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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:32 P.M.

Recessed to Executive Session: 10:29 P.M.

Reconvened from Executive Session to

Adjourn: 11:55 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILORS

Morris A. Bergman

Donna M. Colorio

Khrystian E. King

Thu Nguyen

Kathleen M. Toomey

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Eric D. Batista

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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 AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**
- 3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor Colorio and Councilor Nguyen. Councilor Ojeda participated in the meeting remotely.**
- 4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Gary Gemme, Matthew Ohman and William “Bill” S. Coleman, III. Gary Gemme was the former Police Chief for the City of Worcester, who passed away on August 6, 2025, at the age of 71. Matthew Ohman was the city’s Animal Control Officer, who passed away on August 10, 2025, at the age of 41. Bill Coleman was a long-time community activist, who passed away on July 20, 2025, at the age of 70.
- 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 June 24, 2025.

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following Speakers:

1. Dave Dick, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #7a CC
2. Jessica Saxton, Washington, DC resident, spoke in opposition to item #12.25C CM
3. Tanawah Downing, Washington, DC resident, spoke in opposition to item #12.25C CM
4. Len Zalauskas, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to an item not listed on the agenda
5. Sean Brennan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15e CC
6. Amaria (no last name), Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #15e CC
7. Debbie Hall, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9e CC
8. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #15c CC, #15e CC, and #15h CC
9. Senator Robyn Kennedy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15e CC
10. Harriette Chandler, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15e CC
11. Tim Garvin, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15e CC
12. Keira Munns, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #15c CC, #15d CC, #15o CC, and #18a CC
13. Natalie Turner, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14b CC
14. Sabrina Desy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10s CC
15. Amanda Shearstone, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC
16. Paula Rosenblum, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9d CC
17. Dan Deedy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10j CC
18. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #12.6A CM, #12.12C CM, #12.18C CM, and #12.24B CM and spoke in favor of item #15e CC
19. Jacquelyn Weber, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #20y CC
20. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke indiscernibly to item #12.10A CM, spoke in opposition to items #12.12B CM, #12.12C CM, #14a CC, and #14u CC, spoke in favor of items #14h CC though #14l CC, and #15a CC through #15c CC, and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #14m CC
21. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #12.8A CM, #9e CC, #10c CC, #10u CC, and #10v CC spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #10g CC, and spoke in opposition to item #10q CC
22. Alina Bluto, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12.6A CM

7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

7a.

Petition and Hearing: National Grid for a conduit location at Beverly Rd.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to open the hearings for items #7a CC and #7b CC. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

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 moved for a roll call vote to close the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the items. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

7b.

Petition and Hearing: National Grid for a conduit location at Harrison St.

Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #7a CC).

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

8a.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - As Chair of the City Council Standing Committee on Economic Development and in accordance with Rule 33 (e) of the Rules of City Council, request City Council suspend its rules at its August 19, 2025 meeting to take up the 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, as presented by the Petitioner and referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development as Item #15a on the June 10, 2025 City Council agenda, along with related items pending before the Committee.

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

Note: Refer to the "New Business Under Suspension" section of the agenda to view item #25b CC, which is the item reported out of the Standing Committee on Economic Development that is referenced in this Order.

8b.

ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – In accordance with Rule 33 (c) of the Rules of City Council, request City Council suspend its rules at its August 19, 2025, meeting to take up an item not reasonably anticipated: That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby convene in Executive Session at its August 19, 2025, meeting, for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy with respect to the case of Town of Holden vs. Department of Conservation and Recreation & another, pending in the Superior Court for the County of Worcester, Case No. 23-P-794, as having such a discussion in Open Session would be detrimental to the city's negotiating position. The City Council will not reconvene in Open Session.

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

9. PETITIONS - PART I - a Petitioner may speak up to three (3) minutes the first time their petition appears on an agenda

9a.

Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of city shade trees on Duxbury Rd.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Department of Public Works and Parks. Referred to the Department of Public Works and Parks on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9b.

Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Jenny Savage request Manor St. be resurfaced.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #9b CC through #9p CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9c.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request sidewalk resurfacing on Neptune Rd.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and

o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9d.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paula Rosenblum et al. request sidewalk resurfacing on Haviland St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to amend the item to include the following second petition: “Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paula Rosenblum et al. request speed hump plan associated with Haviland St. be amended to include three (3) speed humps placed as equal distance to each other as possible.” (See Item #25a CC).

9e.

Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of the Worcester Black History Project request Winfield St. from Park Ave. to Mason St. be given the Honorary Street Name designation of Bethany Veney Way.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to suspend the rules of City Council for the purpose of further discussing item #9e CC. Motion approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

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

9f.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of an additional streetlight in the vicinity of 6 and 8 Emily St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9g.

Petition of Clayton Norling request curb installation in front of 586 Salisbury St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and o Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9h.

Petition of Andrew Ngo request installation of guardrail along Bittersweet Blvd. adjacent to 58 Sophia Dr.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9i.

Petition of Cora Butler-Jones request installation of a street light on Tatman St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9j.

Petition of Cora Butler-Jones request installation of a street light at the end of Stockholm St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9k.

Petition of Steven Caligaris II request the sidewalk on Colonial Rd. be reviewed and assessed for repair.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9l.

Petition of Donald J. O'Neil, on behalf of Suhan Thapa, request extension of sanitary and surface sewer mains in Marmion Ave. from their current terminus northerly a distance of approximately 127 feet for the sanitary main and 117 feet for the surface sewer main to the service the property located at O Marmion Ave. at the expense of the owner of said property.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9m.

Petition of Megan Young request the installation of guardrails in front of 19 Westminster St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9n.

Petition of James Hachey request Morgan St. be resurfaced.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9o.

Petition of Paul Belton request the end of the two (2) driveways at 471 and 473 Mill St. be repaired.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9p.

Petition of Angelo Dagnello request sidewalk repair in front of 159 King Philip Rd.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9b CC).

9q.

Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of a truck ban/weight restriction on North Pkwy.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #9q CC through #9z CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9r.

Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Marielis Colon request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Pilgrim Ave. and Cohasset St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC)

9s.

Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps on Frothingham Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC)

9t.

Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Miguel and Jose Rivera request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 58 Providence St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9u.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Flagg St. between Pleasant St. and Audubon Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9v.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Rexhame Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9w.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Tim Faron request installation of a crosswalk across Holden St. at its intersection with Saratoga Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9x.

Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 21 Ellsworth St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9y.

Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of a yield sign on Marconi Rd. at Indian Hill Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

9z.

Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage on Merrick St. at its intersection with Shawmut St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9q CC).

10. PETITIONS - PART II

10a.

Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King request installation of speed humps on Forsberg St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #10a CC through #10z CC, except for #10s CC, to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

10b.

Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King request installation of speed humps on Victoria Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10c.

Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request install of curb extensions on both corners of the intersection between Mason St. and Chandler St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10d.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Westbrook Rd. and Kinnicutt Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10e.

Petition of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey request installation of a left turn arrow at the intersection of Dalton St. and Grafton St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10f.

Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Erin Morell request installation of “Dead End Street” signage on Winchester Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10g.

Petition of Christine Rodriguez et al. request removal of “No Parking Anytime” signage on Glennie St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10h.

Petition of Traci Talamini request installation of a speed hump between 148 and 156 Orient St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10i.

Petition of John Wadsworth and Ann McCrea request installation of a speed hump on Grand View Ave. between Main St. and Abington St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10j.

Petition of Daniel F. Deedy request installation of speed humps on June St. between the intersection of June St. and May St. to the vicinity of 341 June St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10k.

Petition of Dave Tayyeh request removal of handicap signage in front of 45 Ledgecrest Dr.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10l.

Petition of Ethan Bates request review of the intersection of Franklin St., Norfolk St. and Suffolk St. for traffic calming measures to address dangerous conditions for both pedestrians and motorists.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10m.

Petition of Eduard Shehu and Laorent Miha request removal of residential permit parking on Wamsutta Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10n.

Petition of Jose L. Otero request installation of a speed hump on Eastern Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10o.

Petition of Joseph Cummings request installation of an additional handicap parking space in front of 53 Raymond St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10p.

Petition of Laurie Ghiz request installation of flashing traffic lights at 11 Lake Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10q.

Petition of Brian Thamel request installation of a crosswalk between 335/337 and 338 Park Ave.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee as amended on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to amend the item to include the installation of flashing beacon lights at the location.

10r.

Petition of Cynthia Turncliff request installation of speed humps on Pine Tree Dr.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10s.

Petition of Sabrina Desy request the placement of traffic signage on the sidewalk in front of 84 Blackstone River Rd. be reviewed to ensure vehicles can safely traverse the area.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Department of Transportation and Mobility. Referred to the Department of Transportation and Mobility on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

10t.

Petition of Alyssa Benefit request removal of resident permit parking on South Flagg St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10u.

Petition of Nathalie Gibson request solid white line be repainted on Mill St. from Gates Ln. to 169 Mill St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10v.

Petition of Nathalie Gibson request center solid yellow line be painted on Coes St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10w.

Petition of Patricia Tricomi request parking be prohibited on both sides of Thorndyke Rd. from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on school days.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10x.

Petition of Patricia Tricomi request installation of speed humps on Thorndyke Rd.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10y.

Petition of Patricia Tricomi request installation of signage at the entrance and exit of Thorndyke Road School driveway to inform drivers that the street is a one-way street, such as "No Left Turn - One Way" and "Right Turn Only - One Way" signage.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

10z.

Petition of Alondra Pichardo Rosario request installation of a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Vernon St. and Richard St

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #10a CC).

11. PETITIONS - PART III

11a.

Petition of Debra Army request installation of speed humps on Parsons Hill Dr.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

11b.

Petition of David Webb filing an Open Meeting Law Complaint Form.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote 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 on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

11c.

Petition and Hearing: Charter Communications for a conduit location at Hermon St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set Hearings for items #11c CC through #11e CC on September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

11d.

Petition and Hearing: National Grid for a conduit location at Harrison St.

Hearing set for September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #11c CC).

11e.

Petition and Hearing: National Grid for a conduit location at Winfield St.

Hearing set for September 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #11c CC).

12. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. APPOINTMENTS - Non-City Council Confirmation

1a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Shepard Allen to the Trust Funds Commission.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place items #12.1A CM through #12.1E CM on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

1b.

Communication of the City Manager recommending appointment of Michael Murphy to the Worcester Ballpark Commission.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.1A CM).

1c.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Christian Roberts to the Elder Affairs Commission.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.1A CM).

1d.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Erin Michelotti and amending the term expirations of Cassandra Tortorici, Chris Michelotti, and Angelique Webster to the Worcester Arts Council.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.1A CM).

1e.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Daniel McAuliffe to the Commission for the Preservation of Historic Artifacts, Relics and Military Memorials.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.1A CM).

2. APPOINTMENTS - City Council Confirmation

2a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointments of Kelly J. Brochu and Sarah Gerace to the Citizen Advisory Council.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointments for #12.2A CM and #12.2B CM. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

2b.

Communication of the City Manager recommending the appointment of Joseph McEvoy to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Confirmed on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.2A CM).

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

3a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of proposed Fiscal Year 26 Salary Ordinance Amendment.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the four (4) proposed Ordinances. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinances on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

4a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a corrected Zoning Map Amendment for 18 Mountain Street East.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION - Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer

6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - John K. Westerling, Commissioner

6a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Quarterly Report on Keep Worcester Clean and Clean City Initiatives.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #15g CC and #15h CC.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing prior City Council Orders and recommendations relative to trash management in the city." (See Item #25c CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to, "Request City Manager review neighborhood concerns and clean/remove a large trash receptacle located in the Canal District." (See Item #25d CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

7. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CEMETERY - Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner

- 7a.** Communication of the City Manager requesting adoption of a Green Hill Golf Course Maintenance Contract in excess of three years with an option to renew the said contract for up to three one-year extensions.

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

7b.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a request to 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.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

8. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY - Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

8a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Street and Sidewalk Construction Progress Report for July 2025.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT - Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

9a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to PFAS-free gear acquired by the Fire Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

9b.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Council request on the impact of adopting M.G.L Chapter 148, Section 26I.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to hold the item under privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Toomey

10. POLICE DEPARTMENT - Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

10a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Police Body Camera Report.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

11. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

12. LAW DEPARTMENT - Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor

12a.

Communication of the City Manager requesting review and approval of an amendment to the Municipality's Organizational Ordinances, modifying the Department of Public Works & Parks; creating the Parks, Cemetery and Recreation Department; relocating the Designer Selection Board to the Department of Administration & Finance; and restructuring the Fire Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

12b.

Communication of the City Manager requesting review and approval of enclosed reorganizational ordinance amendment regarding the Law Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

12c.

Communication of City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the conflict-of-interest law and councilor participation in housing and rent control matters.

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

Mayor Petty moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any State Ethics Commission rulings relative to issues around City Council reaching a quorum when considering topics impacting many City Councilors and whether any exemptions exist around such circumstances." (See Item #25e CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

**13. DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES -
Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner**

**14. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- Dr. Matilde "Mattie" Castiel, M.D., Commissioner**

**15. WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Jason L. Homer,
Executive Director**

- 16. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER - Election Commission Division - Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk**
- 17. PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - Brian Allen, Superintendent**
- 18. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE - Timothy J. McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer**

18a.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of May 31, 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18b.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the financial update as of period ending June 30, 2025.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18c.

Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to DCU Special Tax District Borrowing.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

- 19. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES - James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities**

20. DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE - John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

21. DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY - Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

22. FINANCE ITEMS - Capital Transfers

23. FINANCE ITEMS - Grants and Donations

23a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$178,642.31) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, DPH Offices for the Massachusetts Large Cities Health Coalition Entities.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #12.23A CM through #12.23E CM, #12.24A CM through #12.24E CM and #12.25A CM through #12.25G CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

23b.

Communication of City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to accept and expend a donation in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

23c.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to accept a donation of Twenty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$25.00) from Christine's Auto Sales.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

23d.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to accept and expend a grant in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the United Way of Central Massachusetts.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

23e.

Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Six Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$685,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services for the implementation of the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

24. FINANCE ITEMS - Operational Transfers

24a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Five Cents (\$186,248.05) be transferred from Fund #FD311-PG10069, Cable Educational Access, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC5203-PG50098, GMC Educational Cable Access Fund, which represents the Fiscal Year 2026 Cable PEG program allocation.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).

24b.

Communication of City Manager recommending that Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$88,938.00) be transferred from various sources and be appropriated to CC1017-699399, Communications Capital Outlay, to fund the purchase of a replacement vehicle that was damaged in a no-fault accident.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

24c.

Communication of the City Manager recommending operating transfers to make adjustments to municipal accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

24d.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that Four Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$477,000.00) be transferred from FD311 Program PG10070, Cable Administration, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1031 Program PG10480-610100, Innovation and Technology Operations, for the allocation of the FY26 Cable PEG program for INET.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

24e.

Communication of the City Manager recommending City Council's authorization of the Zero Waste Revolving fund for Green Worcester's Plan for Fiscal Year 2026, at the limits of Twelve Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents per M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53 1/2. The Zero Waste Revolving Fund was created so that revenue from the Professional Service Agreement with Casella is allowed to be used for associated program costs. These require annual Authorization from City Council.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25. FINANCE ITEMS - Prior Year

25a.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that Eight Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars and Fifty Seven Cents (\$8,601.57) be authorized from Fiscal year 2025 Cost Center #CC1048, Health & Human Services Veterans Services Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25b.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that a total of Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Dollars and Fifty Five Cents (\$6,273.55) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1004, Economic Development Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25c.

Communication of the City Manager recommending authorization of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$22,544.15) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1038, Police Department Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25d.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$1,361.19) be authorized from various Fiscal Year FY25 Department of Public Works and Parks cost centers, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25e.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$4,765.14) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 from Cost Center #CC1046, Division of Public Health Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25f.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that One Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Forty Cents (\$1,415.40) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1081, Transportation & Mobility Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

25g.

Communication of the City Manager recommending that Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$12,465.56) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1061, Budget Office Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays
(Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.23A CM).**

26. FINANCE ITEMS - Loan Orders

27. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

13. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

13a.

Chairman's Order from the Committee on Economic Development – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update relative to three (3) previously requested Chairman's Orders relative to 1) the creation of a taskforce to explore the feasibility of drafting an ordinance for residents to keep and raise chickens; 2) the processes used by other municipalities who allow for residents to keep and raise chickens; and 3) any challenges faced by other municipalities who allow for residents to keep and raise chickens.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #13a CC and #13b CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

13b.

Chairman's Order from the Committee on Public Health and Human Services – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing supportive data provided in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) program relative to the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Street Outreach.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #13a CC).

14. ORDERS - PART I

14a.

Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager conduct a review of the mail services used by the city to ensure the amount of time it takes for mail to arrive to a destination is reduced.

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

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

14b.

Order of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation review the Beaver Brook softball field permit holder's usage of sound systems and all complaints by Park Ave.'s residents related to sound pollution.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to amend the item to replace the words, "Park Ave." with "Parker St."

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to suspend the Rules of City Council to allow a resident, Nathalie Turner, to address the City Council concerning the item. Motion approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized the resident, Nathalie Turner, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

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

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

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

14c.

Order of Councilor Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation provide City Council with a report concerning whether any steps have been taken to create a Master Plan for Burncoat Park. Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation begin the process of creating a Master Plan for Burncoat Park if such a plan does not yet exist.

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

14d.

Order of Councilor Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation provide City Council with a report concerning whether any steps have been taken to create a Master Plan for Poet Hill. Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks and Recreation begin the process of creating a Master Plan for Poet Hill if such a plan does not yet exist.

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

14e.

Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning efforts made to rename Holland Rink Park to Jack “The Shot” Foley Park, in honor of basketball legend Jack Foley.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, 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 (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14f.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report regarding the planning and implementation schedule for the sidewalks on the upper portion of Burncoat St.

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

14g.

Order of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study in the vicinity of 21 Ellsworth St. to determine ways the city can curb dangerous speeding concerns in the area.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the

item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14h.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a cost analysis of chemical treatments needed in Indian Lake that targets the excessive growth of Elodea, the native plant species.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #14h CC through #14l CC, as well as items #15a CC and #15b CC, collectively.

Mayor Petty 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 Mero-Carlson, 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 Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.

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

14i.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the treatment schedule for Indian Lake and all other lakes under lakes and ponds management throughout the city.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

14j.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a study that determines the best treatments for the lakes and ponds across the city.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

14k.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request Standing Committee on Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment invite representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to attend a meeting to discuss best practices for treating the city's lakes and ponds.

Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

14l.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a study determining the environmental impact of fertilizer being washed down into Indian Lake.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

14m.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report concerning functions and services that were gained and lost on the city's website because of transitioning the website to a new system.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and 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 the operational challenges faced by the department relative to transitioning to a new agenda management software, OneMeeting by Granicus, and website. Further, request City Clerk include in said report information relative to any functions lost or gained concerning vital records

operations on the city's new website.” (See Item #25f CC).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report concerning how much money the city is currently spending on software associated with both the city’s agenda management program and the city’s website.” (See Item #25g CC).

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 (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14n.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager explore the feasibility of incorporating environmental reclamation efforts for American Chestnut Trees at Indian Lake Park, located at 149 West Boylston Dr.

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

14o.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks repaint the yellow line on Rexhame Rd.

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

14p.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager install additional trash receptacles on Lincoln St. and Boylston St. between Pasadena Pkwy. and Tacoma St.

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

14q.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the sidewalks on Neptune Rd. to make any immediately necessary safety repairs.

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

14r.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the sidewalks on Haviland St. to make any immediately necessary safety repairs.

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

14s.

Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager organize a public meeting in the vicinity of Elm Park to discuss the challenges, solutions, timelines and funding sources to fully restore the water bodies at Elm Park.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, 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 8 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Haxhiaj, Nguyen absent).

14t.

Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing efforts to utilize naming opportunities at Beaver Brook Park for Douglas J. Hannam, Jr., to honor him for his lifetime commitment to Little League in Worcester.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell and Councilor Bergman, 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 8 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Haxhij, Nguyen absent).

14u.

Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager request Police Chief and Fire Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the plans that the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Worcester Fire Department (WFD) have regarding retention and recruitment.

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

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

14v.

Order of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager consider creating and installing a “Welcome to Worcester – Home of State Champions” sign, listing the years and names of local youth sports teams that have won state championships over the past ten years (see attached for example).

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to amend the item to include public and private high school championships.

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

14w.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Etel Haxhiaj, Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager and Mayor work with the Governor's Office and State Delegation to reduce private utility costs, in anticipation of potential fall rate hikes.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of adjusting private utility permitting fees in relation to any utility rate changes." (See Item #25h CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of Councilor Pacillo's motion (see Item #25h CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, "Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the legality of imposing retaliatory increases to private utility fees based on increases to resident utility bills." (See Item #25i CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount the city is charging utility companies for utility work being done in the city's streets, as well as the feasibility of increasing said charges to account for additional funds required to fix damage to the city's streets associated with such work." (See Item #25j CC).

Mayor Petty moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of 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 (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14x.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Etel Haxhiaj, Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager work with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning any improvements made to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), as well as plans for future improvements.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of 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 (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

14y.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report detailing all data from the past eighteen (18) months between Dispatch and the Worcester Police Department (WPD) concerning the Main South area, in response to resident concerns. Said report should include any relevant communications aimed at improving operations while highlighting areas of consistent and timely responses. The audit should also include levels of response to calls as documented by WPD.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #14z CC.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report also include the percentage of calls in this area that include a clinical co-response.”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report include similar information for other urban neighborhoods in the city.” - Not Put.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a third time, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report be cross-referenced by data from other areas in the city.”

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

14z.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief conduct an internal audit of all Main South 911 and non-emergency police calls from the past eighteen (18) months.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14y CC).

15. ORDERS - PART II

15a.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a quarterly report concerning the quality of the city’s blue spaces management. Said report should outline treatment planning, timelines, and options that are defined for each blue space.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

15b.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a quarterly report specifically detailing a review of the 2024/2025 Indian Lake Management. Said report should include information concerning nutrient loading and lake aging strategies, lake conditions, related adjustments, and the health of the ecosystem.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14h CC).

15c.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager review the feasibility of enhancing the capacity of the Department of Health and Human Services as it relates to the city’s responsiveness to the challenges of the unsheltered population in the city. Said strategy should include increased social workers/clinical and outreach staffing and consider a reorganization plan versus a budget increase.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the timeline and efforts being made to secure a day center and general public facilities for the city’s homeless population.” (See Item #25k CC).

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman and Councilor King for second times, 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 (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15d.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s ability to require landscape/green space plans for underdeveloped lots under ordinances and regulations associated with anti-bligh. Further, request City Manager contact owners of the former Notre Dame Church property, as well as other Polar Park district properties, regarding any implementation of such a plan.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item. Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15e.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning tiny home projects in the city, including such a project on Claremont St.

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Bergman,

who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15f.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager create a contingency fund up to \$500,000.00 to assist Community Preservation Act (CPA) recipients who can demonstrate hardship, to assist in cost reimbursement payments.

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, “Request City Manager consider requesting non-profits who own real estate in the city to voluntarily contribute back to the city, should they ever receive contingency funds from the city regarding their receipt Community Preservation Act (CPA) monies.” (See Item #251 CC).

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15g.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell, Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Morris A. Bergman, Councilor Khrystian E. King, Councilor Etel Haxhiaj and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Due to August’s “Free’ Bulk Waste Drop Off” incentive program being filled for all of August on or about August 13, 2025, request City Manager extend this “free” program to all appointments made in August so that they are honored in September and moving forward.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.6A CM).

15h.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell, Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Morris A. Bergman, Councilor Khrystian E. King, Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager once again consider accommodating bulk waste drop off open all weekdays and one weekend day each week, free of charge, for city residents with no appointments necessary.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.6A CM)

15i.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased traffic and speed enforcement at the Newton Square Rotary.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent)

15j.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning draft language to implement an institutional zoning ordinance, which would require institutions such as colleges, universities, and hospitals to file ten (10) year institutional master plans with the city.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson. 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 (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15k.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the installation of sidewalks at the beach near Shore Park, as the sidewalks are currently incomplete and posing a safety hazard.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson

and Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Pacillo.

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

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

15l.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct an updated traffic study regarding the number of accidents that have occurred at the intersection of St. Nicholas Ave. and Clark St. Further, request said traffic study include information concerning the implementation of a vulnerable road user safety strategy plan.

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who

moved to amend the item to read as follows: "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline for the implementation of a safety and strategy plan at the intersection of Clark St. and St. Nicholas Ave."

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

15m.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager initiate a public service response (PSR) regarding dog waste, including but limited to creating an advisory discouraging dog waste disposal in the city's storm drains. Further, request said response also include the installation of earth friendly locations with compostable waste bags at all standard parks and dog parks in the city.

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, 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 (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

15n.

Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the installation of all stop signs and speed humps in the city since January 1, 2022, to ensure all locations comply with all Commonwealth of Massachusetts and federal regulations associated with their placement and installation.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to amend the item to replace the year, "2022," with the year, "2020."

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

150.

Order of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the drafting of ordinances relative to the advancement of two (2) Worcester Now|Next recommendations concerning: A) eliminating or reducing minimum parking requirements; and B) reforming tree protection requirements for all developments.

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

16. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY AUDITOR

16a.

Communication of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication auditing construction progress reports completed or not completed, information related to street selections, as well as completed streets over the past five (5) years with funding considerations and realizations.

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

Held Under Privilege - King

17. COMMUNICATIONS

17a.

Communication of Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Express for Whom?: Ridership, Recovery, and the Importance of the Worcester/Framingham Line."

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Service and Transportation Committee. Referred to Public Service and Transportation Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

18a.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of the FY2026 – FY2030 Housing Production Plan.: 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 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18b.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Fiscal Year 25 Worcester Arts Council Grantmaking.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #18b CC through #18d CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

18c.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to MBTA Communities Compliance and Economic Feasibility Analysis for Inclusionary Zoning.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #18b CC).

18d.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Petition of Evan Corrigan request the creation of a permitting process to allow for resident to have chicken hens.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #18b CC).

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

19a.

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services Upon the Communication of the City Manager 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.: recommend adoption of the four (4) accompanying Resolutions.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (Ojeda, Russell recused).

19b.

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services Upon the Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the impact a gas leak in the vicinity of Wawecus Road School, 20 Wawecus Rd., had on the community.: recommend Order be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept item #19b CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

20. TO BE ORDAINED - PART I

20a.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking Across From #6 Pattison Street.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #20a CC through #20z CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

20b.

Amending Section 47 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances Of 2008 to Remove School Parking Prohibitions on Portions of Gage Street and Eastern Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20c.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking Across From #118 Tower Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20d.

Amending Section 40 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish Resident Permit Parking on a Portion of Dominion Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20e.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15-Minute Parking on a Portion of Meade Street Near #39 Lamartine Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20f.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15 Minute Parking on a Portion of Grosvenor Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20g.

Amending Section 43 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Modify the Winter Parking Ban on Vernon Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen

absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20h.

Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign Facing Franklin Street Traffic Turning Right at Plantation Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20i.

Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign Facing Pratt Street at Whitman Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20j.

Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign Facing Stoneland Road at Freeland Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20k.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #64 Ward Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20l.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #1 Belvidere Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20m.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in the vicinity of #35 Columbia Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20n.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #49 Cutler Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20o.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish 30-Minute Metered Parking on a Portion of Green Island Blvd.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20p.

Amending Section 78 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a 20 MPH Safety Zone In The Vicinity Of 337 Mill Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20q.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #51 Pilgrim Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20r.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #16 Alpine Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20s.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #27 Vernon Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20t.

Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #59 Windsor Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20u.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #26A Marjorie Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20v.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #16 Elizabeth Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20w.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #75 Norfolk Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20x.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #58 Haven Lane.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen

absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20y.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Catharine Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

20z.

Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Henrietta Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #20a CC).

21. TO BE ORDAINED - PART II

21a.

Amending Section 37(Q) of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish a Tow Zone on a Portion of Sutton Lane.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote of ordain items #21a CC through #21k CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent).

21b.

Amending Sections 40 and 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15 Minute Parking on a portion of Schussler Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21c.

Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15 Minute Parking on a portion of Washington Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21d.

Amending Section 46 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish a Commercial Loading Zone on a portion of Theodore Tonna Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21e.

Amending Sections 42 and 46 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish a Commercial Loading Zone and 2-Hour Metered Parking on a portion of Pearl Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21f.

Amending Sections 45 and 46 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish Passenger and Commercial Loading Zones on a portion of Main Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21g.

Amending Section 40 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish Resident Permit Parking on a portion of the west side of Scott Street and Prohibit Parking on the east side of Scott Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21h.

Amending Section 79 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a 20 MPH School Zone on Plantation Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21i.

Amending Section 79 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a 20 MPH School Zone on Chrome Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21j.

Amending Section 79 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a 20 MPH School Zone on Caroline Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

21k.

Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign Facing Nelson Park Drive at Nelson Place

Ordained on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #21a CC).

22. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

22a.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, 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.

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.

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.

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 Order be placed on file.

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.

No action taken

23f.

Order of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen – Request City Manager work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights.

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.

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.

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.

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.

No action taken

24. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES – Items brought forth under suspension at the July 15, 2025, City Council meeting.

ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the amount of money spent on Mill St.'s traffic safety redesign project. – Item #23a CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report that outlines strategic mapping, planning and timelines associated with the installation of additional crosswalks on Mill St. – Item #23b CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount of funding required to repave Massasoit Rd. – Item #23c CC Order adopted

RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the allocation of monies for the purpose of installing School Zone safety signage. – Item #23d CC Resolution adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion as to the difference between a motion to place an item on file and a motion to adopt an item. – Item #23e CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report breaking down the cost of losing human life, should the city fail to adopt Mass. General Law Ch. 148, Section 26I. Said report should include the costs associated with the risk of injury to civilians and firefighters, as well as costs associated with health and psychological harms, long term health issues and any estimations on additional strains the failure to adopt the measure could have on emergency services. – Item #23f CC

Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the reason hundreds of fish died in Indian Lake. – Item #23g CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline and treatment plan associated with remedying water quality concerns at Indian Lake. – Item #23h CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing whether Indian Lake is considered property of the city or property of the State of Massachusetts. – Item #23i CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how instituting a program in the city relative to M.G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 50, which provides property tax relief to landlords that rent their units at a federally determined affordable rate, would impact the city. Said report should include information concerning: 1) Will these properties, if not registered in the rental registry, be required to register?; 2) How will Inspectional Services be engaged to provide information concerning property owners who have multiple code and sanitary violations?; 3) How will the city enforce rent and code violations, as well as what guardrails will there be to protect tenants?; 4) How does it affect the abatement overlay?; 5) What is the overlay amount that the city puts aside to manage tax abatements?; 6) What process would the city and City Council follow if the amount required to manage tax abatements would need to be increased?; 7) If a landlord who rents property potentially asks for an abatement based on the tax policy provision the Governor signed into law in 2023, does the Assessor's Office know whether a property owner is an LCC? Further, does the Assessor's Office know where the principal of the LLC resides or whether there are investors of such an LLC that live in Worcester or elsewhere?; and 8) How many staff currently work on abatements in the Assessor's Office currently? – Item #23j CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 50. – Item #23k CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a prospective draft ordinance within any report from the city that recommends the implementation of a program stemming from the adoption of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 50. – Item #23l CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning efforts to bring additional grocery stores to the city. – Item #23m CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report defining food deserts. – Item #23n CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays

ORDER of Councilor Donna M. Colorio – Request City Manager work with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of providing a bus route that takes residents of Lincoln St. to Market 32, located at 72 Pullman St. – Item #23o CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays

ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager ensure any actions associated with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) installing fencing around railroad crossings and train tracks for public safety include CSX, where applicable. – Item #23p CC Order adopted

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a detailed report outlining the pros and cons of discontinuing the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance. – Item #23q CC Order adopted

RESOLUTION of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – That the City Council does hereby reaffirm its support to preserve residents' right of to petition the City Council using the same process currently in place in the city. – Item #23r CC Resolution denied on a roll call vote of 4 Yeas and 6 Nays

ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager rule out whether or not the city plans to lease out the property located at 51 and 61 Sever St. – Item #23s CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 3 Nays

25. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the August 19, 2025 City Council meeting.

25a.

Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paula Rosenblum et al. request speed hump plan associated with Haviland St. be amended to include three (3) speed humps placed as equal distance to each other as possible.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #9d CC).

25b.

Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the 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: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #8a CC).

25c.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing prior City Council Orders and recommendations relative to trash management in the city.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12j CC).

25d.

Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager review neighborhood concerns and clean/remove a large trash receptacle located in the Canal District.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.6A CM).

25e.

Order of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any State Ethics Commission rulings relative to issues around City Council reaching a quorum when considering topics impacting many City Councilors and whether any exemptions exist around such circumstances.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #12.12C CM).

25f.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing the operational challenges faced by the department relative to transitioning to a new agenda management software, OneMeeting by Granicus, and website. Further, request City Clerk include in said report information relative to any functions lost or gained concerning vital records operations on the city's new website.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14m CC).

25g.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report concerning how much money the city is currently spending on software associated with both the city's agenda management program and the city's website.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14m CC).

25h.

Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager provide City Council provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of adjusting private utility permitting fees in relation to any utility rate changes.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14w CC).

25i.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the legality of imposing retaliatory increases to private utility fees based on increases to resident utility bills.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14w CC).

25j.

Order of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount the city is charging utility companies for utility work being done in the city's streets, as well as the feasibility of increasing said charges to account for additional funds required to fix damage to the city's streets associated with such work.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #14w CC).

25k.

Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the timeline and efforts being made to secure a day center and general public facilities for the city's homeless population.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #15c CC).

25l.

Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager consider requesting non-profits that own real estate in the city to voluntarily contribute back to the city funds they receive regarding Community Preservation Act (CPA) monies.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Nguyen absent) (See Item #15f CC).

