

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Friday, December 20, 2024
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 12:04 P.M.
Adjourned: 12:20 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 Councilors King, Nguyen, Ojeda and Russell. Councilors King, Ojeda and Russell arrived at 12:16 p.m. All present members, expect for Councilor Toomey and Mayor Petty, participated remotely.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers:

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #5a CC
2. Feanna Jattan-Singh, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #5a CC
3. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #5a CC
4. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #5a CC
5. John Edward Keough, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #5a CC

5. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 5a. COMMUNICATION of the City Clerk recommending adoption of an Order authorizing the Mayor to execute an Employment Agreement with Eric D. Batista to continue as City Manager and passage of an amendment to the salary ordinance associated with the City Manager. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen December 17, 2024)

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the accompanying order to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Worcester, to execute the attached city manager employment contract with Mr. Batista pursuant to Section 3-1(b) of the Charter and M.G.L. c.41. §108N, in accordance with the terms voted by the City Council on December 10, 2024. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay - Russell) (Nguyen absent)

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to advertise the accompanying proposed Ordinance to amend the salary of the City Manager, in accordance with the terms voted by City Council on December 10, 2024. Voted to advertise on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay - Russell) (Nguyen absent)

6. ADJOURNMENT