

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:36 P.M.
Adjourned: 9:35 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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Jenny Pacillo - District 1
Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2
George J. Russell - District 3
Luis A. Ojeda - 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.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a.** MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Worcester resident Barry Krock, who passed away on August 27, 2024 at the age of 90. Mr. Krock was a fixture in the Central Massachusetts business and banking community for over half a century.

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 July 16, 2024.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8y CC and in opposition to item #17a CC
2. Oliver Chadwick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11a CC and #17a CC
3. Melissa Vernier, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC
4. Melinda Martin, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC
5. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
6. Nicole Belanger, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12d CC
7. Jacob Seidel, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11a CC and #17a CC
8. Sarah Stewart, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
9. Robert Bilotta, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
10. Karen Valentine-Goins, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
11. Patricia Hobbs, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12j CC
12. Matthew Noe, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11a CC and #17a CC, as well as in opposition to item #12f CC
13. Ruth Rodriguez-Fay, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC
14. Hannah Weinsaft, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC
15. Feanna Jattan-Singh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #17a CC
16. Harold Bersani, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #11a CC #17a CC
17. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #8ii CC, #12f CC, #15d CC and #16h CC , as well as in favor of items #8gg CC, #8hh CC, #10b CC, #10g CC, #11a CC, #12a CC, #12d CC, #12k CC, #12s CC, #13a CC and #17a CC and spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #12j CC
18. Dale Wickenheiser, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
19. Mike Kane, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
20. Kevin Lynch, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8gg CC and #8hh CC
21. Greg Dorshler, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11a CC
22. Darnell Dunn, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15a CC
23. Rhonda Hicks a.k.a. Wahya Wolfpaw, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8gg CC and #8hh CC
24. Bruce Hoffner, Milford, NH resident, spoke in opposition to items #12f CC and #17a CC
25. Sarah Moore, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11a CC and #17a CC
26. Colleen West, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #17a CC and #13a CC
27. Cara Berg-Powers, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC and #17a CC
28. Eric Stratton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
29. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #17a CC, #12d CC, #12h CC, #12m CC, #12n CC, #12q CC and #19b CC, as well as in opposition to item #12f CC and #13a CC
30. Patti Kosar, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #17a CC

7. HEARING AND ORDER

- 7a. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: GRANITE ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: GRANITE ST.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to open the hearing. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

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 voice vote.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Hearing held and Order adopted

8. PETITIONS

- 8a. Miriam Generazio request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 5 Dallas St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

- 8b. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Michael Carbonneau request the existing bus stop at the corner of Greenwood St. and Ekman St. be relocated back to its original location in front of 16 Greenwood St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8b CC through #8cc CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

- 8c. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Amanda Cummings request the crosswalks around and near Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St., be reviewed to ensure they are visible, in good condition and properly located, especially at the intersection of Sunderland Rd. and Grafton St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)

- 8d. Councilor Etel Haxhijaj on behalf of Denise Bilotta request a traffic light or flashing light be installed at the intersection of Williamsburg Dr. and Mill St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)

- 8e. Councilor Etel Haxhijaj request installation of a left turn signal at the traffic light at the corner of Park Ave. and Lovell St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)

- 8f. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Parkton Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)

- 8g. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on West Chester St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)

- 8h. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of "Go Slow Children" signage on Ascadilla Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)

- 8i. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of a stop sign at Barry Rd. and Dick Dr.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8j. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request review and installation of traffic calming measures and safety improvements to the intersection of Whitmarsh Ave. and Leeds St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8k. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request removal of the “No Parking Anytime” signage on the south side of Indian Hill Rd. from Hockanum Way to a point 60’ west of Hockanum Way.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8l. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request removal of all resident permit parking restrictions on Indian Hill Rd., including the east side of Indian Hill Rd. from Ararat St. to a point 1125’ south of Ararat St. and the west side from Ararat St. to a point 1165’ south of Ararat St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8m. Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage on Freeland St. on both sides of its intersection with Tirrell St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8n. Staci Wehbe request installation of handicap parking space in front of 28 Ledgecrest Dr.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8o. James Sylvia et al. request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Vassar St. and Cornell St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8p. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of speed humps on Sunny Hill Dr.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8q. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of speed humps on Conger Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8r. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request the crosswalks in the vicinity of Park Ave. and Millbrook St. be reviewed for the installation of better lighting.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8s. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of a flashing solar beacon at the crosswalk at Bailey Rd. and Prouty Lane.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8t. Nikola Duka request installation of a crosswalk on June St. at its intersection with Wetherell St. and Commodore Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8u. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of a stop sign near the Airport Dr. rotary.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)

- 8v. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of additional signage alerting motorists entering Pleasant St. from Airport Dr. of right and left hand turns.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8w. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of a crosswalk at or near Assabet Lane and Bailey Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8x. Richard Wiggin request installation of a Tow Zone on Liscomb St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8y. Demetra Edwards request installation of Auditory Pedestrian Signals at all existing crosswalks at the intersection of Webster St. and Main St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8z. Donald Tarallo and Hui En Huang et al. request the existing residential permit parking zone on Somerset St. be amended to remove the 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. limit and instead provide residential permit parking at all times.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8aa. Sean Engel request removal of "No Parking 8 A.M. - 3 P.M. School Days" signage outside 51 Gage St. on Gage St. and Eastern Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8bb. Nicole Aubin St Germain request installation of flashing crosswalk lights at crosswalks on Plantation St. for Holmes Field.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8cc. Sherri Way request removal of handicap parking space across 20 Kosta St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8b CC)
- 8dd. Madeliene Del Toro-Cournoyer request installation of new pickleball courts or reconfigure existing tennis courts to accommodate pickleball courts.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee
- 8ee. Michael J. Grandone request City Council request City Manager hold a meeting with all city/town mayors, councilors and state representatives to discuss the laws concerning tax exemptions.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file
- 8ff. Harold Bersani request City Council request City Manager consider amending the Construction Noise ordinance to prohibit construction noise on Sundays and federal holidays in residential districts.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager

8gg. Rhonda Hicks request City Council request City Manager consider forming a partnership between the Worcester Police Department with homeless veterans and homeless people to assist them in finding employment.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

8hh. Rhonda Hicks request City Council request City Manager dedicate a water fountain to the homeless veterans to be placed next to the water fountain memorial in the Worcester Common.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to amend the item: "Further request City Manager ensure individuals know the water in said fountain is not potable."

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to the City Manager as amended. Referred to the City Manager as amended

8ii. Andrew E. Hegedus request City Council request City Manager consider increasing the amount of money allocated to traffic enforcement by the Worcester Police Department in areas that have seen increased traffic fatalities and auto collisions.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Nguyen, who moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9.1 APPOINTMENTS
Non-City Council Confirmation

9.2 APPOINTMENTS
City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend the reappointment of Esther Boama-Myarko to the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- B. Recommend the reappointment of Mary Knittle to the Green Worcester Advisory Committee.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- C. Recommend the reappointment of Timothy Magliaro, Odeta Longobardo, and Eric Stratton to the Community Preservation Community.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- D. Recommend the reappointment of Gabriel Rodriguez to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

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

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

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
- 9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**
Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor
- A. Recommend adoption of an ordinance to repeal the special speed regulation governing Belmont Street.
- Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the emergency preamble associated with the item. Emergency preamble adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to ordain the item. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 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

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Office of New Americans.

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee

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 assessments of state buildings as they relate to real estate taxes.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

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 file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation under the Creative Intersections Grant program.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.35A CM through #9.35C CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$300,000.00) from the Workforce Competitive Trust Fund's EA Shelter Enhancement Grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35C CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in an amount up to Two Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$236,500.00) from the Cultural Arts State Lottery Fund Grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

9.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

9.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars And Fifty Cents (\$3,639.50) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1068, Off Street Parking Ordinary Maintenance, to allow for payment of a prior year invoice.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.37A CM and 9.37B CM. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend that Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars And Ninety Two Cents (\$7,707.92) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1044, Fire Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.37A CM)

9.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

10. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 10a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer ensure developers attend Economic Development Committee meetings when their items brought forward for Certified Project hearings.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #10a CC through #10j CC. Order adopted

- 10b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning new policies that have been adopted by the Department of Public Works and Parks and the Department of Transportation and Mobility. Further, request said policies be made available on the city's website.
Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)
- 10c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report concerning how many guardrails are installed in the city and how many are intended for pedestrian safety versus vehicle safety.
Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)
- 10d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager provide City Council with report concerning the plans relative to Ernest H. Johnson Tunnel.
Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)
- 10e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount of monies being collected from Winn Development's usage of the Ernest H. Johnson tunnel, including information concerning whether the amount of monies could be negotiated for fair market value or if the funding needs to go through a bid process.
Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)
- 10f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the latest work completed by the Green Worcester Advisory Committee.
Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)
- 10g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT - Request City Manager identify spaces with cooling strategies, as well as locations where cooling strategies can be applied. Further, request City Manager include in said report mapping the location of tree canopies in the city.
Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)
- 10h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning amount of trees expected to be planted during Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25).
Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)
- 10i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT - Request City Manager update city's website with information from the state concerning energy vendors. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with feedback concerning the benefits and challenges relative to listing the information on the city's website.
Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

- 10j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT - Request City Manager request Chief Sustainability Officer provide City Council with a quarterly report concerning the Green Worcester ElectricITY aggregation program.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

- 10k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT - Request Standing Committee on Education hold a discussion exploring the expansion of the Urban Forest Academy Program, high school environmental science programs and other educational opportunities concerning trees within Worcester Public Schools.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Education Committee. Referred to Education Committee

11. CHAIRMAN'S RESOLUTION

- 11a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support instituting a citywide 25 mile per hour statutory speed limit.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Resolution adopted

12. ORDERS

- 12a.** Request City Manager work to create and publish a dashboard that tracks appointments to the city's boards and commissions while also providing reporting as to the demographics for said boards and commissions. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12b.** Request City Manager replace the missing "Dead End" signage at the top of Moore Ave., which was not replaced after construction to the area. (Haxhiaj)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12c.** Request City Manager repaint the crosswalk lines at the Quinsigamond Village Community Center, located at 16 Greenwood St. (Russell)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12d.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility convey to MassDOT the urgency of holding a public meeting with the Pleasant St./Tatnuck Square Neighborhoods to discuss short-term and long-term road safety changes for the stretch of Route 122 and Pleasant St., including the Airport Dr. Rotary. Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility implement interim road safety measures around the Airport Dr. rotary. (Haxhiaj)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

12e. Request City Manager remove the gates from around the water fountain memorial on the Worcester Common. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item to include the word, “consider.”

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended

12f. That the City Council convene in Executive Session at its September 10, 2024 meeting for the purpose of discussing all legal avenues the City of Worcester can take against Worcester Polytechnical Institute (WPI) and their recent proposed acquisition of the Hampton Inn and Courtyard Marriot hotels in Gateway Park. (Mero-Carlson, Petty)

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

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

Councilor Mero-Carlson then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)’s plans to purchase the Hampton Inn and Suites at 65 Prescott St. and the Courtyard by Marriott at 72 Grove St. as it relates to corporate agreements in Gateway Park, TIF Agreement clauses that would require the property/properties to stay on the tax roll and any other pertinent communication the city has had with WPI in terms of agreements made on Gateway Park properties.” (See Item #22h CC).

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

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

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

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

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

No action taken

12g. Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of working with community partners to bring a Daily Table to the city. (Pacillo)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12h.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the processes in place to hold Public Works Department contractors responsible to a timeline and their quality of work. (Pacillo, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Toomey, Bergman, Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item and refer the item to Public Works Committee. Order adopted and referred to Public Works Committee**
- 12i.** Request City Manager work with Preservation Worcester to develop a plan to restore all the pillars running along Burncoat St. (Pacillo)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted
- 12j.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the extent to which the city can be notified when properties are being purchased and for what intent those properties will be used. Further, request City Manager include in said report a review of the process used to educate developers on best practices that should be used when said developers conduct neighborhood meetings, in an effort to respect neighborhood residents and their needs. Said best practices should include holding such hearings prior to the developers purchasing a property and using said property in a way that may impact the makeup of a neighborhood. (Ojeda)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to recuse himself from the item and left the room.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**
- 12k.** Request City Manager review the crosswalks on Main St. in the vicinity of Clement St. and Marble St. and the McDonalds at 995 Main St. for the purpose of ensuring all ramps are ADA compliant with handicap access ramps. (Ojeda)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted
- 12l.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study in the vicinity of Elm Park on Russell St. between Highland St. and Elm St. in an effort to increase pedestrian safety and for the purpose of installing speed calming measures. (Ojeda)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #12l CC through #12n CC collectively.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**
- 12m.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study on Elm St. from Chestnut St. to Park Ave. in an effort to increase pedestrian safety and for the purpose of installing speed calming measures. (Ojeda)
Order adopted (See Item #12l CC)

- 12n.** Request City Manager install trash receptacles in the vicinity of Elm Park, including along the sidewalks around the edge of the park and across the street of the park on Elm St. and Russell St. (Ojeda)

Order adopted (See Item #12l CC)

- 12o.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a draft ordinance for the purpose of establishing and creating a process to establish 20 MPH school zones at all schools. (King)

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12p.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks repaint the crosswalk at Bailey Rd. and Prouty Lane. (Bergman)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12q.** Request City Manager remove the overgrown trees and brush along Bailey Rd. for better driver/pedestrian sight. (Bergman)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12r.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report determining the ownership of frontage along Bailey Rd. to Fox Meadow and to assess the possibility of adding sidewalks at the location. (Bergman)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12s.** Request City Manager work with the Police Chief to initiate the strategic placement of a finite number of roadside, unmanned police cars throughout the city as a potential traffic calming intervention that may prevent speeding. (King)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

13. RESOLUTION

- 13a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support passage of Question 2 to replace the MCAS graduation requirement and require instead that districts certify that students have satisfactorily completed coursework demonstrating mastery of the skills and knowledge required by the Commonwealth's strong, statewide standards in order to graduate. (Petty, Mero-Carlson)

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

Mayor Petty spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (Ojeda recused)

14. REPORTS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 14a. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Kim Vong request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of 55 Benefit Street from MG-2 to RG-5.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #14a CC and #14b CC to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

- 14b. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Joshua Lee Smith, on behalf of Sahil Properties LLC, request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property located at 66 Southgate St. and 91 Canterbury St. from RG-5 to BL-1.0

Referred to Economic Development Committee (See Item #14a CC)

- 14c. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Donald J. O'Neil, on behalf of Norcross Development, LLC request acceptance of the extension of Brookline St. as a public way.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

15. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 15a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of an amendment to the Tax Increment Exemption Agreement Relative to 340 Main Street: 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)

15b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Semi-annual Tax Increment Financing / Tax Increment Exemption Report for the period ending December 31, 2023: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #15b CC through #15d CC. Accepted

15c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the semi-annual TIF/TIE reporting for period ending on June 30, 2023: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #15b CC)

15d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an Update on Economic Development Initiatives: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #15b CC)

16. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

16a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell request Evergreen Ln. from Massasoit Rd. to a pt. 100' southwest of Massasoit Rd., or less, be made public, for the purpose of installing a surface drainage system to prohibit water going down Evergreen Ln. from Massasoit Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to convert the first 41 feet of Evergreen Ln. from a private to public street for the purpose of installing a surface drainage system to prohibit water going down Evergreen Ln. from Massasoit Rd.

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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)

16b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Maria Montano request resurfacing of sidewalks on both sides of Freeland St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt items #16b CC through #16l CC. Accepted and adopted

16c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Nicole Panagiotou request street resurfacing in front of 5 Lantern Ln.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)

16d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Petra Kajla request Ararat St. be resurfaced.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)

- 16e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Randall Ormo request Utica Dr. be resurfaced.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Mildred Bailey request installation of guardrail in front of 140 May St. at the intersection of May St. and Lovell St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to install a guardrail or similar hardware at the intersection of May St. and Lovell St., pending funding and the review of an impact study following the installation of a four-way stop control at said intersection.
Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Daniel Heckman request installation of guardrail in front of 4 Knox St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Maria Montano request installation of a guardrail at the corner of Freeland St. and Cambridge St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to install a guardrail or appropriate safety barrier on Cambridge St. at the intersection of Cambridge St. and Freeland St.
Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Carol Degniss et al. request installation of a guardrail at the corner of Penn Ave. and Harrison St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to install a guardrail at the corner of Penn Ave. and Harrison St., pending funding and the review of an impact study following the installation of a four-way stop control at the intersection.
Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Ed Severance request the existing streetlight at the intersection of Merrick St. and Shawmut St. be removed or relocated.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of a streetlight on Barry Rd. at its intersection with Lynnwood Ln.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Kerrie Schofield request installation of a streetlight on utility pole #6-1, in the vicinity of 27 Balis Ave.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to install a streetlight on utility pole #6-1 in the vicinity of 27 Balis Ave., with an estimated cost of \$625 and for the streetlight installation to be prioritized.
Accepted and adopted (See Item #16b CC)

- 16m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report on the utility company pavement guarantees.: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #16m CC through #16p CC. Accepted
- 16n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Christian Lewis request Moreland St. be resurfaced.: recommend Petitioner be granted leave to withdraw.
Accepted (See Item #16m CC)
- 16o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Evan Corrigan request Alexander Rd. between Huntington Ave. and Gifford Rd. be resurfaced.: recommend the Petitioner be granted leave to withdraw.
Accepted (See Item #16m CC)
- 16p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Athena Corbin et al. request Crillon Rd. be made public.: recommend Petition be denied.
Accepted (See Item #16m CC)

17. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 17a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to adopting a statutory speed limit of 25 mph and the establishment of Safety Zones with 20 mph speed limits: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance and adoption of the accompanying Order to accept the provisions of section 17C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to establish a 25 miles per hour statutory speed limit city-wide in thickly settled or business districts, accept the provisions of Section 18B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to authorize establishment a speed limit of 20 miles per hour within areas designated by the City Council as safety zones, and enact revisions to the city's general revised ordinances to enact the same.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with the necessary documentation to include Main St., Stafford St. and Park Ave. as part of the 25 MPH Statutory Speed Limit in the city." (See Item #22a CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report recommending a list of locations 20 MPH safety zones should be installed, including locations near schools, daycares, the Worcester Senior Center, senior housing facilities, as well as parks and recreation areas." (See Item #22b CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, "Request City Manager work with the State to create a plan that best addresses safety issues and fatalities on state roads, such as Route 20 and Interstate-290." (See Item #22c CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to, "Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with documentation relative to subjecting all city streets to the city's 25 MPH Statutory Speed Limit." (See Item #22d CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey for a second time, who moved to, "Request City Manager work with the State to ensure intersections that include state roads have modern technology and painted crosswalks." (See Item #22e CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays.

- 17b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a survey of public opinion on speed limit reduction proposals: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept the item. Accepted

18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

- 18a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a status update for the Green Worcester ElectriCITY aggregation program: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #18a CC and #18b CC. Accepted

- 18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communications relative to a 5-year grant from the USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #18a CC)

19. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 19a. ORDER** of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager consider combining the Major Taylor Museum and the Major Taylor Statue to one (1) location. (Tabled Under Privilege - King July 16, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: "Request City Manager coordinate with the Major Taylor Museum and the Worcester Public Library where the Major Taylor Statue is located to ensure the locations work in tandem with one another to ensure the Major Taylor story is heard."

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended

- 19b. RESOLUTION** of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support expediting the adoption of the 25-mile-per-hour citywide statutory speed limit and designation of 20-mph Safety Zones policies as immediate actions to address the safety of all road users; Further, that the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the inclusion of traffic calming and other Complete Streets safety improvements as part of all the city's roadway projects, to increase the safety and accessibility of the city's public ways for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. (Tabled Under Privilege - Colorio August 27, 2024)

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

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

- 19c. CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** - That the Rules of City Council of the City of Worcester be and are hereby amended to amend Rule 21 to read as follows: Rule 21. No Speaking for More Than Five Minutes. After being recognized by the chair no councilor shall speak for more than five (5) minutes at a time nor more than ten (10) minutes total on any agenda item, or a group of calendar items taken collectively, at any City Council or Standing Committee on Finance meeting. The chair may grant additional time to any councilor if comments made by the city manager or other individuals in response to questions have taken an unusual amount of time. The chair shall make note of the time each member is recognized. Whenever any member substantially exceeds five minutes during their first time speaking on an item, the chair may rule that the member is being allocated his or her second five minutes and the member shall be deemed to have waived his or her right to speak twice on an item. (Tabled Under Privilege - King August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Russell

- 19d. COMMUNICATION** of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to MBTA Communities Compliance and Economic Feasibility Analysis for Inclusionary Zoning. (Tabled Under Privilege - King August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

- 19e. COMMUNICATION** of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to internal police detail spending. (Tabled Under Privilege - King August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning internal police detail spending during Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) and Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23)." (See Item #22f CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee

- 19f.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to ShotSpotter and Resource Router programs. (Tabled Under Privilege - King August 27, 2024)

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Interim Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any improvements seen in the City of Chicago, IL since their time using ShotSpotter.” (See Item #22g CC).

Mayor Petty recognized the Interim Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee

- 19g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager consider establishing a “Mid-block Pedestrian Crossing Pilot Program,” (see attached) in locations with high pedestrian traffic and where vulnerable road safety is at an elevated risk. Said pilot program should include collaboration with Mass DOT where appropriate. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning common areas where pedestrian jaywalking occurs. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Russell

- 19h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager consider establishing “Pedestrian Focused Overlay Zones,” (see attached) by changing traffic pattern regulations in a way that focuses on pedestrians and vulnerable road users alike. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing an ordinance that will provide multiple and direct routes in the city by establishing, “Street Connectivity Minimums.” Said projects should include collaboration with Mass DOT where appropriate. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Russell

- 19i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted order from November 14, 2023, which read, “In an effort to reprioritize and reduce pedestrian crash potential, the City Manager be and is hereby requested to provide City Council with feedback concerning the feasibility of attaining HAWK signals/flashing beacons, enhanced lighting, and improved pairing at crosswalks. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report verifying the following crosswalk visibility enhancements and the dangers associated with 3D crosswalks, including information gained from the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). (References: 1) <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/crosswalk-visibility-enhancements> ; and 2) <https://ctt2.center/2019/05/23/signal-spotlights-3d-crosswalks-mutcd-update/>). Further, request City Manager review the feasibility of beginning a pilot program to install HAWK signals/flashing beacons, enhanced lighting, and improved pairing at crosswalks within each city district, at locations to be determined by each district City Councilor.” (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Russell

- 19j.** AN ORDINANCE Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit Parking on a Portion of Liscomb Street. (Tabled Under Privilege - Petty August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Russell

- 19k.** ORDER of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Donna M. Colorio - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services work to create a Worcester Rodent Action Plan (WRAP), similar the plan created in Boston, which aims to improve the quality of life of the city’s residents through mitigating the rodent population in the city. (Tabled Under Privilege - Pacillo August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Russell

- 19l.** COMMUNICATION of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication detailing all petitions denied for inclusion on the City Council agenda over the last two (2) years that includes rationale for said denial(s). (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen August 27, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Russell

20. TABLED ITEMS

- 20a.** 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

- 20b.** 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

- 20c.** 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

- 20d.** 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

20e. 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

20f. 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

20g. 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

20h. 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)

No action taken

21. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the August 27, 2024 City Council meeting.

21a. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing how temporary repairs of private streets will be budgeted for in future years. – Item #26a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

21b. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the history of why the City Council discontinued the practice of approving temporary repairs on private streets, including any concerns around damage to the private roads during weather events. – Item #26b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 21c.** ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to provide City Council with a report detailing a way the city can develop a more robust speed hump program, similar to the program instituted in Boston. – Item #26c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 21d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the various types of speed humps that the city plans to use at part of its future speed calming measures, including the data behind using permanent and/or temporary speed humps. – Item #26d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 21e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager ensure all planned speed humps installs are completed by November 1, 2024. – Item #26e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 21f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with an action plan for how the city plans to support and prioritize aiding residents experiencing food insecurity. – Item #26f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 21g.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager prioritize creating funding that ensures the construction of sidewalks near schools can be completed at no cost to the abutters. – Item #26g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 21h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously filed Order from May 28, 2024, which read, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor explore the feasibility of filing litigation against Charter Spectrum to create an impetus for the company to ensure eligible seniors are reimbursed on any monies withheld from them relative to their service.” – Item #26h CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 21i.** ORDER of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously filed Order from May 28, 2024, which read, “Request City Manager work with the appropriate representatives from Charter Spectrum to provide City Council with information concerning the process used to return/reimburse senior discounts that were illegally withheld from the company. – Item #26i CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 21j.** ORDER of Councilor Thu Nguyen – Request City Manager create an accessible and transparent complaint process for the purpose of rescinding licenses of constables who violate state statutes. – Item #26i CC Placed on file on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays

- 21k.** ORDER of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s jurisdiction as it relates to the oversight of constables in the city. – Item #26j CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

22. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION - Items brought forth under suspension at the September 10, 2024 City Council meeting.

- 22a.** Motion Russell @ #17a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with the necessary documentation to include Main St., Stafford St. and Park Ave. as part of the 25 MPH Statutory Speed Limit in the city.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 22b.** Motion Russell @ #17a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report recommending a list of locations 20 MPH safety zones should be installed, including locations near schools, daycares, the Worcester Senior Center, senior housing facilities, as well as parks and recreation areas.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 22c.** Motion Russell @ #17a CC – Request City Manager work with the State to create a plan that best addresses safety issues and fatalities on state roads, such as Route 20 and Interstate-290.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 22d.** Motion Mero-Carlson @ #17a CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with documentation relative to subjecting all city streets to the city’s 25 MPH Statutory Speed Limit.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 22e.** Motion Toomey @ #17a CC – Request City Manager work with the State to ensure intersections that include state roads have modern technology and painted crosswalks.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 22f.** Motion King @ #19e CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning internal police detail spending during Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) and Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23).
Order adopted (See Item #19e CC)
- 22g.** Motion Toomey @ #19f CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any improvements seen in the City of Chicago, IL since their time using ShotSpotter.
Order adopted (See Item #19f CC)

22h. Motion Mero-Carlson @ #12f CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)’s plans to purchase the Hampton Inn and Suites at 65 Prescott St. and the Courtyard by Marriott at 72 Grove St. as it relates to corporate agreements in Gateway Park, TIF Agreement clauses that would require the property/properties to stay on the tax roll and any other pertinent communication the city has had with WPI in terms of agreements made on Gateway Park properties.

Order adopted (See Item #12f CC)