

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:30 P.M.
Adjourned: 8:34 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE COUNCILORS

Morris A. Bergman
Donna M. Colorio
Khrystian E. King
Thu Nguyen
Kathleen M. Toomey



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DISTRICT COUNCILORS

Sean M. Rose - District 1
Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2
George J. Russell - District 3
Sarai Rivera - District 4
Etel Haxhijaj - District 5

CITY CLERK

Nikolin Vangjeli

CITY MANAGER

Eric D. Batista

CITY AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair. Councilor King and Councilor Rivera participated in the meeting remotely.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a. MOMENT OF SILENCE** in memory of Rosalynn Carter and John Walsh. Rosalynn Carter was a writer and activist who served as the First Lady of the United States with President Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981. Mrs. Carter passed away on November 19, 2023 at the age of 96. John Walsh was an activist and “godfather” of modern grassroots campaigns in Massachusetts. Mr. Walsh passed away on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the age of 65.

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 October 24, 2023.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers:

1. Roberta Brien, no residence given, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
2. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8i CC and neither in favor or opposed to item #9.14A CM
3. Oliver Chadwick, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC
4. Greg Affsa, Leicester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC
5. John Dick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8i CC
6. David Minasian, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9.4A CM
7. Erin Michalatti, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC
8. Chris Michalatti, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC
9. Sue Mailman, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
10. Jason Coppia, West Groton resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
11. Dan Mulcahy, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
12. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9.15B CM, neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM and in opposition to item #8i CC
13. Kevin Ksen, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
14. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
15. Fred Taylor, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
16. Thomas Maloney, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
17. James Arthur, no residence given, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
18. Karin Valentin-Goins, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC
19. Nicole Belanger, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC
20. Jacob Saido, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC and in favor of item #10a CC
21. Yenni Desroches, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC, spoke in favor of item #10a CC and neither in favor or opposed to item #9.4A CM
22. Ted Conna, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC
23. Tasia Cerezo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC
24. Andrew Piazza, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8i CC

7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

- 7a. Hearing: CROWN CASTLE NG EAST, LLC. for a conduit location on: CHESTNUT ST.

Granting permission to CROWN CASTLE NG EAST, LLC. for a conduit location on: CHESTNUT ST.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take up items #7a CC through #7c CC collectively and to open the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty asked if any abutters wished to be heard on the item. Hearing no speakers, Mayor Petty moved to close the hearing. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the items. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

- 7b. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a solely-owned pole location on: MODRED CT.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a solely-owned pole location on: MODRED CT.

Hearing Held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a CC)

- 7c. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a solely-owned pole location on: STAFFORD ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a solely-owned pole location on: STAFFORD ST.

Hearing Held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a CC)

8. PETITIONS

- 8a. Antonion Sanchez request Zoning Map be amended to extend the BL-1.0 zoning district to encompass the properties at 3 Carson Ct. and 4 Carson Ct.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Planning Board. Referred to the Planning Board on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 8b.** Councilor George J. Russell, Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request honorary street name designation on Hamilton St. from Billings Sq. to Plantation St. for State Senator Daniel J. Foley, in recognition of his years of service as a State Senator, City Councilor and his efforts to bring UMASS Medical School to Worcester.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to amend the item to include the Biotech Park.**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee as amended. Referred to Public Works Committee as amended on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 8c.** Federico Ortiz et al. request installation of resident permit parking on the odd side of Clement St., from Main St. to Beaver St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #8c CC through #8g CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8d.** Marcos Naranjo et al. request residential permit parking on Catharine St. be extended to encompass the entire street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8c CC)
- 8e.** Scott Stankus request installation of handicap parking space in the vicinity of 54 Upsala St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8c CC)
- 8f.** Ray McArthur request installation of yield signs at the intersection of Hope Ave. and Webster St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8c CC)
- 8g.** Councilor George J. Russell and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of John Fresolo request removal of blinking light at the intersection of Providence St. and Waverly St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8c CC)
- 8h.** CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on: FOX ST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set a hearing for December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 8i. John Dick request City Council hold discussion concerning the changes to Mill St. and the safety implications of foresaid changes to the road.

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

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

Councilor Haxhiaj then moved to place the item on file.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Haxhiaj's motion to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Rivera, Rose, Russell, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Toomey)

9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9.1 APPOINTMENTS
Non-City Council Confirmation

9.2 APPOINTMENTS
City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend the appointment of Robert Cosenza and the reappointment of Christina Andrianopoulos to the Worcester Airport Advisory Committee.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointments. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

9.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
William Bagley, Jr., Esq., Chief HR Officer

9.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Recommend Adoption of a Responsible Development Ordinance Relative for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Projects

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rivera, Councilor Mero-Carlson, Councilor Toomey, and Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION
Eric D. Batista, City Manager

9.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION
Division of Human Rights and Accessibility
Victor Perez, Interim Director

9.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Administration Division
Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

9.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

9.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Operations Division
Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

9.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Parks Division
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner

9.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY
Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

9.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT
Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

9.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT
Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief

9.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
Charles R. Goodwin, Director

A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Worcester Disaster Relief Fund.

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

Mayor Petty 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent)

9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT
Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the differences between a conveyance of property and a grant of location for a utility conduit.

Mayor Petty read the item and 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent)

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the regulation of street performers under the Worcester Revised Ordinances.

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

Mayor Petty 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent)

9.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

Christopher P. Spencer, Commissioner

9.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

9.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division

Lee R. Hall, Director

9.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration

Dr. Matilde "Mattie" Castiel, M.D., Commissioner

9.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Public Health

Soloe M. Dennis, MS, MEP, Director

9.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Elder Affairs

Amy Vogel Waters, Director

9.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Veterans Services

Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director

9.23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Youth Services

Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director

9.24 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jason L. Homer, Executive Director

9.25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Election Commission Division

Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

9.26 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Rachel Monarrez, Superintendent

9.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Assessing Division

Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Classification package.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #9.27B CM.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Financial Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Russell.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to set the Tax Classification Hearing for December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent)

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to frequently asked questions during the tax rate process.

Hearing set for December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent) (See Item #9.27A CM)

9.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

9.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

9.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Timothy J. McGourthy, Acting Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

9.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES
Julie A. Lynch, Chief of Public Facilities

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

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

9.34 FINANCE ITEMS
Capital Transfers

9.35 FINANCE ITEMS
Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$4,000.00) from Rockland Trust Bank to support the annual Festival of Lights celebration.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.35A CM and #9.35B CM, #9.36A CM and #9.37A CM. Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent)

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five Dollars And Fifty Cents (\$92,735.50) from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) under the FFY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.36 FINANCE ITEMS
Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend authorization to increase the Fiscal Year 2024 funding limit of Revolving Fund #FD386, Housing Development & Rehabilitation, to One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$105,000.00).

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$2,523.24) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Public Works and Parks cost centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

10. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 10a. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Communication of the City Manager Recommend Approval of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment Relative to Accessory Dwelling Units.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the items to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Rivera absent)

11. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 11a. PETITION of Donald J. O'Neil request Zoning Map be amended to include the property located at 10 Grosvenor St. within the Commercial Corridors Overlay Canal District Subarea. (Tabled Under Privilege - Rivera November 14, 2023)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege on behalf of Councilor Rivera.

Tabled Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent).

Tabled Under Privilege – Rivera

- 11b.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend adoption of a proposed salary ordinance amendments that will regrade the position of “Chief of Staff to City Council” from pay grade 45 (NU) to 45M (NU), and create the new job classification of “Aide to City Council” at pay grade 40 (NU). (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson November 14, 2023)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #11c CC.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to recommit the items. Recommitted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent)

- 11c.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend the Fiscal Year 2024 Table of Organization for the Office of the City Council be amended by adding two (2) Aide to the City Council positions, Pay Grade 40, eliminating one (1) Chief of Staff, City Council position, Pay Grade 45, and adding one (1) Chief of Staff, City Council position, Pay Grade 45M. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson November 14, 2023)

Recommitted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Rivera absent) (See Item #11b CC)

12. TABLED ITEMS

- 12a.** 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)

No action taken

- 12b.** 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

No action taken

- 12c.** 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)

No action taken

- 12d.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Council work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 24, 2022 and June 7, 2022 and Tabled - Petty June 14, 2022)

No action taken

12e. 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

No action taken

12f. 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

No action taken

12g. 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhijaj August 22, 2023)

No action taken

12h. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj October 17, 2023 and October 24, 2023 and Tabled - Petty November 14, 2023)

No action taken

13. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the November 14, 2023 City Council meeting

13a. ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report concerning how much interested has been garnered from city programs associated with using vacant housing to provide living quarters for homeless individuals. Further, request City Manager request Chief Development Officer make an effort to reach out to the city's landlord community to educate them on opportunities to house the city's homeless population. – Item #16a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 13b.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report relative to establishing a Homeless Strategic Plan. – Item #16b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13c.** ORDER of Councilor Thu Nguyen – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing how much money was received by the city relative to Opioid Settlement Funds, as well as how said funds were allocated and what percentage of funds received were connected to supporting the opioid crisis. – Item #16c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager begin the process of working with the city’s regional partners and resources to address concerns relative to ensuring other communities provide services for individuals who have opioid-related overdoses. – Item #16d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager develop a strategic plan relative to addressing hotspot locations where overdoses associated with opiates are occurring in the city. – Item #16e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining whether it is possible to measure the impact that the closing and/or reduction of services at Community Healthlink will have on the community. – Item #16f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13g.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning strategies the city can implore to generate revenues from its excess properties, including properties received through tax title. – Item #16g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager include affordable housing elements and language in any Request for Proposals (RFP) for the property at 26 Claridge Dr. – Item #16h CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of positions in the city dedicated to oversight and compliance with the city’s TIF’s and TIE’s. – Item #16i CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13j.** ORDER of Councilor Thu Nguyen – Request City Manager work with the Human Rights Commission and join their next meeting to share and collaborate his vision, while also honoring the Commission’s priorities and help fulfill their mission, as it relates to public records of police misconduct, hate crimes and settlements regarding civil rights violations. – Item #16j CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 13k.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager work with Worcester Knitty Council to determine a location where the group can make mittens and hats available to individuals in need of such goods. – Item #16k CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays