

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:36 P.M.
Adjourned: 9:28 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

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

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 September 17, 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 opposition to items #8c CC through #8g CC and #8k CC, as well as neither in favor or opposed to item #9.39A CM
2. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
3. Maydee Morales, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
4. Parlee Jones, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
5. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
6. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
7. Charles Luster, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
8. Linford Cunningham, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
9. Geoffrey Killebrew, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
10. Margot Barnett, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
11. Jermoh Kamara, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
12. Ruth Rodriguez-Fay, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
13. Casey Burns, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
14. Amy Ebbeson, Rutland resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
15. Karen Valentine-Goins, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k and #8c CC through #8g CC
16. Jennifer Gaskin, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
17. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8c CC through #8g CC and #8k CC
18. Fred Taylor, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC
19. Karina Herrera, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8k CC

7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS - 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take up items #7a CC and #7b CC collectively and to open the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Petty asked if any abutters wished to be heard on the items. 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 items. Hearing held and Order adopted

- 7b. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 702 SOUTHBRIDGE ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 702 SOUTHBRIDGE ST.

Hearing held and Order adopted (See Item #7a CC)

8. PETITIONS

- 8a. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request Mayfield St. be resurfaced.

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

- 8b. Glenda Carabello request installation of handicap parking space in front of 15 Rodney St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #8b CC through #8j CC collectively.

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer items #8b CC through #8j CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

- 8c. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request establishment of a 20 MPH Safety Zone in the vicinity of Binienda Beach at Coes Pond Parks located at 72 Coes St.

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

- 8d. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request establishment of a 20 MPH Safety Zone in the vicinity of the Guild of St. Agnes Child Care Center located at 248 Mill St.

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

- 8e. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request establishment of a 20 MPH Safety Zone in the vicinity of Mill Swan Head Start located at 337 Mill St.

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

- 8f. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request establishment of a 20 MPH Safety Zone in the vicinity of Logan Field located at 539 Mill St.

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

- 8g. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request establishment of a 20 MPH Safety Zone in the vicinity of Worcester Seventh-day Adventist School located at 2 Airport Drive

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

- 8h. Mayor Joseph M. Petty request installation of increased signage on Portland St. indicating there is metered parking along the street.

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

- 8i. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Michael Carey request installation of speed humps on Lavallee Terrace.

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

- 8j.** Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Philip Herman request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 215 Fairmont Ave.

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

- 8k.** Maydee Morales request City Council request City Manager consider directly designating the balance of the remaining \$44,348,367.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, after current pending contracts are completed, to BIPOC led organizations who directly provide services and resources to those who were most affected by the pandemic.

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

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

Mayor Petty then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has been allocated, as well as the impact it has had in the community, once all allocations are completed.” (See Item #15a CC)

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

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

Councilor King then moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how and in what instances lump sum and upfront payments from the city have been made for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding recipients, organized by groupings of fundings.” (See Item #15b CC).

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Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager ensure the city does not create any additional barriers relative to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocations beyond what is required by the federal government. Further, if such additional requirements are currently being enforced, request City Manager cease and desist said requirements.” (See Item #15d CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager, once the pending contracts are completed, allocate any additional monies associated with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to BIPOC led organizations who directly provide services and resources to those most impacted by the pandemic.” (See Item #15e CC).

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

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

Councilor Nguyen then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that are currently committed for use but may not or cannot be used for its intended purpose.” (See Item #15f CC).

Councilor Nguyen then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning strategies that can be used to ensure American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are made accessible to BIPOC led organizations. Further, request City Manager reconcile challenges associated with BIPOC led organizations receiving said funds, as soon as possible.” (See Item #15g CC).

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

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

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 King for a second time, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the history of the \$196,458.98 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Recovery Funds in the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) that were allocated for Body Worn Cameras/Contingency.” (See Item #15h CC).

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

9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Angelique Webster to the Worcester Arts Council.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

9.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

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

- A. Recommend adoption of an amendment to GRO, Part I, Chapter 13, §79 related to establishment of reduced speed school zones.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report as to the city’s ability to include non-public schools such as private, parochial and charter schools as part of reduced speed limit school zones.” (See Item #15i CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

9.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the status of existing firefighter turn out gear.

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the location of all the fire hydrants in the city.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Fire Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Fire 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

9.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to internal police detail spending in fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the percentage of money gained from police details over the last four (4) years. (See Item #15j CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and Deputy Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report that identifies the number of internal police details that go unfilled.” (See Item #15k CC).

Councilor King then moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. – Not Put.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – King, Nguyen) (Haxhiaj absent)

9.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Director

9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor

9.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

David Horne, Interim 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

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

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of July 31, 2024.

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of August 31, 2024.

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

9.31 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 the adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Thirty Six Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$36,000.00) from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation to support the Recreation Worcester Summer program.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.35A CM through #9.35C CM and #9.37A CM through #9.37C CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent)

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$1,800,000.00) from the Commonwealth Corporation MA Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program.

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

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant of up to Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$50,000.00) from the Department of Fire Services under the FY25 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant program.

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

9.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

9.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Forty Three Thousand Two hundred Nine Dollars and Six Cents (\$43,209.06) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2025 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 (Haxhij absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Two Thousand Twenty Two Dollars And Three Cents (\$2,022.03) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1044, Fire Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year expenses.

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

- C. Recommend that Four Thousand Two Hundred Nine Dollars And Fifty Six Cents (\$4,209.56) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1062, Treasury Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

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

9.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Recommend adoption of an ordinance to extend the Worcester Housing Authority Fee Waiver.

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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent)

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the FY2025-29 Strategic Plan.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the City Manager, who provided City Council with a presentation relative to the city's FY2025-29 Strategic Plan.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson 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 the timeline for when and how the administration will measure the efficacy of non-union positions." (See Item #151 CC).

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

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

10. REPORTS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 10a. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Jasmine Tamakloe et al request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of 10 and 14 Gardner St. from RG-5 to BL-1.

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

- 10b. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of David Sadowski, on behalf of Joseph Jreij, request the Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property at 0 Grafton St. (Assessors Map 41-028-0000B) from MG-0.5 to BL-1.

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 Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

10c. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Milagros Ortiz et al. request Royal Rd. from Edlin St. west to Heard St. be made public.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #10c CC and #10d CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

10d. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request Pocasset Ave. from Squantum Ave. to Hilda St be made public.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #10c CC)

11. TO BE ORDAINED

11a. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Relative to Members of Local 1009, IAFF International Association of Firefighters.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #11a CC and #11b CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent)

11b. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Relative to Members of Local 504, IBPO Worcester Police Officials.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11a CC)

12. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

12a. 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell September 24, 2024)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to place the item on file. - Not Put.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Russell's motion to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time. Tabled Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas - Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays - King, Nguyen) (Haxhiaj absent).

Tabled Under Privilege - Russell

13. TABLED ITEMS

13a. 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

13b. 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

13c. 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

13d. 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

13e. 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

13f. 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

13g. 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

13h. 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

14. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION - Items brought forth under suspension at the September 24, 2024 City Council meeting.

14a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with written clarification on whether an item that is amended resets the amount of times an item can be Tabled Under Privilege. – Item #18a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays

14b. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any permit fees that can be waived associated with running various events in the city. – Item #18b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

14c. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining best practices associated with institutional zoning ordinances. Said report should also review all previous City Council orders regarding nonprofit organizations in the city. – Item #18c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

14d. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a qualitative analysis of Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) ridership that includes the reasons why people ride their busses. Further, request City Manager work with any interested local institutions to gather any relevant data for said report. – Item #18d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

14e. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review and improve the lighting at the intersection of South Ludlow St. and Clover St. – Item #18e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

15. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION - Items brought forth under suspension at the October 1, 2024 City Council meeting.

15a. Motion Petty @ #8k CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has been allocated, as well as the impact it has had in the community, once all allocations are completed.

Order adopted (See Item #8k CC)

15b. Motion King @ #8k CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how and in what instances lump sum and upfront payments from the city have been made for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding recipients, organized by groupings of fundings.

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- 15k.** Motion King @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report that identifies the number of internal police details that go unfilled.
Order adopted (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 15l.** Motion King @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline for when and how the administration will measure the efficacy of non-union positions.
Order adopted (See Item #9.13A CM)