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Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 7:23 P.M.

Recessed: 7:52 P.M.

Reconvened on June 17, 2025: 5:40 P.M.

Adjourned on June 17, 2025: 9:10 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

Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2

George J. Russell - District 3

Luis A. Ojeda - District 4

Etel Haxhijaj - District 5

CITY CLERK

Nikolin Vangjeli

CITY MANAGER

Eric D. Batista

CITY AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL

- 3a. ROLL CALL - On June 10, 2025, when the meeting was convened, Mayor Petty called for a roll call. All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor Nguyen.
- 3b. ROLL CALL - On June 17, 2025, when the meeting was reconvened, Mayor Petty called for a second roll call. All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilors King, Nguyen and Ojeda. Councilor King arrived at 5:47 P.M. and Councilor Ojeda arrived at 6:11 P.M.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a. Mayor Petty read a Proclamation on June 10, 2025, declaring Saturday, June 14, 2025, as Worcester Day in the City of Worcester, marking the 303th Anniversary of Worcester being incorporated into the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

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 May 6, 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 10, 2025, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 6a. Mayor Petty read the item on June 10, 2025, and recognized the following speakers:
1. Tracy Novick, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition of items #12f CC, #12g CC and #12h CC
 2. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #24b CC
 3. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13l CC, as well as neither in favor or opposed to items #24b CC through #24j CC and #24l CC
 4. Mauro DePasquale, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13l CC
 5. Cindy Vo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9h CC
 6. Nathalie Darnell, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9h CC
 7. Jody Gaucher, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13g CC
 8. Mike Gaucher, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13g CC
 9. Nathan (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #24f CC, #24g CC, #13i CC
 10. Sarah Moore, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #12a CC, #13e CC and #24c CC through #24g CC, as well as in opposition to item #24h CC
 11. Ashley Spring, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #3i CC, #23a CC, #23g CC, as well as #24e CC through #24j CC and #24l CC
 12. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #24b CC through #24j CC and #24l CC
 13. Jillian Keans, no residence given, spoke in favor of item #13i CC.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized the following speakers:

14. Abby Montillaro, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13i CC, #24b CC through #24j CC and #24l CC
15. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19c CC

7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

- 7a. Hearing: VERIZON for a conduit location at: 305 BELMONT ST.

Granting permission to VERIZON for a conduit location at: 305 BELMONT ST.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to open the hearing. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Petty asked if any abutters wished to be heard on the items. Hearing no speakers, Mayor Petty moved to close the hearing. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Hearing held and Order adopted

8. SUSPENSION OF RULES TO TAKE UP A COMMITTEE REPORT AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

- 8a.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty - As Chair of the City Council Standing Committee on Finance in accordance with Rule 33 (e) of the Rules of City Council, request City Council suspend its rules at its June 10, 2025 meeting to take up the Report of the Committee on Finance Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Operating Budget, as presented by the City Manager and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance as #11a CC May 6, 2025 on the City Council agenda for May 6, 2025, along with related budget items pending before the Committee.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized 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 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen, Ojeda absent).

Note: Refer to the "New Business Under Suspension" section of the agenda to view actions associated with the items reported out of Finance Committee that are referenced in this Order, including Item #25a CC, which depicts the city's adoption of the FY26 Operating Budget.

9. PETITIONS

- 9a.** Daniel S. Ford request Zoning Map be amended by extending the BG-3.0 (Business, General) zoning district and the CCOD-C (Commercial Corridors Overlay District - Canal District Subarea) overlay district to fully encompass the property located at 3 Harding St. (MBL-05-021-0004A).

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board

- 9b.** Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the grass strip on the sidewalk of Caprera Rd., in the vicinity of 37 Granby Rd., be widened for the purpose of planting a tree at the location.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to take items #9b CC through #9f CC collectively.

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the items to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

- 9c.** Alyssa Jollimore request resurfacing of Ludlow St. between Stafford St. and Main St.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #9b CC)

- 9d.** Tiffany Owusu request street resurfacing for Sagamore Rd.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #9b CC)

- 9e. Paul Belton request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 117 South Ludlow St. and 125 South Ludlow St.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #9b CC)
- 9f. Robert Bilotta request installation of ADA curb ramps and raised crosswalk in the vicinity of 16 Laurel St.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #9b CC)
- 9g. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Frankie Hernandez request installation of speed humps near the intersections of Monticello Dr. and Laurel Brook Dr. to encourage drivers to slow down when approaching the stop sign at the sharp turn.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to take items #9g CC through #9dd CC collectively.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson and Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Pacillo.**
- Mayor Petty moved to refer the items to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee**
- 9h. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps on Indian Lake Parkway, with a specific focus on placing said speed humps at the downhill location of the road.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9i. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Janet Shea request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 20 Strathmore Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9j. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Jonisha DeLeon request removal of a handicap parking space in front of 29 Shamrock St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9k. Robert Bilotta request establishment of 20 mph School Zone on North Pkwy in the vicinity of Burncoat High School, located at 179 Burncoat St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9l. Emily Watzl request installation of traffic mirror across from 30 Hooper St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)

- 9m. William Paul Dirschka request installation of crosswalk on Highland St. between Russell St. and West St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9n. Paul Fenderson request installation of No Parking From Here To Corner signage at the corner of Lyon St. and Lyon Pl.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9o. Michelle Fleming request Gage St. be made one-way street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9p. Michelle Fleming request Ford St. be made one-way street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9q. Isabel Rivera request installation of handicap parking space in front of 2A Stowell Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9r. Krystal Rodriguez and Hecter Gomez request installation of three (3) handicap parking spaces on Theodore Tonna St. and Green St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9s. Yasmin Rodriguez request installation of resident permit parking on Washington St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9t. Yasmin Rodriguez request installation of handicap parking space in the vicinity of 171 Washington St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9u. Joseph Borrelli request installation of speed hump on Nanita St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9v. Brenda Alexander request installation of handicap parking space in front of 5 1/2 Bluff St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9w. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 57 Ingleside Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9x. Maria Rivera request installation of handicap parking space in front of 18 Strathmore Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9y. Gustavo Duany request installation of temporary speed humps on Ellsworth St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9z. Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey request installation of a four-way stop sign where June St. intersects with Hadwen Rd. and Brownell St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)

- 9aa.** Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the existing resident permit parking on Mount Carmel Way be extended to include parking for residents living on both East Central St. and Mount Carmel Way.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9bb.** Brenda Hagen request installation of speed humps on Shaffner St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9cc.** Cathy Hamacher request installation of handicap parking space in front of 120 Front St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9dd.** Mayor Joseph M. Petty request the intersection of Electric St. and Davenport St. be reviewed to improve traffic-calming measures and prevent further property damage due to speeding.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9g CC)
- 9ee.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: INSTITUTE RD.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to set hearings on July 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. for items #9ee CC through #9gg CC. Hearing set for July 15, 2025 at 6 p.m.
- 9ff.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: LAUREL ST.
Hearing set for July 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. (See Item #9ee CC)
- 9gg.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: MADISON ST.
Hearing set for July 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. (See Item #9ee CC)
- 9hh.** David Webb filing four (4) Open Meeting Law Complaint Forms.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to the Law Department to Prepare an Answer and Respond. Referred to the Law Department to Prepare an Answer and Respond

10. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

10.1 APPOINTMENTS
Non-City Council Confirmation

10.2 APPOINTMENTS
City Council Confirmation

10.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
William Bagley, Jr., Esq., Chief Human Resources Officer

- A. Recommend adoption of an order to grant an exemption to two site coordinators who are also active employees with the City of Worcester Public Schools, serving as a Culture and Climate Paraeducator and as a Cafeteria Manager.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to recuse himself from the item and left the room.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (Ojeda recused)

- B. Recommend adoption of proposed salary ordinance amendments that will bring the ordinance in compliance with the changes enacted in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to advertise sixteen (16) proposed Ordinances. Voted to advertise sixteen (16) proposed Ordinances on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- C. Recommend adoption of proposed amendments to the Salary Ordinance to bring the ordinance into compliance with the FY26 Budget recommendation.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

10.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Recommend adoption for U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Programs – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) - City of Worcester Fiscal Year 2026/Program Year 51.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee

- B. Recommend adoption of the FY2026 – FY2030 Housing Production Plan.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

- C. Recommend authorization to accept deed restrictions for a perpetual term on residential properties located at 38 Aetna Street, 210 Perry Ave, 521 Sunderland Road, 523 Sunderland Road and 13 Hawley Street.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Five (5) Resolutions adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- D. Recommend Approval of an Order Regarding the Jurisdiction and Disposition of Real Property at 6 Gladstone Street.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- E. Recommend Approval of an Order Regarding the Jurisdiction and Disposition of Real Property at 2R Holcombe Street.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- F. Recommend Discontinuance of a Portion of the Former Foster Street Layout at Washington Square.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to the Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board
- G. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Business & Community Development Division Update.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

10.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION
Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer

10.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION
Division of Human Rights and Accessibility
Patricia M. LaFore, Director

10.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Administration Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

- A. Requesting adoption of an order authorizing the acceptance of a deed located at 120 Washington St.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- B. Requesting adoption of an order authorizing the conveyance of temporary and permanent easements related to 120 Washington St.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

10.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

10.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Operations Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

10.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Parks Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2025 Aquatic Update.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Tree Planting Update 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025.

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, who responded to questions raised by Mayor Petty.

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Elm Park Playground Renovations.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

10.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication concerning traffic safety at the intersection of Park Ave. and Lovell St.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

- B. Recommend adoption of Amendment to the General Revised Ordinances to provide on-street parking on a portion of Grove Street near Morgan Landing Park.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

- C. Requesting adoption of Amendment to the General Revised Ordinances to expand on-street parking options near City Hall and implement changes effective immediately on a trial basis.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item and refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Order adopted and referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

10.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

10.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

10.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

10.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor

10.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

David Horne, Interim Commissioner

10.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

- 10.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Housing and Health Inspections Division
Lee R. Hall, Director
- 10.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Administration
Dr. Matilde "Mattie" Castiel, M.D., Commissioner
- 10.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 10.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director
- 10.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Services
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 10.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 10.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 10.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Rachel Monárrez, Superintendent

10.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Administration

Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the status of CSX funding.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to take the item collectively with items #13a CC through #13d CC, as well as item #22a CC.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee.
Referred to Economic Development Committee

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

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of April 30, 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

10.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Assessing Division

Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

10.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

10.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

10.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

10.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

10.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative a Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Crowdsourc Map.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee. Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Green Worcester Plan 2024 Annual Report.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether documentation regarding the Broad Meadow Brook Restoration Project is related to actions associated with the Green Worcester Plan." (See Item #25i CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee. Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee

10.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

- A. Recommend adoption of an order to authorize the City of Worcester to enter into a contract for the lease of datacenter co-location services for a term of up to ten years to ensure continuity of core infrastructure services.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

10.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

10.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars and No Cents (\$291,370.00) from the FY26 Connecting Activities program through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to take items #10.35A CM through #10.35F CM, #10.36A CM through #10.36I CM and #10.37A CM collectively.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the items. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$423,185.00) from the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Thirty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eleven Dollars And No Cents (\$37,111.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources under the Food Security Infrastructure program, to purchase and install new kitchen equipment at the Worcester Senior Center.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$40,000.00) from the College of the Holy Cross to support Fiscal Year 2026 Recreation Worcester programming.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$425,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services, under the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for the Communities Grant Program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)
- F. Recommend adoption of resolutions to apply for, accept, and expend eighteen (18) grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) and the MassHire Department of Career Services (MDCS), with a total award amount of Four Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven Dollars and No Cents (\$4,370,911.00).
Eighteen (18) Resolutions adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

10.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend City Council's authorization of the use of Revolving Fund Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026, at the limits in each account per M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53 1/2.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)
- B. Recommend City Council's approval of Fiscal Year 2025 year-end transfers to make adjustments to City accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)
- C. Recommend that Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and Sixty One Cents (\$16,184.61) be transferred from Fund #FD313, Damage Settlements, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1040-610100, Police Ordinary Maintenance, to fund repairs to vehicles damaged in no fault motor vehicle accidents.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)
- D. Recommend that Sixteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$16,000.00) be transferred from Fund #FD313, Damage Settlements, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1007-610100, Public Facilities Ordinary Maintenance, to fund repairs caused by an accident at the Worcester Senior Center.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

- E. Recommend authorization to increase Fund FD#311, RRA-Cable Fund, in the amount of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars And No Cents (\$9,415.00) to provide sufficient funding for the Cable PEG program for Fiscal Year 2026.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)
- F. Recommend that Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars And No Cents (\$24,698.00) be transferred Cost Center #CC1038-699399, Police Capital Outlay, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1040-610100, Police Ordinary Maintenance, to pay invoices through June 30, 2025.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)
- G. Request that Forty Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars And No Cents (\$40,370.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1049-600100, Youth Opportunities Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1023-610100, Health and Human Services Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of Children & Youth CHIP consulting services.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)
- H. Recommend that Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$72,458.56) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1004-610100, Economic Development Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1004-699399, Economic Development Capital Outlay, to fund workstation reconfiguration.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)
- I. Recommend City Council's approval of Fiscal Year 2025 year-end operating transfers to make adjustments to City accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

10.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and Forty Two Cents (\$4,475.42) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 from Cost Center #CC1046, Public Health 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 #10.35A CM)

10.38 FINANCE
Loan Orders

10.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a request for information regarding the funding of Discover Central Massachusetts.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who moved to recuse herself from the item and left the room.

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

11. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part I

- 11a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks consider changing the current end date relative to the “Perfect Attendance Bonus” requirements for the city’s snowplow contractors from April 1st to April 15th. (Bergman)**

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to adopt items #11a CC through #11gg CC. Order adopted

- 11b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the agreement between the city and the American Heritage Foundation for the Worcester Auditorium, including information concerning ownership of the building and the amount of funds allocated for the work being done by the foundation. (King)**

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the maintenance schedule and requirements associated with the Worcester Auditorium. (King)**

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning outreach done by the Green Hill Golf Course staff to invite and encourage Worcester Public Schools students to learn and play golf at the course. (Ojeda)**

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with an analysis concerning the feasibility of installing water bubblers in the city’s parks that prioritizes Recreation Worcester locations. (Haxhiaj)**

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager consider expanding dog parks to “pocket parks,” or parks embedded within the city’s interior neighborhoods. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Parks and Recreation provide City Council with a report detailing park safety complaints over the last five (5) years and if reported complaints have increased or not. (Colorio)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report concerning the number of rental properties and/or units in the city that should be registered as part of the Rental Registry Program. Further, request said report include information relative to the mechanism that will be used to ensure all potential properties and/or units are registered. (Mero-Carlson)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report concerning the procedure followed when the department is made aware of more than three (3) unrelated people living in one (1) dwelling unit. Further, request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion concerning how the tenants’ leases may impact such a circumstance. (Colorio)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report relative to any limitations the city may have relative to referring landlords and tenants to an external authority for mediation/resolution for complaints received by the Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Equity Officer provide City Council with a report six (6) months after the launching of the external Civil Rights form that details the types of complaints received, the outreach being done by the city to ensure vulnerable populations are using the form, and how other communities have increased the usage of the services provided by the city. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining the number of times the Human Rights Commission has exercised its subpoena powers. Said report should include what each subpoena was about and the result of the subpoena. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the areas in the city that are most affected by evictions. Said report should include zip codes, as well as the racial and ethnic makeup those being impacted by said evictions. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager consider advocating to the Medical Examiner's Office to determine a way to track data as to how a person's unhoused status affected their death. Further, request advocacy also be considered to pass legislation at the State level to add a person's unhoused status as a cause of death on a person's death certificates. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Clerk provide City Council with any previous reports detailing the redesign of Chandler St. (Russell)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager review the road conditions on Lake Ave. and Sunderland Rd. for the purposes of repairing said road conditions. (Russell)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the cost associated with hiring fulltime legal counsel for the City Council. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of expanding the City Auditor's Office. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of providing City Council with an annual or bi-annual report related to grants processed by the city. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11t.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the amount of funds the Worcester Retirement Board invests in Global Infrastructure Partners IV (GIP IV) and its subsidiary, Signature Aviation. Said report should include the types of function and agencies they serve. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11u.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management provide City Council with a report detailing the emergency warming and cooling centers usage for the last two (2) years. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11v.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline associated with initiating the Webster Square redevelopment project. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11w.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report, before the city's Fiscal Year 2026 budget is approved, detailing any surrounding communities who have contributed funds towards Discover Central MA marketing that have benefitted from the expenditure. (Russell)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11x.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing Discover Central MA's plans to encourage the NCAA to bring its March Madness Basketball Tournament to the city. Further, request said report include the handling fee amount associated with such a task. (Russell)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11y.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the new PFAS-free gears acquired by the Fire Department. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11z.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the Worcester Fire Department (WFD) strategic plan, as relates to the Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) report. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11aa.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief explore the benefits relative to implementing a Diversity Committee and Diversity Officer position within the Worcester Fire Department (WFD). (King)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11bb.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the demographics pertaining to the recruits entering the upcoming WFD Fire Academy. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11cc.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Police Chief work with the Chief Diversity Officer to review the Worcester Police Department's social media policy. (Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

11dd. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the receptivity related to the Senior Stress Coordinator position. Further, request City Manager request Police Chief explore wellness software to implement. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

11ee. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report itemizing the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's language services budget by each department's requests and usages. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

11ff. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the budget allocation for the Bureau of Professional Standards (BOPS), including information relative to the workload, nature and number of concerns brought forward by said department. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

11gg. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with report concerning performance evaluation of ShotSpotter Connect program. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

12. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part II

12a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby approve the following framework to be used to conduct the Annual Performance Evaluation of the City Manager, beginning in June of 2025 (see attached).

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Bergman 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 (Nguyen absent)

12b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report clarifying whether a majority two-thirds vote entails present members or the council body as a whole.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay – King) (Nguyen absent)

- 12c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report detailing if the City Charter requires public participation to be open to non-Worcester residents.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor King, who moved to place the item on file.

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 Haxhiaj and Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor King's motion to place the item on file. Motion denied on a roll call vote of 4 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Ojeda, Pacillo) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a fourth time, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege. - Not Put.

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

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

Vote postponed to the next City Council meeting.

- 12d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing how other municipalities handle signage being displayed within their council chambers.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King)
- 12e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report detailing the percentage or number of City of Worcester and Worcester Public Schools employees who are Worcester residents.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to adopt items #12e CC, #12j CC through #12l CC, and #12n CC through #12u CC. Order adopted
- 12f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Clerk work with the City Solicitor to ensure the Rules of the City Council are strictly reviewed when making determinations relative to the placement of items on the City Council agenda.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King)
- 12g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Clerk work with the City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report concerning the roles of residents and the City Council when placing items on the City Council agenda.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized the City Clerk, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Pacillo.
- Councilor Pacillo then moved to, “Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing whether residents have always been able to petition City Council directly or if petitions have ever needed to go through elected officials.” (See Item #25k CC).
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King)

- 12h. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used in other communities regarding the process used for residents to petition their elected officials.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item to remove the word, “resident,” from the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 12i. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Clerk work with the City Solicitor to review the history of Rule 30 regarding the reconsideration of items previously considered and relevance pertaining to items placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted
- 12j. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning emails sent to the City Council and City Council Staff relative to administrative rules and policy changes associated with said City Council Staff.
Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)
- 12k. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing Administration of City Council Office successes and possible improvements.
Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)
- 12l. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Clerk provide City Council with an annual survey relative to Administration of City Council Office staffing.
Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)

- 12m. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing how safety concerns are brought forth to all city employees, including City Council and School Committee members, if a threat is made against them.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report reflect harassment, whether it is electronic, in person or through the City Council Office. Further, request said report detail the city’s policy in relation to elected officials being threatened, harassed and stalked.”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to amend the item: “Further request said report include information concerning the city’s policy and actions to be taken relative to antisemitism.”

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended

- 12n. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report detailing an itemized list of special revenue funds. Said report should include account titles and balances.

Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)

- 12o. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report detailing the city’s debt liability compared to similarly situated cities, per the Department of Revenue (DOR), after June 30th.

Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)

- 12p. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether any rental registry programs implemented in other communities have an option for landlords to report rental costs of the tenants, as well as whether that information is mandatory or voluntary.

Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)

- 12q. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
Request City Manager work with local partners to determine the feasibility of providing City Council with biannual report relative to evictions occurring in the city.

Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)

- 12r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager reach out to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) to provide City Council with eviction data.
Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)
- 12s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the number of hate crimes reported in 2024 in similarly sized cities.
Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)
- 12t.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report detailing any plans to utilize the water and sewer reserve funds to pay for future projects.
Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)
- 12u.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks work with Assistant Commissioner of Parks and Recreation to provide City Council with a report listing the various responsibilities maintained by the Department of Public Works and Department of Parks and Recreation.
Order adopted (See Item #12e CC)

13. ORDERS

- 13a.** Request City Manager establish a tracking mechanism that allows for an annual report concerning the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10.26A CM)
- 13b.** Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning whether firehouses have equipment to repair CSX trains. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10.26A CM)
- 13c.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city's approach regarding appropriations for CSX Neighborhood Improvement Funds. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10.26A CM)
- 13d.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a copy of the minutes of the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund Advisory Committee. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10.26A CM)
- 13e.** Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services hold a meeting to consider devising a comprehensive plan to address the substance use crisis in the city. (Ojeda)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee

- 13f.** Request City Manager ensure the city provides the maximum allowable elderly exemption and abatement relative to property taxes, as defined by the Elderly Abatement sections of Mass. General Law. (Mero-Carlson)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 13g.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with an in-depth report concerning the city's short-term and long-term plans to address flooding on Heywood St. (Russell)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 13h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Commissioner of Inspectional Services organize a meeting with the Mill St. Neighborhood Association for the purpose of discussing and addressing issues and concerns related to Polar Park Views development. (Haxhij)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 13i.** Request City Manager work to identify funding that ensures the city's women's shelter at the Seven Hills property continues to operate without interruption in servicing a critical resource to women aged 19 through 69. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, 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 to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 13j.** Request City Manager work with MassDOT to explore the feasibility of expediting a safety audit of the Chester St. and Grove St. intersection, due to high rates of crashes. (King)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to take the item collectively with item #13k CC.
- 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 amend the item: “Further, request City Manager review the installation of safety signage at the intersections adjacent cut-through from Holden St.”
- Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended
- 13k.** Request City Manager create a timeline relative to implementing a remediation plan for repairing the potholes and resurfacing Moreland St. (King, Haxhiaj)
Order adopted (See Item #13j CC)
- 13l.** Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation hold a meeting to discuss the status of the cable franchise negotiations with Charter/Spectrum and its impact on WCCA TV. (Mero-Carlson, Colorio, Pacillo)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson and Councilor Colorio, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized the City Clerk, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Colorio.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.
- Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Service and Transportation Committee. Referred to Public Service and Transportation Committee
- 13m.** Request City Manager consider organizing an appropriate recognition of Douglas J. Hannam, Jr.’s lifetime commitment to Little League in Worcester to honor his passing. Such a recognition could include the naming of an athletic field, a street naming, etc. (Bergman, Ojeda)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Bergman, Councilor Ojeda and Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 13n.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the intersection of Herman St. and Southbridge St. to improve the “One Way Only” signage at the entrance to Herman St. (Bergman)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 13o.** Request City Manager consider providing City Council with a report concerning the expansion of the Shannon CSI funding parameters. Said report should include information that identifies how the changes in funding parameters may impact Youth Crisis Responsiveness, as well as an update concerning the related selection committee member planning and selection process. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - King

- 13p.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing city contributions/projected contributions to the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) relative to facility acquisition, maintenance, and any related maintenance/deferred maintenance schedules. Said report should include strategic planning for said contributions over the past (10) ten years, as well as projections for upcoming fiscal years. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, 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 recognized Councilor Russell and Councilor Haxhijaj, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

14. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY CLERK

- 14a.** Transmitting an informational communication relative to the process of filling the Chief of Staff to the City Council position.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

- 14b.** Transmitting an informational communication relative to the City Clerk's Office offering translated closed captioning for all City Council and Standing Committee Zoom accounts.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

- 14c.** Transmitting an informational communication relative to the legality and decision to utilize Section 30A of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, to allow for a fully remote City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of public safety.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

- 14d.** Transmitting a communication relative to the usage of a new agenda management software solution by Granicus for all City Council and other public meetings, beginning on July 1, 2025, including the proposed language to amend Rule 10 of the Rules of City Council.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

15. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 15a.** REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Joshua Lee Smith on behalf of Wolfe Farms LLC request to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Worcester, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning designation of the Properties identified below from the current zoning designation of Residence, Single Family (RS-7) to Residence, Limited (RL-7), as shown on the map attached hereto. The Properties include the properties known and numbered as 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 40, 42, and 44 Malden Street, 1-6 Malden Terrace, 1-3, 5-7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Reynolds Street, and 885, 915, 919, 921 and 923 West Boylston Street.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

16. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 16a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Joshua Lee Smith, on behalf of Sahil Properties LLC, request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property located at 66 Southgate St. and 91 Canterbury St. from RG-5 to BL-1.0: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

16b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager requesting adoption of the Housing Development Certified Project Application/Tax Increment Exemption Agreement for 17 Pearl St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Resolution.

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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

16c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication on Discover Central MA and the agency's impact as it relates to the tourism industry: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to accept the item. Accepted

17. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

17a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication of a notification from the Worcester Retirement System (WRS) to the City Council to provide a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to its retirees of 3% of the COLA base effective July 1, 2025.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to accept items #17a CC through #17t CC. Accepted

17b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the 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.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an information communication relative to Rule 14 of the City Council, concerning information that any ruling of the chair shall be subject to an appeal by a motion of any city councilor.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

- 17d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication concerning the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election, along with information concerning strategies implored to increase voter turnout.: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication concerning the process and costs associated with the hand recount of all the Republican ballots cast at the Presidential Primary Election held on March 5, 2024 for the office of Republican, State Committee Woman, First Worcester District.: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the 2024 gross payroll for City of Worcester and Worcester School Department employees.: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Dec. 31, 2024.: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a presentation on the preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to new borrowing for the DCU Special Tax District in accordance with MGL Chapter 422 of the Acts of 2006.: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17j. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Oct. 31, 2024.: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17k. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report concerning costs incurred by the city through court judgements and settlements made by the city, broken down by the department associated with the settlement.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17l. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Order of Councilor Thu Nguyen – 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.: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17m. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the 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.: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17n. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting the single audit report for the year ended June 30, 2024, required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and conducted by the certified public accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP (CLA) in accordance with the OMB's Uniform Guidance: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17o. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor 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: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17p. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Feb. 28, 2025: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17q. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Jan. 31, 2025: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17r. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Nov. 30, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17s. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Sept. 30, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

17t. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations hold a meeting to review the previously approved City Manager Evaluation Form, for the purpose of updating said form prior to the City Manager Evaluation in 2025: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

18a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to educational efforts tobacco stores provide to customers: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to accept items #18a CC through #18d CC. Accepted

18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on homelessness: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #18a CC)

18c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication on five year homeless strategic plan: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #18a CC)

- 18d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Chairman's Order from the Committee on Public Health and Human Services - Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services hold a discussion with representatives from the city's zoning taskforce and community stakeholders relative to preventative strategies around evictions as it relates to homelessness in the city: recommend Chairman's Order be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #18a CC)

19. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- 19a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report on 2024 hate crimes: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to accept items #19a CC through #19c CC. Accepted

- 19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the 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: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #19a CC)

- 19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the U.S. Department of Justice's pattern-or-practice report on the municipality and Worcester Police Department: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #19a CC)

20. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

- 20a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Water and Sewer rate recommendation: recommend passage of the accompanying two (2) proposed ordinances.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise two (2) proposed Ordinances on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

20b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Mark A. Borenstein request the discontinuance of certain portions of Garland St. and Veterans Ave. as depicted on the attached plans and as follows: 1) Discontinuance of the southerly portion of Veterans Ave.; 2) Discontinuance of the westerly and southerly portion of Garland St. and; 3) The abandonment of the City's property rights in the discontinued portions of Veterans Ave. and Garland St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #20b CC and #20c CC. Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

20c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Rebecca Hemenway request installation of new public improvements and utilities including sewer line, water line, storm drain, street lighting and electrical conduit, within public ways of Great Brook Valley Ave., Brookview Dr., Service Rd., Tacoma St. and Joseph P. Carlson Way as part of the Phase 2 Curtis Apartments Redevelopment Project.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #20b CC)

20d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of an order to transfer City-owned 51 and 61 Sever St. from the Department of Public Facilities to the Office of the City Manager for disposition purposes and authorizing the conveyance of properties.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - King

20e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Aaron Blum request existing street light pole be relocated from the vicinity of 16 and 30 Winfield St. to allow for the installation of a new driveway at the property: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to accept and adopt items #20e CC and #20f CC. Accepted and adopted

20f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Andre Rosendo request partial removal of the guardrails in front of 12 Sears Island Dr.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted (See Item #20e CC)

20g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a proposed disposition of 51 and 61 Sever Street.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to accept items #20g CC and #20h CC. Accepted

20h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the history and reasons for the merger between the Parks Department and the Department of Public Works.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #20g CC)

21. TO BE ORDAINED

21a. Amending the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991, Relative To The Floodplain Overlay District.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to ordain the item. Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

22. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

22a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report that details an accounting of the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund. Said report should include information concerning: 1) How much is currently in the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund?; 2) What is the total amount of funds that have come into said fund?; 3) How were said funds disbursed in previous years?; 4) What/who have the funds been disbursed to?; 5) Who decides where said funds go?; 6) Are there any committees or community members who help decide where said funds go?; and 7) How much revenue is generated from the annual container fee donation and is there tracking mechanism in place to know where these funds go? (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 6, 2025 and May 13, 2025)

Order adopted (See Item #10.26A CM)

22b. RESOLUTION of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby commend and honor Justin Hyland, Dickie Collins, Paul Snape and Elijah Johnson of the Department of Public Works and Parks and Department of Transportation and Mobility for their roles in saving the life of a toddler who was found on Chilmark Street. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 6, 2025 and May 13, 2025)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

23. TABLED ITEMS

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

No action taken

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

No action taken

- 23c.** ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Held Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)

No action taken

- 23d.** 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. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

No action taken

- 23e.** 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. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

No action taken

23f. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhij 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. (Held Under Privilege - Haxhij July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhij August 22, 2023)

No action taken

23g. 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

23h. 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. (Held Under Privilege - Russell September 24, 2024 and October 1, 2024 and Tabled - Russell October 8, 2024)

No action taken

23i. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager conduct an equity audit of all city departments every five (5) years. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson December 10, 2024 and Held Under Privilege - Toomey December 17, 2024 and Tabled - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

No action taken

23j. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to how the U.S. Department of Justice's report on the Worcester Police Department differs from the account of the municipality. (Held Under Privilege - King April 29, 2025 and May 6, 2025 and Tabled - King May 13, 2025)

No action taken

24. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the May 13, 2025 City Council meeting.

24a. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on May 13, 2025, to occur thirty (30) minutes beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes. – Item #12a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

24b. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning requirements around U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents presenting warrants when detaining/arresting individuals. – Item #12b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 24c.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the incident on Eureka St. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, that resulted in a woman being arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). – Item #12c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24d.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager create a written policy, with community input, concerning how the city interacts with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). – Item #12d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining the scope, scale, and measure of the city’s response to the incident on Eureka St. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, that resulted in a woman being arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Said report should be relative to the current operating procedures of the Worcester Police Department (WPD). – Item #12e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief release all body-worn camera (BWC) footage related to the incident on Eureka St. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, that resulted in a woman being arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). – Item #12f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager implement the co-deployment of a social worker clinical response to any matter pertaining U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations and/or pertaining to children, families, and traumatic events. – Item #12g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief attempt to determine the identity of the alleged U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents involved in the incident on Eureka St. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, as well as if the warrant associated with the incident listed the same person who was taken away. – Item #12h CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24i.** RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council does hereby call upon its congressional partners to work towards initiating legislation that dictates when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents are and are not able to wear masks. – Item #12i CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 24j.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any exposure the city has relative to liability based on the response to the incident on Eureka St. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, that resulted in a woman being arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), as well as any exposure that officers have incurred in other places relative to responses or intersections with ICE. – Item #12j CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24k.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its rules to allow for an additional ten (10) minutes of speaking for Item #9a CC on the May 13, 2025, City Council agenda. – Item #12k CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24l.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether the individuals who presented themselves as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents at an incident on Eureka St. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, were truly from that department or if they were from a different governmental agency. – Item #12l CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24m.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks ensure representation from Upper Blackstone Clean Water is present when the Standing Committee on Public Works meets to discuss the water and sewer rates. – Item #12m CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24n.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks consider the feasibility of utilizing the water and sewer enterprise accounts to offset the financial need to increase water and sewer rates. – Item #12n CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24o.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning the legal basis behind the decision to ban the public from City Hall, including references and citations as to why said decision does not violate the Open Meeting Law. – Item #12o CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 24p.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with report concerning any communication provided to the public regarding public safety concerns for the public to congregate at City Hall for the May 13, 2025, City Council meeting. – Item #12p CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

25. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the June 10 and June 17, 2025 City Council meeting.

25a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Operating Budget: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 17, 2025, and moved to take items #25a CC through #25h CC collectively.

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the items. Accepted and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

25b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Capital Budget: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #25a CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

25c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend the adoption of a Loan Order in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Eight Million Nine Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twelve Dollars And No Cents (\$158,938,412.00) to pay for costs associated with projects and equipment, as approved in the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Loan Order.

Voted to advertise proposed Loan Order on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- 25d.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing maintenance schedule planning strategies utilized by the Department of Public Facilities. (King)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #25a CC).
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 25e.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the program and funding dollars associated with the city's new program that creates facility work orders and tracks break fixes. (King)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #25a CC).
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 25f.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any invitations made to various internet providers to bring their services to the city, in the interest of lowering broadband prices for residents. (King)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #25a CC).
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 25g.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the process and strategy used to rescind unnecessary loan authorizations. (King)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #25a CC).
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 25h.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report concerning whether any shortfalls associated with the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Ballpark DIF Reserve Account were anticipated. (Russell)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #25a CC).
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 25i.** Motion Russell @ #10.32B CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether documentation regarding the Broad Meadow Brook Restoration Project is related to actions associated with the Green Worcester Plan.
Order adopted (See Item #10.32B CM)

25j. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to my self-evaluation of the work and accomplishments of my administration for Fiscal Year 2025.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager on June 17, 2025, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Petty

25k. Motion Pacillo @ #12g CC – Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing whether residents have always been able to petition City Council directly or if petitions have ever needed to go through elected officials.

Order adopted (See Item #12g CC)