

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:36 P.M.
Adjourned: 9:16 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE COUNCILORS

Morris A. Bergman
Donna M. Colorio
Khrystian E. King
Thu Nguyen
Kathleen M. Toomey



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Jenny Pacillo - District 1
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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

- 3a.** All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilors Colorio and King. Councilor King arrived at 6:37 P.M. and Councilor Colorio arrived at 7:24 P.M. Councilors Nguyen and Colorio participated in the meeting remotely and Councilor Bergman participated in the meeting remotely until 7:24 P.M.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 5. ELECTION - CITY AUDITOR ROBERT V. STEARNS - TWO YEAR TERM - Mayor**
Petty moved for a roll call vote to nominate Robert V. Stearns to a two year term as City Auditor. Robert V. Stearns elected on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 6a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 20, 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)

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 7a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers:

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8n CC, #13c CC, #13g CC, and #13h CC and spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #8p CC
2. Oliver Chadwick, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to #14c CC
3. Paul Popinchalk, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #19a CC
4. Feanna Jattan-Singh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #19a CC and spoke in opposition to item #14c CC
5. Silas Sanderson, Auburn resident, spoke in opposition to item #12a CC
6. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #12a CC
7. Priscilla Chung, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #14c CC and spoke in favor of items #14f CC through #14h CC
8. Colin Novick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11d CC
9. Zach Lenard, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to #14c CC
10. Karin Valentine Goins, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to #14c CC
11. Jacob Seidel, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to #14c CC
12. Evelyn Herwitz, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #19a CC
13. Grace Elton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #19a CC
14. Robert Bilotta, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10a CC, #11c CC, #13a CC, #14i CC, and #17j CC and spoke in opposition to #14c CC
15. Eric Stratton, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to #14c CC
16. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8m CC through #8p CC, #11a CC through #11c CC, #14g CC and #14h CC, #14j CC through #14l CC, #14n CC, #17m CC, #18g CC, #18l CC and #18m CC, #18s CC, and #19a CC, spoke in opposition to items #12a C and #13j CC through #13l CC, and spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #14c CC
17. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #12a CC, #14b CC, and #14c CC, spoke in favor of items #8l CC through #8p CC

8. PETITIONS

- 8a. Nafiseh Alsharif request installation of recycling bins at 776 Main St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Department of Public Works and Parks. Referred to the Department of Public Works and Parks on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)

- 8b. Julia Merchan et al. request private street betterment repairs on Cheshire Rd.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the items #8b CC and #8c CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 8c. Donald J. O'Neil on behalf of Anthony Bianco request the public sanitary sewer main located in Elton St. be extended easterly approximately 80 feet from its current terminus to provide public sanitary sewer service to the property situated at 9 and 13 Elton St. (MBL 17-38-23+24+25+26).
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8b CC)
- 8d. Jennifer Knight request installation of additional one-way signage at the corner of Russell St. and Cedar St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #8d CC through #8i CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 8e. Jennifer Cleary et al. request installation of two (2) permanent speed humps at the bottom of both hills on Moreland Green Dr.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8d CC)
- 8f. Stephen Boisseau request installation of "No Overnight Parking" or "No Parking Anytime between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m." signage on portions of Russell St. that border Elm Park.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8d CC)
- 8g. Sonia Silva request installation of resident permit parking on Thenius St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8d CC)
- 8h. Joshua Lee Smith, Esq., Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, request installation of a fifteen (15) minute parking zone on the northerly side of Meade St. beginning south of Lamartine St., adjacent to 39 Lamartine St., and extending for approximately 50' to accommodate one (1) larger delivery vehicle (see attached plan).
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8d CC)
- 8i. Joshua Lee Smith, Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, request installation of a fifteen (15) minute parking zone on the westerly side of Grosvenor St. beginning south of Lamartine St., adjacent to 10 Grosvenor St., and extending for approximately 30' to accommodate one (1) larger delivery vehicle (see attached plan).
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8d CC)

- 8j. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: MAY ST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set hearings for items #8j CC and #8k CC for January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 8k. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: MURRAY AVE. and PRESTON ST.
Hearing set for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8j CC)
- 8l. David Webb filing two (2) Open Meeting Law Complaint Forms.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Solicitor. Referred to the City Solicitor on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 8m. David Webb request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the commonality of Worcester police interactions not being recorded due to their body-worn cameras being docked due to GPS or other technical issues.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #8m CC through #8o CC to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 8n. David Webb request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with report concerning plan to provide subtitles at City Council meetings.
Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8m CC)
- 8o. David Webb request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining analytic intelligence software that is available to shorten the amount of time required to review video footage, including new footage created from body-worn cameras.
Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #8m CC)
- 8p. James P. Coughlin request City Council amend Rule 39 of the Rules of City Council to extend the amount of time permitted for individuals to speak during the Public Participation portion of the agenda from two (2) minutes to five (5) minutes.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)

9. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY AUDITOR

- 9a. Transmitting the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2024, prepared by the Auditing department and audited by the Certified Public Account firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - King

10. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 10a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jason Diaz request installation of No Parking from Here to Corner signage in front of 100 Hamilton St. at the intersection of Hamilton St. and Fairmont Ave.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinances associated with items #10a CC through #10p CC. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 10b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Neydi Reyes request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in front of 56 Beaver St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #10a CC)
- 10c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Kelly Fitzpatrick request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in front of 199 Lake Ave.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #10a CC)
- 10d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of "No Parking From Here to Corner" signage on both sides of Brighton Rd. at its intersection with Burncoat St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #10a CC)
- 10e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tim Conner request installation of No Parking Anytime signage on both sides of Grand St. at the intersection of Grand St. and Hollis St. where Grand St. becomes a one-way street.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #10a CC)
- 10f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Diep Tran request parking be allowed only on the odd side of Ripley St. at the intersection of Ripley St. and Beacon St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #10a CC)
- 10g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yaritza Nieves Torres request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in front of 81 Harrison St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #10a CC)

- 10h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the “No Parking 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday” zone on Locust Ave. be reduced to extend from Belmont St. to a point 400 ft. south of Belmont St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
(See Item #10a CC)
- 10i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Alfred Gendron request relocation of the handicap parking space 25 ft. north in front of 25 Delawanda Dr. and establishing a combination tow zone and handicap parking load zone in front of 23 Delawanda Dr. at the current handicap parking space. (Amended May 15, 2025): recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
(See Item #10a CC)
- 10j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Douglas Hamalainen request installation of handicap parking space in front of 15 Whitney St. across from 10 Whitney St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
(See Item #10a CC)
- 10k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Edilda Hart request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 35 Barclay St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
(See Item #10a CC)
- 10l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Maria Alvarenga request installation of handicap parking space in front of 149 Austin St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
(See Item #10a CC)
- 10m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Christine Kaczorowski request installation of handicap parking space in front of 13 North Woodford St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
(See Item #10a CC)
- 10n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Carmen Notice request installation of handicap parking space in front of 2 Blake St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
(See Item #10a CC)

- 10o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mary Francois request installation of handicap parking space in front of 4 Meade St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #10a CC)
- 10p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sonia Mejia request installation of handicap parking space in front of 9 Clarkson St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent) (See Item #10a CC)

11. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - PETITIONS

- 11a.** PETITION of John E. Keough request City Council request City Clerk read the exact wording of Rule 15, "Relinquishing the Chair for Purpose of Expression," whenever the Chairperson wants to respond to a City Councilor who is speaking. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 11b.** PETITION of John E. Keough request City Council request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the purpose and scope of the Standing Committee on Public Safety. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Solicitor. Referred to the City Solicitor on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 11c.** PETITION of Michael J. Grandone request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with a report reviewing real estate tax exemptions for seniors and update or restructure said policy to take into account the lack of consistent revenue stream because of changes to banking and investment rules. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 11d.** PETITION of Patrick Grady request transfer of 23 Indian Hill Rd., (MBL: 37-015-00020), currently held in Tax Title, to the custodianship of the Worcester Conservation Commission. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Conservation Commission. Referred to the Conservation Commission on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)

12. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

- 12a. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Francisco J. Trapasso as a Constable for Civil and Criminal Business. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

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

Councilor Haxhiaj then moved to, "Request City Manager request Police Chief meet with members of the Worcester Anti-Foreclosure Team (WAF) to allow the team to discuss their concerns over the appointment of Francis J. Trapasso as a Constable. Further, request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the allegations brought forth from the Worcester Anti-Foreclosure Team." (See Item #24a CC).

Mayor Petty 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.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager reconsider the appointment of Francis J. Trapasso as a Constable, if through his process of establishing a report, finds credence in such an action." (See Item #24b CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty 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

- 12b. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Lawrence Abramoff to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

- 12c. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend adoption of an amendment to the salary ordinance to implement the municipality's recently completed collective bargaining agreement with Local 490- NAGE. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

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

- 12d.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Snowplow Contract Conflict of Interest Forms. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
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)
- 12e.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication concerning designated on-street parking for residents with disability plates or placards. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)
- 12f.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend adoption of MGL Chapter 41, Section 41B relative to the use of direct deposit for payments. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
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
- 12g.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to expanding street trash and recycling receptacles. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 12h.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$799,583.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services Diversion to Care (DivCare). (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #12h CC through #12o CC. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12i. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$97,500.00) through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under their Recycling Dividend Program for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12h CC)

12j. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Hundred Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars And Thirty Seven Cents (\$171,410.37) from MA State 911 Department under the FY25 State 911 Training Grant program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12h CC)

12k. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$200,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1072-610100, City Manager's Contingency, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1044-699399, Fire Capital Outlay, for the purchase of 21 replacement radios. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12h CC)

12l. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend that Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars And Forty Four Cents (\$226.44) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1007, Public Facilities Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoice. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12h CC)

12m. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend that One Hundred Forty Five Dollars And Eighty One Cents (\$145.81) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1002, Mayor's Office Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12h CC)

12n. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend that Five Hundred Nine Dollars And Three Cents (\$509.03) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1044, Fire Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12h CC)

12o. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend that Three Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Eighty Eight Cents (\$345.88) be authorized from Fiscal year 2025 Cost Center #CC1062, Treasury Ordinary Maintenance, for payment of a prior year invoice. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12h CC)

13. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 13a.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks prioritize items related to streetlights based on whether there are or are not existing streetlights in the area. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #13a CC through #13s CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13b.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the sidewalks on Cambridge St. near Richard St. for trip hazards and make repairs as needed. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13c.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager work with CSX Transportation to install additional lighting on the overpass walkway at Cambridge St. near Richard St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13d.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Clerk ensure all petitioners who wish to request an honorary street name be provided the City Council Order relative to the Standing Committee on Public Works and Parks holding all future honorary street name petitions until such a time the Standing Committee on Public Works and City Council adopt a new ordinance and policies associated with such a process. Further, request City Clerk include additional language on the city's website related to said Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13e.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager provide City Council with cost analysis report relative to rebuilding the tennis courts at the Newton Square Rotary. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13f.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks organize and conduct public hearings concerning the installation of an additional basketball court at Logan Field. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)

- 13g.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager provide outreach to the neighborhood abutting the Beaver Brook Dog Park concerning the installation of lighting at said dog park. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13h.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks coordinate with the District Councilor to explore solutions relative to lighting challenges at the Beaver Brook Dog Park. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13i.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install lane markings that highlight the statutory No Parking zone approaching the intersection of Harding St. and Winter St. from the west on Water St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13j.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility add secondary stop signs on the right side of the intersection of Harding St. and Winter St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13k.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install Pedestrian Crossing signs at the intersection of Harding St. and Pond St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13l.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install All Way Stop Control plaques at the intersection of Harding St. and Harrison St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13m.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility extend the painted stop bar and apply hatched lane markings to delineate the 20 foot statutory No Parking zone approaching the crosswalk on the western approach of the Harding St. and Harrison St. intersection. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)

- 13n.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility update signage and lane markings to clarify statutory No Parking zones and bus stops in the vicinity of crosswalks at 70 James St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13o.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility work with the district councilor and neighborhood to identify potential crosswalk locations to improve pedestrian safety along Leeds St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13p.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the traffic signal at 70 James St. to reduce the minimum time between pedestrian cycles during off-peak hours. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13q.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility contact MassDOT to request a review of pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Grove St. and Chester St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13r.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review Granite St. for the installation of advisory speed limit signs. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13s.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the island at the intersection of Plantation St. and Natural History Rd. to identify and implement signage and pavement marking changes that increase safety at the location. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)
- 13t.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request Standing Committee on Public Works review the feasibility of installing a streetlight on the northwestern corner of the intersection of Harding St. and Harrison St., pending funding. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

14. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - ORDERS

- 14a.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty - Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations review best practices and rules used in other municipalities relative to the conduct of its public officials during meetings. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing ways to improve decorum as it relates to matters before the City Council body, including how decorum is kept in other places and spaces.” (See Item #24c CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to amend the item to include the words, “as well as after meetings, especially in public settings within City Hall.”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Nguyen, who moved to take the item up collectively with item #14b CC.

Councilor Nguyen then moved to, “Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing how and to who a City Councilor and the public would file a complaint with about the Mayor chairing meetings with inconsistent rulings and experiencing discrimination on the City Council.” (See Item #24d CC).

Councilor Nguyen then moved to, “Request City Clerk provide City Council with a detailed report showing the increase or decrease in public participation and access to public meetings since remote attendance has been made available. Said report should include a comparison of public participation from January 1, 2020 through present against the previous four (4) years when individuals did not have remote options available to them. Said report should also note any correlation between COVID-19 and other public health spikes with increased City Council participation.” (See Item #24e CC).

Councilor Nguyen then moved to, “Request City Manager work with the Governor and Attorney General to ensure an extension of the allowance of remote participation options such as Zoom at public meetings.” (See Item #24f CC).

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to place item #14b CC on file.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj for a second time, who moved to Table Under Privilege Councilor Nguyen’s motion, item #24f CC.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor King’s motion to place item #14b CC on file. Motion failed on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer item #14b CC to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations on a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 5 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor for a third time, who moved to reconsider item #14b CC. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt all motions associated with the item, except for item #24f CC. Motion approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

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

- 14b.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty - Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations hold a public hearing relative to public officials using remote participation at City Council and Standing Committee meetings that includes a review of any potential limitations and/or options associated with participating in meetings in such a manner. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations on a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 5 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo) (See Item #14a CC)

- 14c.** ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson and Councilor George J. Russell - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of removing responsibilities associated with sidewalk repair and resurfacing from the Department of Transportation and Mobility back to the Department of Public Works and Parks. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhiaj January 7, 2025)

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.

Councilor Mero-Carlson then moved to place the item on file.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report delineating the overlap, overlay and intersection of the Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) and Department of Public Works and Parks (DPWP).” (See Item #24g CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager create a timeframe and a timetable for the establishment of a Pavement Management Strategic Plan.” (See Item #24h CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Auditor provide City Council with an audit of DPWP Construction Progress Reports that have or have not been completed. Said audit should include information relative to the selection process for streets over the last five (5) years, as well as completed streets over last five (5) years with funding considerations and realizations noted.” (See Item #24i CC).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, Councilor Russell, and Councilor King for second times, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty 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

- 14d.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell - Request City Manager provide City Council with information, in a timely manner, regarding Massasoit Rd. that includes but is not limited to: 1) The status of resurfacing plans for the road; 2) Current funding status and proposed changes for the project, if any; 3) Name of contractor; 4) Value of project; 5) Extent of work (from where to where); 6) Detailed description of work; 7) Schedule of work (when will it start/end); 8) Resident Engineer for the project or contact person should abutters or motorists have questions or issues. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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 (Haxhiaj absent)

- 14e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager work with Veterans' Services Department Officer/Director to ensure recognition is provided to Worcester residents who complete "boot camp," and/or "basic training." (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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 (Haxhiaj absent)

- 14f.** ORDER of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the feasibility of turning the intersection of Merrick St. and Pleasant St. into a Cool Pocket location during the redesign to narrow the intersection. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.

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

- 14g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted Order on June 16, 2020, that read as follows: "Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report relative to creating a Civilian Review Board/Commission with subpoena power to investigate allegations of law enforcement wrongdoing. Said report should include information relative to best practices used in other communities who have implemented such a Board/Commission." (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #14g CC and #14h CC collectively.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend #14h CC to read, "January 2019 to present."

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

14h. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted Order on August 11, 2020, that read as follows: “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the Worcester Police Department's field interrogation and observation data. Further, request City Manager include in said report all information on said topics from January 2019 through December 2019. Further, request City Manager include said information on the city’s website. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with said information on an annual basis. Further, request City Manager include in said report information relative to any units that are not required to provide said information to the Worcester Police Department.” (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14g CC)

14i. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager work with the Cultural Development Officer to provide City Council with a report detailing any efforts made to restore “First Night Worcester” since First Night Worcester, Inc. discontinued operations in 2017. Said report should also include an exploration of ways a similar event can be brought back to the city. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to amend the item: “Further request said report include information concerning engaging with Discover Central Massachusetts for such a purpose.”

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

14j. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj, Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson and Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning any plans to enforce instances where drivers unlawfully pass a school bus while it is stopped and its stop sign is displayed using newly legalized, “School Bus Traffic Cameras.” (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

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

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

14k. ORDER of Councilor Jenny Pacillo - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report summarizing the city’s partnership with the YMCA to hire and staff city beaches and pools with lifeguards in 2024. Further, request said report includes information relative to the city’s plans for staffing its beaches and pools in 2025. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

- 14l.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - In light of the tragic events in New Orleans, LA on New Year's Day and in the interest of public safety, request City Manager perform a security audit similar to the one recently done for City Hall that includes recommendations for crowd and vehicular control to be used at the multitude of large public events in Worcester, including alternate solutions for closing access to streets. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

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

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

- 14m.** ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks work with the appropriate parties to ensure the telephone pole on the corner of Plantation St. and Emerson St. is secured. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

- 14n.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining analytic intelligence software that is available to shorten the amount of time required to review video footage for traffic violations, including any potential new footage created from school bus traffic cameras. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

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

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

15. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY AUDITOR

- 15a.** COMMUNICATION of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication detailing an inventory of all electric and other motor vehicles, as well as similar equipment such as construction equipment and trucks, as of November 30, 2024, maintained in Workday and validated through department fleet maintenance records and manual confirmations in May 2024. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and 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 to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 15b.** COMMUNICATION of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication listing all city vehicles acquired since 2022, for the period of July 1, 2021, through November 30, 2024. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
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

16. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 16a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager 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: recommend adoption of the accompanying Resolution. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

17. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

- 17a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Ayodele Talabi request Grand St. be resurfaced.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #17a CC through #17m CC. Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 17b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Ayodele Talabi request Armory St. be resurfaced.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Kathy Hagan request street resurfacing on Moreland St. from 277 Moreland St. to 281 Moreland St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Evan C. Corrigan request replacement of streetlights on West Mountain St. at the intersections of Frontage Rd. and Brooks St. due to the limited visibility when viewing at an angle (see attached map): recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)

- 17e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Barbara Strogoff request installation of streetlight to the telephone pole in front of 6 Virginia Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of John Yanczewski request installation of a light fixture on pole #6 at 83 Richland St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Carl Almonor and Thalya Cortes request installation of streetlight on Pearson St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Katherine Sakaloglou request installation of a streetlight on Santuit Ln.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Chad LaBove request installation of a streetlight at 33 Beeching St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Andrea Joinville request installation of streetlights on Officer Many Familia Way from the intersection of Belmont St. to Worcester Technical High School.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Klajdi Kosovrasti and David Holden request installation of street light across from 36 Lanesboro Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)
- 17l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Gianna Carlson request installation of streetlight in the vicinity of the crosswalk in front of 157 Mountain St. West.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)

17m. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Sheila Bilotta et al. request installation of additional street lights on Dallas St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17a CC)

17n. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Daniel Rubino and Jamie Epstein request the resurfacing relative to the damage on Chevy Chase Rd. from construction rerouting be prioritized following completion of the construction on Brattle St.: recommend Petitioner be granted Leave to Withdraw. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #17n CC and #17o CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

17o. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Dianne Sanderson et al. request installation of street light at the intersection of Newbury St. and Pleasant St.: recommend Petitioner be granted Leave to Withdraw. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17n CC)

18. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFIC AND PARKING

18a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Caitlin R. Doyle request installation of solar-powered pedestrian crossing signage at the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Harding St. and Pond St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #18a CC through #18f CC. Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Lynnel Reed-Powell request crosswalks be painted at the intersection of Woodbine St. and Beaver St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)

18c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Luca Nova Webb request installation of flashing crosswalk signage on Lancaster St. at the Worcester Art Museum (55 Salisbury St.) crosswalk: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)

18d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joseph Corazzini, on behalf of Clark University, request installation of crosswalk on Woodland St. at the intersection of Charlotte St. and Woodland St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)

- 18e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Lynnel Reed-Powell request installation of No Parking From Here to Corner signage on Birch St. at the intersection of Birch St. and Beaver St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)
- 18f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Rakesh Bhaskar et al. request installation of "Stop for Pedestrians" signage at all crosswalks in the vicinity of the Worcester Wire Works building at 70 James St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)
- 18g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to 2024 Pedestrian Crashes on Lake Avenue, Lincoln Street, and Shrewsbury Street: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #18g CC through #18aa CC, except for item #18o CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 18h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Felicia Martinez request installation of handicap parking space in front of 46 Richards St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ivette Navarro request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 31 Oxford St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Kevin T. Baldwin request removal of handicap parking space in the vicinity of 100 Kendig St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Michael Carbonneau request the existing bus stop at the corner of Greenwood St. and Ekman St. be relocated back to its original location in front of 16 Greenwood St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)

- 18l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Caitlin R. Doyle request installation of solar-powered pedestrian crossing signage at the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Harding St. and Winter St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Caitlin R. Doyle request installation of solar-powered pedestrian crossing signage at the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Harding St. and Harrison St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Matthew N. Noe request the pedestrian crossing signal timing at the intersection of Front St. and Foster St. be reconfigured to be at least 45 seconds, ideally up to 60 seconds: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of a high-intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) at the median in the vicinity of 570 Lincoln St. and 591 Boylston St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning citywide initiatives to install high-intensity activated crosswalks.” (See Item #24j CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to accept the item. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 18p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Rakesh Bhaskar et al. request installation of No Parking Anytime zone and pavement markings 30 ft. in advance of crosswalks of traffic signals at 70 James St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Abdulrhman Abouali request installation of residential permit parking on Portland St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)

- 18r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sherri Ford and Mary Frazier request installation of residential permit parking on Windsor St. from McKinley Rd. to Sturgis St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Robert Bilotta request installation of four way stop sign at the intersection of Anna St. and Coburn Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Rakesh Bhaskar et al. request review of the traffic signal at 70 James St. to allow for instant change to the walk signal when pushing the pedestrian button or for said traffic signal to be changed to stop sign with flashing light: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Debra Abbott request signage at the Grove St. and Chester St. intersection be reviewed and updated accordingly: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Donna A. Pellerin request installation of speed limit signage on Granite St. in the vicinity of the intersection of Granite St. and Cliff St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18w.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Colleen Kushlis request installation of safer curbing and marking of island at the intersection of Plantation St. and Natural History Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)
- 18x.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Public Par(king): Worcester's Past, Present, and Future of Parking.": recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)

18y. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Feeding the Meter: Public Parking Usage in Worcester.": recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)

18z. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Toward Safer Streets: Identifying Risk Factors for Non-Motorists in Worcester.": recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)

18aa. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication concerning enforcement statistics for residential permit parking violations: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18g CC)

19. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION

19a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the Urban Forest Master Plan: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative the 1st Annual Veterans Health Clinic: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on Elm Park: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

19d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Order of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj and Councilor Jenny Pacillo - Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with an update concerning any planned improvements to the tennis courts at the Newton Square Rotary: recommend Order be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

20. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - TO BE ORDAINED

20a. Amending the Salary Ordinance Relative to the Salary of the City Manager. (Tabled Under Privilege – Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

21a. 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)

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Haxhiaj's motion to file the item. Motion failed on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays. (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to Table the Item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Russell's motion to Table the Item. Tabled on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, Nguyen).

21b. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby amend the Petition brought forth by Richard Cipro, Anthony Petrone and Thomas Duffy as Item #7w CC on the December 17, 2024 City Council Agenda to include the following language: “Further, that under no circumstances, will the City Council do anything to violate the confidentiality of people who reported their experiences.” (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell December 17, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: “That the City Council, under no circumstances, will do anything to support or violate the confidentiality of people who reported their experiences in the Department of Justice’s Investigation of the Worcester Police Department and the City of Worcester, without their consent.”

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

21c. RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the establishment of a homeless shelter dedicated to women. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey December 17, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing information, numbers, and the level of a need to establish a homeless shelter dedicated to women.”

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell for a second time, who withdrew his motion to amend the item.

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

21d. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager work with the Interim Police Chief and various Worcester Police Department Union leadership to inform and educate all law enforcement officials regarding the facts outlined in the Department of Justice (DOJ)’s Investigation of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and the City of Worcester, Massachusetts. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey December 17, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

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

- 21e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager work to provide City Council with a thorough review of the summary of facts outlined in the Department of Justice (DOJ)’s Investigation of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and the City of Worcester, Massachusetts. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey December 17, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with the timeline when Timeline related to when the administration will work with the Interim Police Chief and various Worcester Police Department Union leadership to inform and educate all law enforcement officials regarding the facts outlined in the Department of Justice (DOJ)’s Investigation of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and the City of Worcester, Massachusetts.” (See Item #24k CC).

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

- 21f.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to private street maintenance. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell December 17, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Mero-Carlson absent)

22. TABLED ITEMS

- 22a.** 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

- 22b.** 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

- 22c.** 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

- 22d.** 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
- 22e.** 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
- 22f.** 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
- 22g.** 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
- 22h.** 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
- 22i.** 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

22j. 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

22k. 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

23. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the January 7, 2025 City Council meeting.

23a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted Order on October 17, 2023, that read as follows: “Request City Manager coordinate with local community organizations that specialize in trauma support, mental health services, and conflict resolution to develop initiatives and programs aimed at addressing the emotional and psychological well-being of those affected by violence associated with the Israel-Palestinian Conflict. Further, request City Manager also work with said local community organizations, schools and school leadership to ensure said initiatives and programs are publicized.” – Item #21a CC Order adopted

23b. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request City Solicitor work with the City Clerk to provide City Council with a formal report that offers guidance concerning how Rule 11, Regarding Propriety of Items, should be interpreted moving forward. Said report should include information concerning whether Rule 11 is in violation of any laws and if the Rule should be taken out of the Rules of City Council. – Item #21b CC Order adopted

23c. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request City Solicitor work with the City Clerk to provide City Council with a report concerning the unequal application of rules by municipalities, as well as the potentiality of municipalities being susceptible to court rulings against such a practice. – Item #21c CC Order adopted

24. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the January 14, 2025 City Council meeting.

24a. Motion Haxhiaj @ #12a CC – Request City Manager request Police Chief meet with members of the Worcester Anti-Foreclosure Team (WAFT) to allow the team to discuss their concerns over the appointment of Francis J. Trapasso as a Constable. Further, request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the allegations brought forth from the Worcester Anti-Foreclosure Team.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)

- 24b.** Motion King @ #12a CC – Request City Manager reconsider the appointment of Francis J. Trapasso as a Constable, if through his process of establishing a report, finds credence in such an action.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 24c.** Motion King @ #14a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing ways to improve decorum as it relates to matters before the City Council body, including how decorum is kept in other places and spaces.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 24d.** Motion Nguyen @ #14a CC – Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing how and to who a City Councilor and the public would file a complaint with about the Mayor chairing meetings with inconsistent rulings and experiencing discrimination on the City Council.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 24e.** Motion Nguyen @ #14a CC – Request City Clerk provide City Council with a detailed report showing the increase or decrease in public participation and access to public meetings since remote attendance has been made available. Said report should include a comparison of public participation from January 1, 2020 through present against the previous four (4) years when individuals did not have remote options available to them. Said report should also note any correlation between COVID-19 and other public health spikes with increased City Council participation.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 24f.** Motion Nguyen @ #14a CC – Request City Manager work with the Governor and Attorney General to ensure an extension of the allowance of remote participation options such as Zoom at public meetings.
Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj (See Item #14a CC)
- 24g.** Motion King @ #14c CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report delineating the overlap, overlay and intersection of the Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) and Department of Public Works and Parks (DPWP).
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)
- 24h.** Motion King @ #14c CC – Request City Manager create a timeframe and a timetable for the establishment of a Pavement Management Strategic Plan.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)
- 24i.** Motion King @ #14c CC – Request City Auditor provide City Council with an audit of DPWP Construction Progress Reports that have or have not been completed. Said audit should include information relative to the selection process for streets over the last five (5) years, as well as completed streets over last five (5) years with funding considerations and realizations noted.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)

24j. Motion King @ #18o CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning citywide initiatives to install high-intensity activated crosswalks.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18o CC)

24k. Motion King @ #21e CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with the timeline when Timeline related to when the administration will work with the Interim Police Chief and various Worcester Police Department Union leadership to inform and educate all law enforcement officials regarding the facts outlined in the Department of Justice (DOJ)’s Investigation of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and the City of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Mero-Carlson absent) (See Item #21e CC)