

**CITY OF WORCESTER  
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**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

**Esther Howland (South) Chamber**

**Convened: 6:34 P.M.**

**Recessed to Executive Session: 9:36 P.M.**

**Adjourned from Executive Session: 10:33 P.M.**

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**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

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

**3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor Nguyen.**

**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 January 21, 2025.

**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 #7j CC
2. Aleeza (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
3. Robert Bilotta, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7i CC and #8.12A CM
4. Adam Thielker, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
5. Manolo (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
6. Nelly Medina, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
7. Missy Gleckel, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
8. Cailin Duram, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
9. Kate (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
10. Zoe Reidinger, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
11. Sarah Bertrand, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
12. Lana (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
13. Chris Michelotti, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
14. Pastor Julie Payne Britton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
15. Rose D'Errico, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
16. Rebecca (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
17. Emily (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
18. Amanda Early, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
19. Siobhan (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
20. Sarah Van Hoesen, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
21. Jessica (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
22. Maria Konya, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
23. Malinda (no last name given), Central MA resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
24. Kate Chilton, Auburn resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
25. Ally (no last name given) a.k.a Lady LaRouge, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
26. Messiah (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
27. Roxanne Bruno, Worcester County resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
28. Matt Brooks, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
29. Kayla Dodd, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
30. Hannah Weinsaft, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
31. Kirsten Frazier, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
32. Ronan Palmer, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
33. Ollie (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC and #7j CC
34. Kayden (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
35. Zola (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7i CC through #7k CC, #10a CC, #10b CC, #10g CC, #10h CC, #10k CC and spoke in opposition to item #10l CC
36. Casey (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
37. (no name given), (no residence given), spoke in favor of item #7i CC
38. Rev. Brae Adams, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC

39. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor in opposition of item #8.39B CM
40. Helen O'Hara, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
41. (no name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
42. Noah Rose, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
43. Maydee Morales, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
44. Azura Simsek, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
45. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposition of item #8.39B CM, spoke in favor of items #7i CC, #7k CC, #8.12A CM and spoke in opposition of item #8.1C CM and #8.15 CM
46. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
47. Evan (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
48. Judy (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
49. Ariel Tamar Alvarez Amasifuen, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
50. Sage Munster, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
51. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7i CC, #8.12A CM
52. Anna Cooper, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
53. Caroline Norton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
54. Bill Cavendish, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
55. Amelia (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
56. Alli Thresher, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
57. Liz Berenson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC and spoke in opposition of item #10l CC
58. Allie Cislo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
59. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC and #7k CC

## 7. PETITIONS

- 7a. Patrick Sargent request the sidewalk on Coburn Ave. between Ayrshire Rd. and Torkelson Rd. be cleared by the Department of Public Works and Parks after a snowstorm.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7a CC and #7b CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee**
- 7b. Julie Goering request installation of a sidewalk on Clover St. from Mohawk Ave. to Heard St.  
**Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7a CC)**
- 7c. Julie Goering request installation of a crosswalk on Clover St. at Mohawk Ave. and Heard St.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7c CC through #7h CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee**
- 7d. Mayor Joseph M. Petty request installation of additional signage relative to the existing paid parking on Walnut St., specifically near 18 Walnut St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7c CC)**

- 7e. Samantha Leroy request removal of handicap parking signage in front of 60 Eastern Ave.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7c CC)**
- 7f. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage at the corner of Greenbriar Ln. and Richmond Ave. to prevent cars from parking too closely to the intersection.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7c CC)**
- 7g. Patrick Sargent request installation of blinking yellow traffic light facing both directions on Hamilton St. at its intersection with Bigelow Davis Pkwy. and Coburn Ave.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7c CC)**
- 7h. Xander Fuertes request installation of residential permit parking at 87 West Boylston St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7c CC)**
- 7i. Allie Cislo, on behalf of Queer residents of Worcester and said residents’ allies, request adopt of the attached resolution declaring the City of Worcester a sanctuary city for transgender and gender diverse people (see attached).  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King and Councilor Colorio, who spoke concerning the item.**

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

**Councilor Colorio then moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.**

**Councilor Colorio then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report reviewing the federal government’s recent executive orders to determine any potential liabilities from declaring the city a, “sanctuary city,” as it relates to being such a city for transgender and gender diverse people, immigrants, or otherwise.” (See Item #12a CC).**

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

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhij, Councilor Bergman and Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.**

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

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

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

**Tabled Under Privilege – Colorio**

- 7j. Fred Nathan request City Council request City Manager pursue using the old nursing dorms at the old St. Vincent Hospital property for emergency homeless shelters.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager**

- 7k. Grace Ross and Sherry Stanley request City Council request City Manager request Police Chief enforce the law, both criminal statutes and their obligations under the Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth, Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020 (aka the Police Reform Act), as to evictions; both those noticed and attempted to be executed as a physical removal upon any legal occupant in the city. Further, request City Council request City Manager request Police Chief receive training of enough officers by trainers provided through or approved by the Worcester Anti-Foreclosure Team including review of the curriculum (see attached for entire petition).

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

## **8.1 APPOINTMENTS**

### **Non-City Council Confirmation**

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Ana Santos Restivo.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place items #8.1A CM through #8.1C CM on file. Placed on file**

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Andrew Bartholomew to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Placed on file (See Item #8.1A CM)**

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Angel Santana as a Constable for Civil and Criminal Business.

**Placed on file (See Item #8.1A CM)**

## **8.2 APPOINTMENTS**

### **City Council Confirmation**

## **8.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

## **8.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer**

## **8.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

**Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer**

## **8.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

**Division of Human Rights and Accessibility**

**Patricia M. LaFore, Director**

## **8.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

**Administration Division**

**Jarrett Conner, Interim Commissioner**

## **8.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

**Engineering and Architectural Services Division**

**Jarrett Conner, Interim Commissioner**

## **8.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

**Operations Division**

**Jarrett Conner, Interim Commissioner**

**8.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

**Parks Division**

**Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner**

**8.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**

**Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner**

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the draft Vision Zero Safety Action Plan.

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

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program FY25 and FY26.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who submitted an amended version of the FY25 and FY26 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program list.

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

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

Councilor Russell then moved to Table the Item Under Privilege. – Withdrew.

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the last time the City Council selected sidewalks as part of a Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program, as well as how funding will be allocated to ensure each year missed is accounted for.” (See Item #12b CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Clerk conduct a review of the FY25 and FY26 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program list for district councilor selections to ensure all approved petitions appear on said list.” (See Item #12c CC).

Councilor Russell then withdrew his motion to Table the Item Under Privilege.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee as amended. Referred to Public Works Committee as amended

**8.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Martin Dyer, Fire Chief**

- A. Recommend adoption of MGL Ch 148, Section 26I, which mandates the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in residential buildings with four or more dwelling units.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the June 2024 fire at Washington Heights.

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

**8.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief**

**8.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

**Charles R. Goodwin, Director**

**8.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**

**Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor**

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to Rule 11 of the City Council Rule Regarding Propriety of Items.

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

**8.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Administration**

**David Horne, Interim Commissioner**

**8.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Building and Zoning Division**

**David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner**

**8.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Housing and Health Inspections Division**

**Lee R. Hall, Director**

**8.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration**

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

- 8.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Elder Affairs  
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 8.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Veterans Services  
Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director
- 8.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Youth Services  
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 8.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 8.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**  
Election Commission Division  
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 8.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
Rachel Monárrez, Superintendent
- 8.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
Administration  
Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer
- 8.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
Assessing Division  
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor
- 8.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
Budget Office Division  
Erin E. Taylor, Director
- 8.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
Purchasing Division  
Christopher Gagliastro, Director
- 8.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
Treasury and Collections Division  
Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

**8.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES**  
**James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities**

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

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

**8.34 FINANCE ITEMS**  
**Capital Transfers**

**8.35 FINANCE ITEMS**  
**Grants and Donations**

- A. Recommend adoption of the attached resolution to accept with gratitude, a donation in the amount of Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$550.00) from Ms. Juliana C. Hood for the purchase and planting of one (1) Memorial Tree at Elm Park.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #8.35A CM, #8.36A CM through #8.36C CM, and #8.37A CM through #8.37C CM. Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)**

**8.36 FINANCE ITEMS**  
**Operational Transfers**

- A. Recommend that Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars And No Cents (\$6,480.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1044-699399, Fire Capital Outlay, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1044-610100, Fire Ordinary Maintenance, for the purchase of flashlights for the upcoming recruit academy.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)**

- B. Recommend that Thirty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$30,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1010-600100 City Clerk-Elections Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1010-610100, City Clerk-Elections Ordinary Maintenance, to fund 2025 Census Mailing & Services.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)**

- C. Recommend that One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$1,200,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1072-610100, City Manager's Contingency, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1033-610100, Court Judgments.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)**

## **8.37 FINANCE ITEMS**

### **Prior Year**

- A. Recommend that Two Hundred Seventy Dollars And No Cents (\$270.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1017, Emergency Communications Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)**
- B. Recommend that Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$4,198.18) 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 (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)**
- C. Recommend that Forty Eight Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$48.16) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1026, DPW Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)**

## **8.38 FINANCE**

### **Loan Orders**

## 8.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a presentation on the preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the Chief Financial Officer, who provided a presentation to City Council relative to preliminary planning for the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Budget.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report listing all vacant positions in the city, as of February 4, 2025. Said report should also include a list of each vacant position that funds were allocated towards in the previous fiscal year’s budget.” (See Item #12d CC).

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

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report concerning the amount of monies within the city’s budget that is provided to the City through State and Federal funding.” (See Item #12e CC).

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report detailing how the Fair Share Amendment and the formula for funding the city’s schools may be used to offset increased education costs. Said report should include any allocations for clean energy projects, how the formula is determined and whether any local advocacy is required relative to receiving funding.” (See Item #12f CC).

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

- B. Recommend that the City Council convene an Executive Session to discuss the litigation strategy concerning Natale Cosenza.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved, "That the City Council convene Executive Session on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy concerning Natale Cosenza, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit No. 23-1123, and the City Council will not convene in open session. (see attached)."

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

## 9. TO BE ORDAINED

- 9a. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of The Southerly Side Of Hamilton Street.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #9a CC through #9r CC collectively.

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 moved for a roll call vote of ordain the items. Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- 9b. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of The Northerly Side Of Beaver Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)

- 9c. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of The Easterly Side Of Lake Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)

- 9d. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Both Sides Of Brighton Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)

- 9e. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Both Sides Of Grand Street And Hollis Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)

- 9f. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Both Sides Of Ripley Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)

- 9g. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Southerly Side Of Harrison Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9h. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Modify Parking Prohibitions On A Portion Of Locust Avenue.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9i. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking And No Parking Zones In Front Of #23 And #25 Delawanda Drive.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9j. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking Across From #10 Whitney Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9k. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #35 Barclay Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9l. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #149 Austin Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9m. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #13 North Woodford Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9n. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #2 Blake Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9o. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #4 Meade Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9p. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #9 Clarkson Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9q. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996, Relative to Members of Local 490, NAGE (Clerks).  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**
- 9r. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group A - Administrative And Supervisory for the Director of Capital Projects position.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9a CC)**

## 10. TABLED ITEMS

- 10a.** 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**

- 10b.** 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**

- 10c.** 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**

- 10d.** 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**

- 10e.** 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**

**10f. 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**

**10g. 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**

**10h. 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**

**10i. 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**

**10j. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager** transmitting informational communication relative to a report detailing a United States Department of Justice Investigation of the Worcester Police Department and the City of Worcester. (Tabled - Petty December 17, 2024)

**No action taken**

**10k. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager** conduct an equity audit of all city departments every five (5) years. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson December 10, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey December 17, 2024 and Tabled - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

**No action taken**

- 10l.** PETITION of Richard Cipro, Anthony Petrone and Thomas Duffy on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Police Officials Local 504 and New England Police Benevolent Association Local 911 request City Council request City Manager request the Department of Justice release and present in a public forum the full investigatory report, specifically to what the DOJ states are "credible allegations" of criminal sexual misconduct alleged to be committed by members of the Worcester Police Department. Further, request City Council request City Manager request the Department of Justice include the dates, times and names of all individuals alleged to have committed the stated misconduct and/or potential criminal activity. (Tabled Under Privilege - King December 17, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025 and Tabled - Russell January 14, 2025)

**No action taken**

**11. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the January 28, 2025 City Council meeting.**

- 11a.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – That the City Council does hereby suspend its rules to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on January 28, 2025, to occur beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes – Item #19a CC Order adopted
- 11b.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing which entity owns 725 Southbridge St., the former site of Rotmans Furniture, and whether that entity's status allows for the property to be included on the tax rolls. – Item #19b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 11c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any protections that remain for the city's immigrant population, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). – Item #19c CC Order adopted
- 11d.** ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the impact federal funding has relative to initiatives taking place in the city including housing opportunities, maintaining homeless shelters, the funding of various community agencies and ensuring individuals are fed. – Item #19d CC Order adopted
- 11e.** RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the community coming together and donating to food pantries. – Item #19e CC Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 11f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any state and federal legislative efforts and communications that are relevant to the City Council's governance of the city. – Item #19f CC Order adopted

- 11g. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report that outlines the number of motor vehicle crashes that occurred before and after Mill St. was redesigned, specifically detailing the one and a half mile corridor that was transformed. – Item #19g CC Order adopted
- 11h. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing why the Ernest A. Johnson Tunnel was dismantled. Said report should also include a copy of the agreement for the use of the tunnel as a staging area. – Item #19h CC Order adopted
- 11i. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager consider approaching Winn Development to discuss exploring a community benefit agreement and partnership in efforts to reopen the Ernest A. Johnson Tunnel. – Item #19i CC Order adopted

**12. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the February 4, 2025 City Council meeting.**

- 12a. Motion Colorio @ #7i CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report reviewing the federal government’s recent executive orders to determine any potential liabilities from declaring the city a, “sanctuary city,” as it relates to being such a city for transgender and gender diverse people, immigrants, or otherwise.  
**Order adopted (See Item #7i CC)**
- 12b. Motion Russell @ #8.11B CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the last time the City Council selected sidewalks as part of a Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program, as well as how funding will be allocated to ensure each year missed is accounted for.  
**Order adopted (See Item #8.11B CM)**
- 12c. Motion Russell @ #8.11B CM – Request City Clerk conduct a review of the FY25 and FY26 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program list for district councilor selections to ensure all approved petitions appear on said list.  
**Order adopted (See Item #8.11B CM)**
- 12d. Motion Russell @ #8.39A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report listing all vacant positions in the city, as of February 4, 2025. Said report should also include a list of each vacant position that funds were allocated towards in the previous fiscal year’s budget.  
**Order adopted (See Item #8.39A CM)**
- 12e. Motion Russell @ #8.39A CM – Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report concerning the amount of monies within the city’s budget that is provided to the City through State and Federal funding.  
**Order adopted (See Item #8.39A CM)**

- 12f.** Motion King @ #8.39A CM – Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report detailing how the Fair Share Amendment and the formula for funding the city’s schools may be used to offset increased education costs. Said report should include any allocations for clean energy projects, how the formula is determined and whether any local advocacy is required relative to receiving funding.

**Order adopted (See Item #8.39A CM)**