Molinari of the Detective Bureau to assist Crime Gun Intelligence Unit with an article search of a small, wooded area.
3. On June 23, 2025, I#25-69902 Plantation St. area the sUAS/Drone Team was requested by Lt. Al Burnes of Operations Division to assist the Operations Division in the search for a missing elderly individual. Subject was located and medical aid rendered.
4. On July 23, 2025, I#25-82773 W Boylston St. the sUAS/Drone Team was requested by Capt. Chris Curtis to assist the SWAT Team and Operations Division during an incident involving a barricaded subject.
5. On Aug. 6, 2025, I#25-88492 Fremont St. the sUAS/Drone Team was requested by Lt. John Bossolt to assist the SWAT Team and Operations Division during an incident involving a barricaded subject.

6. On Aug. 19, 2025, I#25-93768 Moreland Green Dr. the sUAS/Drone Team was requested by Capt. Chris Curtis to assist the SWAT Team and Operations Division during an incident involving a barricaded subject.
7. On Aug. 21 and 22, 2025 Northeast Cutoff the sUAS/Drone Team was requested by Lt. Joseph Scampini to assist the SWAT Team during two days of training conducted for Worcester Public School Bus Drivers/Staff.
8. Sept. 6, 2025, I#25-101261 17 Mechanic St. sUAS/Drone Team was in the area of a call for a box alarm for a 2-alarm fire, smoke on the roof. Assisted Fire Dept. with visual and thermal imaging.
9. Sept. 8, 2025, the sUAS/Drone Team attended a charity baseball game between Worcester Police Department vs. Worcester Fire Department. Made several flights and talked about the sUAS/Drone program with those in attendance.
10. Sept. 9, 2025, I#25-102168 – I#25-102217 2 Hitchcock Rd. the sUAS/Drone Team was requested by Sgt. Terrence Cahill to assist Operations Division/Gang Unit/CGIU and SWAT Team members in execution of a search warrant. 2 arrests made, several firearms and drugs recovered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul B. Saucier", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul B. Saucier
Chief of Police

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.14 A

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully submit the attached communication relative to the municipality's Tornado Response, as received from Charles Goodwin, Commissioner of Emergency Communications & Management, and forwarded for the information of your Honorable Body.

One of my Administration's priority goals continues to be public health and safety, and vigilant emergency preparedness is key to achieving that. The Emergency Management (EM) Division plays a lead role in ensuring the municipality is ready to respond to harsh storms, natural disasters, and other emergencies that threaten the safety of our residents. The Division's leadership, along with effective cross-departmental collaboration, was on full display during the events of Sept. 6, 2025, when several large local events coincided with severe weather. Thanks to EM, the Division of Public Health, the Worcester Fire and Police Departments, the Department of Public Works, and several other internal and external partners, the municipality not only managed to host a large volume of visitors, but also successfully alerted residents to the severe weather so they had time to prepare, take shelter, and avert major incidents.

The events also happened to take place during National Preparedness Month. Preparedness indeed starts at home, and those who call Worcester home can be assured that our staff and community partners are ready to activate in response to any and all emergencies to protect their safety.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner
Date: September 16, 2025
Re: Tornado Response Update

Emergency Planning

On Sept. 6, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., the Emergency Management (EM) Division activated the Unified Command Center (UCC) on Front Street to support the day's public safety operations. Worcester Police requested Emergency Management's assistance to coordinate resources and information, as the Pride Festival was expected to attract more than 20,000 attendees. This event coincided with the sold-out Breakaway Festival, drawing an additional 10,000 participants less than a mile away. In preparation, Emergency Management developed an Event Action Plan (EAP) in close collaboration with Worcester Police, Fire, EMS, Public Health, and Public Works. The EAP outlined operational priorities, objectives, roles, and timelines to ensure all stakeholders were aligned. During the event, representatives from Police, Fire, Emergency Management, and State Emergency Management were stationed at the UCC to facilitate real-time coordination and information sharing. Additional support was provided remotely by EMS, Public Health, Public Works, the City Manager's Office, and the National Weather Service.

This structure enabled immediate, cross-departmental communication and operational alignment across multiple events and venues including the Breakaway Festival, Pride Festival, and Polar Park, ensuring an effective, unified public safety response.

Hazardous Weather

In the days leading to the events, Emergency Management received updated weather reports through both our meteorology team and the National Weather Service that severe weather was likely to impact Worcester on Sept. 6. The municipality's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, recognizing the risk this posed to the public, filed a Decision Support Services request with the National Weather Service. This service provides forecast support to aid in decision-making during events where the weather poses a public safety concern. The high confidence forecast informed us to prepare for severe thunderstorms, damaging straight-line winds, torrential downpours, frequent lightning, localized flooding, and tornadic activity. This information was shared immediately to the coordination group, and the event organizer was briefed once the Unified Command Center was established.

As updated weather reports were received at the Unified Command Center, it became evident that the approaching conditions would significantly impact the city and pose safety risks to the public. In response to these imminent hazards, the Unified Command made the decision to alert the community and evacuate the event.

Working closely with the City Manager's Office, a notification was posted to the municipality's website and social media. Additionally, as one of Worcester's authorized Alert Originators, I prepared and approved a Wireless Emergency Alert targeted within a one-mile radius of City Hall. This alert informed the public of the hazard, the associated risks, and provided specific safety instructions.

The coordinated efforts and multi-channel communication approach proved effective: the majority of attendees and vendors responded quickly to the warnings, evacuating early and avoiding potential harm.

Storm Impacts

As the storm reached Worcester, the UCC received unconfirmed reports of tornadic activity in Paxton, prompting Emergency Management to take protective measures at the Unified Command Center to ensure personnel safety. As these actions were taken, a National Weather Service Alert reached our phones alerting us to tornadic activity in the Worcester Area. The decision was quickly made to deactivate the Mobile UCC and activate the Worcester Emergency Operations Center. Emergency Management, Fire, and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) relocated to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Worcester Police took protective measures at the City Common to remain safe while also maintaining public safety and order.

EOC Activation

The Worcester Emergency Operations Center's focus is on information, planning, and resource support; using the Incident Support Model to organize these efforts. The EOC Manager sets the initial goals and objectives for the operational period. They directed the team to collect information and maintain communication with stakeholders—the goal was to understand the impacts of the storm on the city and continue to support personnel in the field. This was achieved by receiving frequent updates from 311, monitoring radio traffic from Fire and Public Works, and working with National Grid to prioritize emergency response to a fire that started during the storm. Within 40 minutes, we had connected with PD, FD, EMS, Public Health, Public Works, State EM, and National Grid—from that we ascertained that while the storm had created debris and localized flooding issues, there were no outstanding requests for assistance and that the incident had not overwhelmed the municipality's response capabilities. A final coordination meeting was held at 6:30 p.m., where it was confirmed that there were no outstanding requests. From there, the EOC was deactivated, and Emergency Management was dismissed.

Weather Report

The National Weather Service has since released the full report of Saturday's weather. The findings showed there were several tornado touchdowns across Worcester and Middlesex Counties and all were an EF-1 rating. Two separate tornadoes touched down in Paxton. The first at 4:02 p.m., traveled 0.17 miles, and lifted by 4:03 p.m. Its estimated peak winds were 100 miles per hour. The second tornado in Paxton touched down at 4:06 p.m., traveled 0.13 miles, lifted at 4:07 p.m., and its estimated peak winds were 94 miles per hour.

Then, in Holden, a tornado touched down at 4:08 p.m., traveled 0.15 miles, and lifted at 4:09 p.m. Estimated peak winds were 104 miles per hour. No injuries or fatalities were reported from these events.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles R. Goodwin".

Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.35 A

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars And No Cents (\$3,942.00) from the UMass Chan Medical School Prevention Research Center (UMass PRC). These funds will enable the Division of Public Health to serve as an implementation partner for the PRC's Core Research Project as well as serve on the PRC's Advisory Board to guide decisions around walkability and the built environment in Worcester.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

Health and Human Services

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: Matilde Castiel, M.D., Health and Human Services Commissioner
Date: September 16, 2025
Re: Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars And No Cents (\$3,942.00) from the UMass Chan Medical School Prevention Research Center

The Worcester Division of Public Health (WDPH) has been awarded a grant to support efforts around improving the Built Environment and mitigating the effects of Climate Change in the city. The collaboration between the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School Prevention Research Center (PRC) and the WDPH enables WDPH's Coordinator for Built Environment to serve on the PRC's Community Advisory Boards for the Center Core and for the Core Research Project as well as serve as an implementation partner for the PRC's Core Research Project. These opportunities will improve their ability to integrate health into built environment decision making. Per our contract that ends Sept. 30, 2025, we will receive Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$3,942.00) for this collaborative work.

Sincerely,

Matilde Castiel, M.D., Health and Human Services Commissioner

Suggested Council Action: Recommend Adoption (Finance Items – Grants and Donations)

**RESOLUTION TO FILE, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS
(\$3,942.00) FROM THE UMASS CHAN MEDICAL SCHOOL PREVENTION
RESEARCH CENTER**

WHEREAS: Healthy people and healthy communities are the centerpieces of any strong and vibrant society and the importance of community-focused and evidence-based public health activities can improve the quality of life for all residents of the City of Worcester; and

WHEREAS: The UMass Chan Medical School Prevention Research Center is making funding available to respond to identified community needs and address gaps among disadvantaged and vulnerable populations by working in collaboration with community organizations, coalitions and public health partners; and

WHEREAS: The City of Worcester faces significant public health challenges, particularly communities of color and populations living in low economic neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Continued efforts through the 2021 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) address priority health areas through evidence-based strategies with an overarching goal of health equity; and

WHEREAS: The City of Worcester has received a grant in the amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$3,942.00) for Division of Public Health infrastructure and Community Health Assessment and CHIP-related programs and support; and

WHEREAS: No matching funds are required by the City of Worcester.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that*:

1. The City Manager be and is hereby authorized to accept award funds, execute contracts, and any amendments thereto, to carry out the terms, purposes and conditions of UMass Chan Prevention Research Center;
2. The City Manager be and is hereby authorized to file information as required by the UMass Chan Prevention Research Center;
3. The City Manager be and is hereby authorized to take other such actions as deemed necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of the contract administered by the UMass Chan Prevention Research Center;
4. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.35 B

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,061,230.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management, to support regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning and Response to public health emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager

From: Matilde Castiel, M.D., Health and Human Services Commissioner

Date: September 16, 2025

Re: Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,061,230.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management (OPEM)

The Worcester Division of Public Health (WDPH) has once again been awarded a large grant by MDPH to better align Public Health and medical emergency preparedness efforts. Made up of disciplines representing both the public and private sectors, the coalition is tasked with completing deliverables designed to foster a multi-disciplinary regionalized approach during all phases of the disaster management cycle: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

As a Sponsoring Organization, WDPH provides fiscal and administrative oversight of all deliverables and spending. In addition, WDPH takes a lead role in the development of regional policies and plans, including those related to medical countermeasures dispensing, medical surveillance and emergency response coordination.

Division staff continue to serve as the regional emergency support function (ESF) 8 for all health and medical organizations in Central Massachusetts and provide 24/7/365 duty officer coverage. This ensures that stakeholders can reach out for assistance whenever necessary. This is a 10-year grant with FY26 serving as the last year. WDPH anticipates receiving One Million Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,061,230.00) for FY26.

Sincerely,

Matilde Castiel, M.D., Health and Human Services Commissioner

**RESOLUTION TO FILE, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
ONE MILLION SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS
AND NO CENTS (\$1,061,230.00) FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE OF PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS: History has shown the importance of regional multi-disciplinary collaboration amongst health and medical organizations to plan for and respond to the continued threat of disasters both natural and manmade; and

WHEREAS: Since 2002, the Worcester Division of Public Health has been instrumental in leading efforts to improve health and medical preparedness as the fiscal agent for regional emergency preparedness grants awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management (OPEM); and

WHEREAS: MDPH is making grant funding available to support capabilities-based planning to advance regional health and medical capacity to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impacts of large-scale emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS: The Worcester Division of Public Health in collaboration with health and medical stakeholders from the MDPH Emergency Preparedness Region 2 continue to support and enhance a fully functional health and medical coordinating coalition; and

WHEREAS: The City is eligible to receive a grant award in the amount of up to One Million Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,061,230.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS: There are no matching funds required of this grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that*:

1. The City Manager be and is hereby authorized to accept grant funds, execute contracts and any amendments thereto to carry out the terms purposes and conditions of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management grant;
2. The City Manager be and is hereby authorized to file information as required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management;

3. The City Manager be and is hereby authorized to take other such actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of the grant administered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management;
4. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.35 C

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully recommend the City Council's adoption of the attached resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation, to support the Recreation Worcester program.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

Department of Health & Human Services

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: Matilde Castiel, M.D., Health and Human Services Commissioner
Date: September 16, 2025
Re: Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a donation in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation.

I respectfully recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a donation in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation.

These funds will be used to support the Recreation Worcester program.

Sincerely,

Matilde Castiel, M.D, Health & Human Services Commissioner

**RESOLUTION TO FILE, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT
OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$25,000.00) FROM THE
HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS: The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation provides donations and grants to support educational outcomes of underserved and disadvantaged children and youth, providing access to educational resources, peer support systems, and wrap-around services that ensure academic success; and

WHEREAS: The City of Worcester's Division of Youth Opportunities anticipates receiving a donation in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation; and

WHEREAS: The City of Worcester acknowledges that the intended purpose of this donation is to support Recreation Worcester needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to accept said donation from The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation.
2. That these funds will be used to assist Recreation Worcester needs.
3. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the purpose of the donation.
4. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.37 A

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully recommend that Three Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3,027.60) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Public Works Cost Centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

Department of Public Works

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: John K. Westerling, Commissioner
Date: September 16, 2025
Re: Recommend that Three Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3,027.60) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Public Works cost centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

I respectfully recommend that Three Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3,027.60) be authorized from the following Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Public Works cost centers for the payment of prior year invoices:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Cost Center</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pureflow	PG10037	CC1026	\$3,024.00
Commonwealth of MA	PG10032	CC1057	<u>\$3.60</u>
		Total	\$3,027.60

Sincerely,

John K. Westerling
Commissioner, DPW

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



City of Worcester

September 16, 2025

Attachment for Item #8.37 B

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully recommend that One Thousand Sixty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$1,064.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1009, Law Ordinary Maintenance, for payment of a prior year invoice.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



The City of Worcester

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To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager

From: Alexandra Kalkounis, City Solicitor

Date: September 16, 2025

Re: Recommend that One Thousand Sixty-Four Dollars And No Cents (\$1,064.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1009, Law Ordinary Maintenance, for payment of a prior year invoice.

I respectfully request One Thousand Sixty-Four Dollars And No Cents (\$1,064.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1009, Law Ordinary Maintenance, for payment of a prior year invoice from Real Time Court Reporting for stenographer services.

Sincerely,

Alexandra H. Kalkounis
City Solicitor