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Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:33 P.M.

Recessed to Executive Session: 7:59 P.M.

Reconvened in Open Session: 10:09 P.M.

Adjourned: 10:47 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, except for Councilor Colorio, who arrived at 7:08 P.M. Councilor Colorio and Councilor Nguyen participated in the meeting remotely.

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 November 19, 2024.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12.40A CM and neither in favor or opposed to item #13b CC
2. Robert Branca, Shrewsbury resident, spoke in favor of a more balanced residential and commercial, industrial and personal property tax rate
3. Greg Degermajian, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #12.38B CM and #13b CC
4. Serenity Jones, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the lowest possible residential tax rate
5. Kelsey Crisostomo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the lowest possible residential tax rate
6. Colin Novick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #12.4A CM and #12.4B CM
7. 1. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #10a CC, #14j CC, and #22b CC, spoke in favor of items #14b CC through items #14g CC and #14j CC
8. Robert Harden, Worcester resident, spoke concerning an item not listed on the agenda
9. John Snyder, no residence given, spoke in favor of the lowest possible commercial, industrial and personal property tax rate
10. Jackson Restrepo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the lowest possible commercial, industrial and personal property tax rate
11. Darnell Dunn, Waltham resident, spoke in favor of a more balanced residential and commercial, industrial and personal property tax rate
12. Andrew Serrato, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of a more balanced residential and commercial, industrial and personal property tax rate
13. Katia Norford, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of a more balanced residential and commercial, industrial and personal property tax rate
14. Yenni Desroches, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11j CC, #11k CC and #14i CC
15. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC, #11j CC #11k CC and #14i CC
16. Stephen Quist, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9a CC

7. ELECTION OF TWO RESIDENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7a. ELECTION - To fill two (2) vacancies for terms ending December 31, 2030.

Mayor Petty read the item and provided an opening statement, including information from, “Rules Appendix D – Election of the Library Board,” from the Rules of City Council, which outlines the process for electing members of the Library Board of Directors.

Mayor Petty recognized Allison Chisolm Hansen, Feanna Jattan-Singh, Kimberly Smalley and William Wallace, who spoke relative to their qualifications to be elected to the Library Board of Directors.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to elect two members for the terms ending on December 31, 2030. Kimberly Smalley and Sheila Trapasso, having received the most votes and a majority vote of the City Council, were elected to serve the two terms ending on December 31, 2030.

8. HELD TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

- 8a.** Hearing: To determine tax rates for residential, commercial, industrial and personal properties for Fiscal Year 2025. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson November 26, 2024)

Mayor Petty opened the Tax Classification Hearing at 7:14 P.M.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #8b CC, #8c CC, and #22a CC.

Mayor Petty recognized speakers relative to the Tax Classification Hearing during Public Participation.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Pacillo, who moved to recommend for consideration Line 264 – That the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025 be set at \$13.19 for Residential Property and \$28.61 for Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property (See Item #25a CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to recommend for consideration Line 267 – That the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025 be set at \$13.16 for Residential Property and \$28.74 for Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property – Not Put.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Assessor and 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 amount of revenues gained over the past four (4) to five (5) years from properties’ Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) agreements expiring and the locations fully coming onto the tax rolls. Further, request City Manager include in said report projections relative to properties expected to come onto the tax rolls over the next five (5) years.” (See Item #25b CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt item #22a CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Pacillo’s motion for Line 264. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays. (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Russell).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved for reconsideration on the items.

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to place items #8b CC and #8c CC on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 8b.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Classification package. (Originally submitted to City Council on November 19, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson November 26, 2024)

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)

- 8c.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to frequently asked questions during the tax rate process. (Originally submitted to City Council on November 19, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson November 26, 2024)

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)

9. RECONSIDERATION

- 9a.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – In accordance with Rule 30 of the Rules of City Council, Mayor Joseph M. Petty requests reconsideration of the vote of City Council taken on November 26, 2024, in regard to the following item: Petition of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on streets including but not limited to: Faraday St., Salisbury St., Boynton St., Humboldt Ave., Lancaster St., John Wing Rd., Drury Ln., Elbridge St., West St., Dean St., Hackfeld Rd., Dover St., Trowbridge Rd., Schussler Rd., Washburn St., Garden St., Prescott St., Einhorn Rd., Hall St., and Massachusetts Ave.

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

- 9b.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on streets including but not limited to: Faraday St., Salisbury St., Boynton St., Humboldt Ave., Lancaster St., John Wing Rd., Drury Ln., Elbridge St., West St., Dean St., Hackfeld Rd., Dover St., Trowbridge Rd., Schussler Rd., Washburn St., Garden St., Prescott St., Einhorn Rd., Hall St., and Massachusetts Ave.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, who moved to place the item on file. – Not Put.

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

Councilor Colorio then moved to amend the item to break the item into separate requests by street.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the items to Traffic and Parking Committee as amended. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee as amended on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russel, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Items #25c CC through #25v CC)

10. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby convene in Executive Session at its December 10, 2024, meeting for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations associated with the reappointment of Eric D. Batista as City Manager, as well as all terms recommended by the Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations. The City Council will reconvene in Open Session.

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

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 10:11 P.M. Mayor Petty read the employment agreement terms summary as follows:

1. Provides a three-year term from December 31, 2024, through December 31, 2027
2. Salary as of December 31, 2024 a 4.5% increase, December 31, 2025 a 3% increase or such lesser percentage reflective of the highest percentage increase awarded to any city bargaining unit, December 31, 2026 a 3% increase or such lesser percentage reflective of the highest percentage increase awarded to any city bargaining unit
3. Eliminate city-supplied vehicle and provide a monthly stipend of \$1,500.00 for the cost of Mr. Batista's personal vehicle, including costs of operation, maintenance, repair and insurance relating to said vehicle
4. Increase severance period from six months to nine months
5. Except for the above-listed changes, the terms of the 2022 City Manager Employment Agreement, as amended by Amendment No. 1, dated January 5, 2023, remain unaltered

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt an Order to request the necessary documentation be prepared to enter into a contract agreement with Eric D. Batista to continue as City Manager of the City of Worcester with the attached terms. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Haxhij, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Nguyen, Russell) (See Item #25w CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to reconsider the item. Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item.

Reconsideration failed on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays

11. PETITIONS

- 11a. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Pam and Phil Cherkas et al. request installation of speed humps on Valley Hill Dr.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #11a CC through #11h CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 11b.** Councilor Etel Haxhij request installation of “No Parking Anytime” signage on both sides of Sutton Ln., overnight, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11c.** Rose Marie Parson request installation of handicap parking space in front of 11 Carlstad St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11d.** Jamie Eichelberger request installation of handicap parking space in front of 35 King Philip Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11e.** Mirilda Halilaj request removal of handicap parking space in front of 49 Abbott St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11f.** Margaret Reynolds request installation of "Stop For School Bus" signage at the intersection of Barnard Rd. and Burncoat St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11g.** Juana Martinez request installation of an additional handicap parking space in front of 3 Hitchcock Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11h.** Yixuan Wang request signage at the island at the intersection of Salisbury St. and Flagg St. be reviewed and updated.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11i.** Kyle Casey request the parking regulations relative to the detached garage at 37 Fairhaven Rd. across from 130 Leeds St. be reviewed and revised to allow parking in front of said garage if necessary.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 11j.** Yenni Desroches request City Council request City Manager contact Ambassador Nina Hachigian and the U.S. State Department’s Subnational Diplomacy unit to explore Worcester’s inclusion in the Assembly of Local Leaders and participation in the State-to-States Initiative to strengthen economic resilience, prepare for potential trade conflicts, and bolster Worcester’s attractiveness to international trade and investment.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

11k. Yenni Desroches request City Council request City Manager ensure that the City of Worcester joins relevant organizations and associations that align with and support the city's advancement as a modern, smart city. Additionally, the City Manager should prioritize attending conferences, workshops, and seminars that provide valuable insights and resources to achieve this goal. The full petition includes a list of example organizations and conferences.

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

12. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

12.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Andrew Serrato to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Erik Bartenhagen as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend the appointment of Nicole Levay-O'Brien to the Community Development 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

12.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

William Bagley, Jr., Esq., Chief Human Resources Officer

12.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Recommend acceptance of a Conservation Restriction for Cooks Pond North Forest.

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

- B. Recommend adoption of a Transfer of Jurisdiction of Land (553 Plantation St.) to the Conservation Commission.

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

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file an application to designate 57 Exchange St. as a Certified Project under the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) and approve a Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreement for the property.

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

12.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer

- 12.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**
Division of Human Rights and Accessibility
Patricia M. LaFore, Director
- 12.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**
Administration Division
Robert Moylan, P.E., Interim Commissioner
- 12.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
Robert Moylan, P.E., Interim Commissioner
- 12.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**
Operations Division
Robert Moylan, P.E., Interim Commissioner
- 12.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**
Parks Division
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner
- 12.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**
Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Endicott Street and Bigelow Street Project.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Pacillo

- 12.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT**
Martin Dyer, Fire Chief
- 12.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT**
Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief
- 12.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
Charles R. Goodwin, Director
- 12.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**
Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor

12.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

David Horne, Interim Commissioner

12.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

12.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division

Lee R. Hall, Director

12.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration

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

12.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Public Health

Soloe M. Dennis, MS, MEP, Director

12.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Elder Affairs

Amy Vogel Waters, Director

- A. Recommend approval to solicit and award a contract for up to ten years for Fitness Center Management at the Worcester Senior Center

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

12.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Veterans Services

Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director

12.23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Youth Services

Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director

12.24 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jason L. Homer, Executive Director

12.25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Election Commission Division

Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

- A. Recommend approval of the proposed Municipal Election Calendar for the 2025 Elections.

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

12.26 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Rachel Monárrez, Superintendent

12.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Administration

Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer

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

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Assessing Division

Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

- A. Recommend adoption of Senior and Veteran Double Exemption Clauses.

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

12.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

12.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

12.31 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

12.32 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

12.33 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

12.34 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

12.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

12.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$100,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, to support improvements at Elm Park.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt Items #12.36A CM through #12.36I CM, #12.37A CM, #12.37B CM and #12.38A CM through #12.38D 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 Massachusetts Department of Career Services EA Shelter Innovation Grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$350,000.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Career Services Emergency Assistance Shelters Career Technical Training grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$25,000.00) from the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (d/b/a Massachusetts Technology Collaborative) under the Cyber Resilient Massachusetts Grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$360,000.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Pre-Apprenticeship and Vocational School Training Program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)
- F. Resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) from the New England Foundation for the Arts, to support local public art.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)
- G. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation of blue buckets, with an estimated value of Three Hundred Sixty Dollars And No Cents (\$360.00), from Lowe's, to be used for community outreach.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)
- H. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$16,667.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) for improvements to address the safety of students walking, bicycling or using a wheeled mobility device to get to City View Discovery School.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)
- I. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$250,000.00) from Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

12.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$10,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1007-600100, Public Facilities Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1007-601100, Public Facilities Overtime, to fund custodial overtime through the remainder of the fiscal year.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

- B. Recommend that Two Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$254,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1031-610100, Department of Innovation and Technology Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1053-610100, Department of Public Works Administration Ordinary Maintenance, to fund telephone expenses for Fiscal Year 2025.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

12.38 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that One Thousand Four Dollars And Forty Eight Cents (\$1,004.48) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1007, Public Facilities Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

- B. Recommend that One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty One Dollars And One Cent (\$1,421.01) 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 #12.36A CM)

- C. Recommend that Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Six Dollars And Sixty Seven Cents (\$22,946.67) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1017, Communications Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

- D. Recommend that Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Forty Three Cents (\$313.43) 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 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12.36A CM)

12.39 FINANCE

Loan Orders

12.40 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update relative to the American Rescue Plan Act.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

13. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 13a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of installing pole attachments to fire hydrants in the city and what the associated maintenance and cost would be to do so.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #13a CC through #13c CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 13b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks to investigate and address the missing fire hydrant on Main St. at the intersection of Henshaw St.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)

- 13c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services consider working with Worcester Polytechnic Institution's (WPI) Major Qualifying Project (MQP) and/or Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP) to participate in the Worcester Rodent Action Plan studies.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)

14. ORDERS

- 14a.** Request City Manager work with Preservation Worcester and the Worcester Historical Museum to identify a plan to acquire funds to refurbish and repair the City Council Chamber desks, podium, and center table. Said plan should also consider including students from Worcester Technical High School (WTHS) as apprentices for the project. (Toomey)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14b.** Request City Manager request Interim Commissioner of Inspectional Services and Fire Chief provide City Council with a summary of discussions with the Washington Heights architecture and engineering team related to the installation of fire sprinklers for the buildings that were damaged by the fire in June of 2023. Said report should include any enforcement abilities that Inspectional Services and/or the Fire Department have to enforce the installation of automatic fire sprinklers in the building damaged by the fire in June of 2023. (Haxhiaj)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14c.** Request City Manager work with the Fire Chief and City Solicitor to provide City Council with draft language for a Home Rule Petition that allows the municipality to opt into Mass. General Law (MGL) Chapter 148, Section 26I (see attached) pertaining to automatic sprinkler systems in buildings rehabilitated or substantially renovated. (Haxhiaj)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14d.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timelines associated with what is known relative to the Shotspotter and Shotspotter Connect contracts. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14e.** Request City Manager conduct an equity audit of all city departments every five (5) years. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14f.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a copy of all memos, notes, and recommendations the city receives from the Human Rights Commission (HRC). (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14g.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing all city Board and Commission applications and denials. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14h.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a draft ordinance that bans commercial vehicles from parking throughout the city, unless such a commercial delivery driver is in the process of loading or unloading their vehicle or conducting similar commercial activities. (Russell)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to amend the item to include the words, "over 11,000 pounds."

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege as amended.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14i.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing: 1) what metrics will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives such as the "Worcester Mobility Action Plan" and "Vision Zero;" 2) whose responsibility it will be to evaluate said programs; 3) how often said evaluations will be completed; and 4) what type of options will be available if the desired results are not being met. (Bergman)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 14j.** Request City Manager create and place an appropriate monument/marker at or near the location on Pearl St. where candlepin bowling was invented 145 years ago (in 1880). (Bergman)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

15. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending

16. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY AUDITOR

- 16a.** Transmitting an informational communication relative to revenue received from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) surcharge.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

17. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY CLERK

- 17a.** Transmitting an informational communication relative to the number of items that were held using personal privilege during each City Council meeting from January 1, 2023, to October 1, 2024.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

17b. Transmitting an informational communication relative to the Rules of the City Council, as amended through September 24, 2024.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

17c. Transmitting an informational communication relative to a reference guide of roles and responsibilities associated with the Rules of the City Council.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

18. COMMUNICATION

18a. Joseph M. Petty, Mayor, submitting for approval by the City Council the City Council Meeting Schedule for the calendar year 2025.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to accept the item. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

19. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

19a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the status of existing firefighter turn out gear.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #19a CC through #19e CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the location of all the fire hydrants in the city.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Worcester Rodent Action Plan.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the last three 110 Periodic Inspections occurring at Washington Heights, including information relative to when such inspections occurred.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Summer Impact Program.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

20. TO BE ORDAINED

- 20a.** Amending Chapter Five of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Concerning Sewer Discharge and Connection Permits.

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

21. LOAN ORDER TO BE ADOPTED

- 21a.** That the City of Worcester appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars and No Cents (\$3,000,000.00) to Account PRJ-100278, Burncoat High School – MSBA, for the purpose of paying costs associated with conducting a Feasibility Study at Burncoat High and Burncoat Middle Schools at 179 Burncoat Street and 135 Burncoat Street, respectively, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Worcester may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Burncoat High and Burncoat Middle School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer & Collector, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. The City of Worcester acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Worcester incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Worcester, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City of Worcester and the MSBA.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Loan Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda recused)

22. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 22a.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend approval to make necessary adjustments to finalize the Fiscal Year 2025 City Budget. (Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 19, 2024 and November 26, 2024)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)

22b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Morris A. Bergman - In accordance with Section 2 of City Manager Eric D. Batista's Employment Agreement, the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby consider negotiating a subsequent employment agreement beyond his December 31, 2024 term: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance and adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 26, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

23. TABLED ITEMS

23a. ORDER of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)

No action taken

23b. RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

No action taken

23c. ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (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

23d. 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

- 23e. 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

- 23f. 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

- 23g. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager** work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhiaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhiaj August 22, 2023)

No action taken

- 23h. 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

- 23i. 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 and October 1, 2024 and Tabled - Russell October 8, 2024)

No action taken

- 23j. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager** recommend adoption of an order to transfer City-owned 51 and 61 Sever St. from the Department of Public Facilities to the Office of the City Manager for disposition purposes and authorizing the conveyance of properties. (Tabled Under Privilege - King November 12, 2024 and November 19, 2024 and Tabled - Petty November 26, 2024)

No action taken

24. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION - Items brought forth under suspension at the November 26, 2024 City Council meeting.

- 24a.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – That the City Council of the City of Worcester shall hereby convene in Executive Session at its December 10, 2024, meeting for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations associated with the reappointment of Eric D. Batista as City Manager, as well as all terms recommended by the Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations. The City Council will reconvene in Open Session. – Item #21a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24b.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager include in any report regarding removing minimum parking requirements the various options available to the city concerning moving forward with such an action. – Item #21b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing what is being done regarding affordable housing, as well as addressing resident parking concerns, in the vicinity of Polar Park and the Green Island neighborhood. – Item #21c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the feasibility of installing a rotary at the intersection of Flagg St. and Salisbury St. – Item #21d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any safeguards around Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIFs) that go beyond what the city traditionally does for safeguards. Further, request said report including the city’s oversight plan for the UCH-TIF for 34-46 Lakeside Ave. – Item #21e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24f.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services hold a meeting with leaders from the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance (CMHA), Catholic Charities, and other entities that provide non-Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter to homeless individuals to discuss their plans and preparations around persons potentially being kicked out of housing due to restrictions around the family shelter system. – Item #21f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24g.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s plans to address any changes to State policy relative to providing housing to homeless individuals. – Item #21g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 24h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services provide City Council with recent data on the homeless population the city is servicing, as well as any systemic barriers currently needing to be addressed. – Item #21h CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager reach out to members of Congress, including Congressmen Jim McGovern, to advocate for federal support to provide the city’s homeless population. – Item #21i CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24j.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning all grants secured by the city to address issues around the city’s homeless population. – Item #21j CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

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

- 25a.** Motion Pacillo @ #8a CC – That the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025 be set at \$13.19 for Residential Property and \$28.61 for Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays. (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Russell) (See Item #8a CC)
- 25b.** Motion King @ #8a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the amount of revenues gained over the past four (4) to five (5) years from properties’ Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) agreements expiring and the locations fully coming onto the tax rolls. Further, request City Manager include in said report projections relative to properties expected to come onto the tax rolls over the next five (5) years.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 25c.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Faraday St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25d.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Salisbury St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25e.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Boynton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)

- 25f.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Humboldt Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25g.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Lancaster St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25h.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on John Wing Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25i.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Drury Ln.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25j.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Elbridge St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25k.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on West St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25l.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Dean St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25m.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Hackfeld Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)

- 25n.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Dover St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25o.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Trowbridge Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25p.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Schussler Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25q.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Washburn St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25r.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Garden St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25s.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Prescott St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25t.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Einhorn Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)
- 25u.** PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Hall St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)

25v. PETITION of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Massachusetts Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen) (See Item #9b CC)

25w. Motion Petty @ #10a CC – That the necessary documentation be prepared to enter into a contract agreement with Eric D. Batista to continue as City Manager of the City of Worcester with the attached terms.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Haxhiaj, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Nguyen, Russell) (See Item #10a CC)

25x. Motion King – Suspension of Rules – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its rules to allow for the introduction of items not reasonably anticipated nor posted on the agenda.

Order denied on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Toomey)

Note: Per Rule 33 (c) of the Rules of the City Council, the adoption of any such motion to suspend the Rules of City Council to introduce items not reasonably anticipated shall require a two-thirds vote.