

CITY OF WORCESTER

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:35 P.M.

Adjourned: 10:05 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE COUNCILORS

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



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DISTRICT COUNCILORS

Jenny Pacillo - District 1
Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2
George J. Russell - District 3
Luis A. Ojeda - District 4
Etel Haxhijaj - District 5

CITY CLERK

Nikolin Vangjeli

CITY MANAGER

Eric D. Batista

CITY AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a. Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring May 2024 as Bike Month in the city. Mayor Petty recognized Karen Valentine-Goins, Nathan Lewis, Alex Alcedo, Susan Wickenberry and Dale Wickenberry, who accepted the Proclamation on behalf of WalkBike Worcester.

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 April 2, 2024.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers:

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9q CC and in opposition to items #10.4A CM and #10.38A CM
2. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11b CC
3. Ron Rigotte, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #12f CC
4. Peter Breault, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor not opposed to item #12f CC
5. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11a CC through #11g CC
6. Eric Stratton, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #9q CC
7. Yenni Desroches, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #9q, in favor of items #10.30A CM, #12a CC and #12g CC, and neither in favor nor opposed to item #12f CC

7. HEARING AND ORDER

7a. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: FREMONT ST. and WEBSTER ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: FREMONT ST. and WEBSTER ST.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to open the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

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

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

8. PETITIONS - Part I

8a. Jasmine Tamakloe et al. request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of 10 and 14 Gardner St. from RG-5 to BL-1.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8a CC through #8d CC to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board

8b. Kim Vong request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of 55 Benefit Street from MG-2 to RG-5.

Referred to Planning Board (See Item #8a CC)

8c. Donald J. O'Neil, on behalf of Norcross Development, LLC request acceptance of the extension of Brookline St. as a public way.

Referred to Planning Board (See Item #8a CC)

8d. Joshua Lee Smith, on behalf of Sahil Properties LLC, request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property located at 66 Southgate St. from RG-5 to BL-1.0

Referred to Planning Board (See Item #8a CC)

- 8e. Anacleto Groberio request installation of sewer extension on Milton St. in the vicinity of 26 Milton St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8e CC through #8j CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee
- 8f. Maria Montano request resurfacing of sidewalks on both sides of Freeland St.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8e CC)
- 8g. Aaron Sturges request installation of a catch basin or a form of suitable drainage system to accommodate excessive storm water at 43 Creswell Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8e CC)
- 8h. Petra Kajla request Ararat St. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8e CC)
- 8i. Christian Lewis request Moreland St. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8e CC)
- 8j. Nicole Panagiotou request street resurfacing in front of 5 Lantern Ln.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8e CC)
- 8k. Councilor George J. Russell request installation of speed humps on Boston Ave.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8k CC through #8z CC and #9a CC through #9l CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 8l. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Joseph Gerardi request installation of speed humps on Boston Ave. in the vicinity of 456 Hamilton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8m. Jason Diaz request extension of existing 15 minute parking zone on Hamilton St. to include 98 Hamilton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8n. Jason Diaz request installation of No Parking from Here to Corner signage in front of 100 Hamilton St. at the intersection of Hamilton St. and Fairmont Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8o. Chelsea Hall-Williams et al. request removal of No Parking Passenger Zone signage in front of 1, 3 and 5 Jaques Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8p. Ed English request traffic review at the intersection of Grammont Rd. and Gloucester Rd. to address speeding issues.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8q. Austin and Chloe Brough et al. request traffic study be conducted on Valmor St. for traffic calming solutions.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8r. Kathleen Murray request installation of speed humps on Moore Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)

- 8s. Erin Michelotti request installation of pedestrian signage with lights near 1281 Pleasant St. to connect the bus stops.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8t. Olga Villamil request installation of speed humps on Frank St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8u. Rosalyn Burnett request installation of handicap parking space at 27 Richards St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8v. Kathia Gonzalez request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in the vicinity of the driveway at 9 Blaine Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8w. Kathia Gonzalez request installation of handicap parking space in front of 9 Blaine Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8x. Sandra Miranda request installation of handicap parking space in front of 61 Haven Ln.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8y. Jonathan Rodriguez request installation of speed humps on Vincent Cir.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 8z. Jully Khattar request installation of crosswalk on North Pkwy at the entrance of Burncoat Park (70 North Pkwy).
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)

9. PETITIONS - Part II

- 9a. Jully Khattar request installation of flashing crosswalk signage on North Pkwy at the entrance of Burncoat Park (70 North Pkwy).
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9b. Jully Khattar request installation of stop sign at the intersection of Davidson Rd. and North Pkwy.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9c. Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “No Parking” signage 20’ from all crosswalks at all crosswalks on Freeland St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9d. Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “No Parking” signage 20’ from all crosswalks at all crosswalks on Richards St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9e. Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request improvements be made to pedestrian safety and access at the intersection of Richards St. and Cambridge St. by adding a pedestrian refuge island at the location.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)

- 9f. Lorraine Adams request installation of residential permit parking on Jaques St. from Dale St. to Ethan Allen St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9g. Neydi Reyes request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in front of 56 Beaver St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9h. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of improved “Do Not Block Intersection” signage on Salisbury St. at its intersection with Regent St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9i. John Yanczewski request the traffic signage pole at the intersection of Vernon St. and Richland St. be relocated further down Richland St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9j. Robin Adams request installation of four-way stop sign at the intersection of Burncoat St. and Tyson Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9k. Michael Mante request installation of caution traffic lights at the intersection of Burncoat St., Hartwell St. and Tyson Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9l. Samantha Tunchez request installation of speed humps on Clason Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8k CC)
- 9m. Samantha Tunchez request the closing time for Indian Lake Beach (20 Clason Rd.) be set at dusk.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee
- 9n. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: EMERSON ST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to set hearings for items #9n CC and #9o CC on May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9o. NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC for a jointly-owned pole at: DELMONT AVE.
Hearing set for May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #9n CC)
- 9p. Mary Akotey request the area in the vicinity of 79 Armory St. be inspected to address issues concerning trash disposal and unmarked vehicles.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager
- 9q. Michael Grandone request City Council request taxation associated with the Community Preservation Act (CPA) be stopped until public hearings are held relative to the viability of the tax being discriminatory due to real estate owners being the only ones paying into said tax.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

10. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

10.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the reappointment of Walter Weeks to the Worcester Redevelopment Authority.

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointments of Chris Noonan, Amanda Nye, and Chris Michelotti to the Worcester Arts Council.

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

10.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend the reappointment of Benetta Kuffour and Victor Agudelo Ortiz to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend the appointment of Jamie Dillon to the Community Development Advisory Committee.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- C. Recommend the appointments of James Olaes and Kyle Orr to the Commission for the Preservation of Historic Artifacts, Relics and Military Memorials.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

10.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

10.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Recommend Adoption of a Certified Project and TIF Agreement for David Clark Company.

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

10.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Eric D. Batista, City Manager

10.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION
Division of Human Rights and Accessibility
Victor Perez, Interim Director

10.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Administration Division

Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to pothole repairs and litter issues throughout the City.

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

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

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

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

Councilor Toomey then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of using camera technology on city vehicles to identify locations where potholes need to be filled.” (See Item #26a CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell for a second time, 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, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning whether there has been an increase of the number of claims filed with the city relative to damage from potholes since COVID-19. Further, request City Manager request City Solicitor provide in said report information concerning best practices for filing claim forms. Further, request City Manager provide the link to filing claims on the front page of the city’s website.” (See Item #26b CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the consistency of the city’s under-pavement conditions when paving work is completed. Said report should also include a review of sanders that may be helpful when prepping the road for pavement work.” (See Item #26c CC).

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

- B.** Transmitting informational communication relative to the Granite Street and St. Anthony Street Drainage Issues and Improvements.

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

- C.** Transmitting informational communication relative to FY25 water and sewer rate recommendation.

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

**10.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner**

**10.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Operations Division
Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner**

**10.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Parks Division
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner**

**10.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY
Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner**

**10.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT
Martin Dyer, Fire Chief**

**10.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT
Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief**

**10.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
Charles R. Goodwin, Director**

**10.15 LAW DEPARTMENT
Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor**

**10.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
Administration
Christopher P. Spencer, Commissioner**

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

10.26 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Rachel Monarrez, Superintendent

- A. Recommend adoption of a non-exclusive utility easement for the westerly portion of 150 Harrington Way (North High School) to Crown Castle Fiber LLC.

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

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

10.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

10.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Budget Office Division
Erin E. Taylor, Director

10.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Purchasing Division
Christopher Gagliastro, Director

10.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Timothy J. McGourthy, Acting Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a List of Residential/Mixed-Use Residential Properties in the City of Worcester Owned by Limited Liability Companies (LLCs).

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Haxhiaj.

Councilor Haxhiaj then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how many limited liability companies (LLCs) are connected to blighted properties in the city, including but not limited to any properties that violate the minimum sanitary codes as defined by Mass. General Laws or any properties that violate any city ordinances regarding the minimum code of standards for habitability.” (See Item #26d CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the percentage of rental properties owned by limited liability companies (LLCs).” (See Item #26e CC).

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

Julie A. Lynch, Chief of Public Facilities

10.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

10.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

10.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

10.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to amend, file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$559,300.00) from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs under the Council on Aging Formula Grant program.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #10.35A CM through #10.35H CM, items #10.36A CM through #10.36D CM and items #10.37A CM through #10.37C CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in an amount up to Two Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars And No Cents (\$232,230.00) from the U.S. Department of Energy, under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$70,000.00) from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Massachusetts, to support the Fitness in the Parks program for the years 2024-2026.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Region 7 (UMass Chan) Collection Equity.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four Dollars And Twenty Six Cents (\$34,674.26) from the Department of Fire Services under the FY24 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- F. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Million Ten Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars And No Cents (\$3,010,287.00) from Massachusetts State 911 Department under the FY25 Support & Incentive Grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- G. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$5,000.00) from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency under the FFY23 HSPG-CCP Grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- H. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation of a 2008 Chevrolet Express van with a value of approximately Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$8,500.00) from the Worcester Fire Brigade Pipes & Drums, Inc.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

10.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center Account #CC1020-600100, Inspectional Services Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center Account #CC1020-601100, Inspectional Services Overtime, to provide funding for departmental overtime costs.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- B. Respectfully recommend that Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five Dollars and Twenty Five Cents (\$277,635.25) be transferred from various CDBG accounts to provide sufficient funding for additional contracts for the Affordable Housing Program.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Five Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$500,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1072-610100, City Manager's Contingency, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1044-601100, Fire Overtime, to provide funding for anticipated overtime expenses through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- D. Recommend that One Hundred Eleven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$111,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1004-610100, Economic Development Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1004-699399 Economic Development Capital Outlay, to facilitate the open space land acquisition at 0 Ararat Street, which will be supported by the Commonwealth's Land Grant program.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

10.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Four Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars And Eight Cents (\$437.08) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Center CC1038, Police Department Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$2,583.31) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Public Works & Parks Cost Centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Six Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$6,000.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Center #CC1031, Department of Innovation and Technology Ordinary Maintenance, to provide funding for the payment of a prior year invoice.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.35A CM)

10.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

- A. Recommend the adoption of a Loan Order in the amount of Eighty Six Million Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars and No Cents (\$86,221,444.00) to pay for costs associated with projects and equipment, as approved in the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

10.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #10.39B CM and #10.39C CM.
- Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who provided City Council with a presentation concerning the city's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal.**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to refer the items to Finance Committee. Referred to Finance Committee**
- B. Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget.
Referred to Finance Committee (See Item #10.39A CM)
- C. Recommend adoption of amendments to the Worcester Financial Integrity Plan.
Referred to Finance Committee (See Item #10.39A CM)

11. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 11a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report concerning the current practices used in the city relative to dealing with problem properties.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #11a CC through #11t CC, except items #11d CC through #11f CC. Order adopted
- 11b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning incentive programs available to property owners of multiple dwelling units.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager review the feasibility of providing flexible schedules for individuals to have their housing properties inspected.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services review the feasibility of allowing private companies the ability to complete inspections of rental properties in the city.
- Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #11e CC and #11f CC.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj and Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, and the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj and Councilor King for second times, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nay – Haxhiaj, Nguyen)
- 11e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services allow new infrastructure buildings up to one (1) year to register themselves in the Rental Registry Program and be reviewed.
- Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nay – Haxhiaj, Nguyen) (See Item #11d CC)
- 11f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services consider exempting owner occupied properties with three (3) units or less from the Rental Registry program.
- Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nay – Haxhiaj, Nguyen) (See Item #11d CC)
- 11g. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning amending the Rental Registry Program to ensure property owners are not held responsible for tenants denying access to a rental property. Said language should also include guarantees that landlords cannot coerce tenants into denying access to said rental properties.
- Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11h. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** - Request City Manager establish a plan to ensure menstrual products are secured at each of the Recreation Worcester summer camp sites.
- Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with the list of streets that have been resurfaced and whether the sidewalks were resurfaced at the same time.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager provide City Council with a list of streets that were resurfaced using ARPA funding and whether the sidewalks were resurfaced at the same time.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks work with the city's utility companies to send notice to residents through the ALERT Worcester notification system when construction work occurs in their neighborhood.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report estimating the amount of funding required to resurface the city streets that have been impacted by utility work.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility attend follow up meetings with the city's utility companies in person.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility update pedestrian signage in accordance with the MUTCD at the intersection of Lake Ave. and Bigelow Davis Pkwy.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services inspect the property at 21 Shelby St. to determine whether there are any public safety issues that need to be remedied.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install truck hill advisory signage on Whipple St.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install "Not a Truck Route" advisory signage on Whipple St.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic review of the bottom of Whipple St.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct traffic review for traffic calming methods at the intersection of Moreland St. and Walter St.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11t.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct an online survey relative to the proposed adoption of a statutory speed of 25 mph and the establishment of Safety Zones with 20 mph speed limits.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 11u.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services meet jointly with the Board of Health to receive a presentation by Dr. Brandon Marshall, at its next meeting, relative to overdose prevention centers/safe injection sites.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee

12. ORDERS

- 12a.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the city's on-street handicap parking policies. Said report should include a comparison of how the process is handled in other communities, as well as a status update on existing spaces. (Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted
- 12b.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the city's Speed Hump Program procedure. (Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12c.** Request City Manager reach out to the appropriate representatives from CSX to ensure the company's trains to not idle in the Burncoat neighborhood in the vicinity of the rear entrance to Stop and Shop due to concerns over potential noise and environmental pollution. (Colorio, Pacillo)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12d.** Request City Manager consider reissuing actual resident parking stickers to residents who have paid the fee for said stickers. (Russell)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether the amount of tickets issued for resident permit parking violations has decreased since the process of placing stickers on cars have been removed from the program." (See Item #26f CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12e.** Request Standing Committee on Public Works hold a discussion relative how to best utilize the City Council Office to ensure considerations are given to all City Councilors, their staff and any visiting residents. (Russell)

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

12f. Request City Manager consider amending the Rental Property Registration Program and Periodic Inspection Program ordinances to include similar language used in other communities, such as Boston, including: 1) An exemption of inspections for owner occupied multi-family homes under six (6) units; 2) Allowance of property owners to hire independently licensed inspectors, who provide certified and sworn statements about the property condition (similar to lead paint inspections); and 3) Language to ensure property owners are not held responsible if a tenant denies an inspector access to a unit, including a statement that a landlord is prohibited from encouraging tenant to deny access. (Russell)

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Mayor Petty's motion failed on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 8 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Russell) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Mero-Carlson, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty).

Note: Due to the failed vote to refer the item to Committee and no further action being taken on the item, the item was procedurally placed on file.

- 12g.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how many developments have been subjected to the city's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance since its approval. Said report should include a breakdown of how many units are projected to be created at 60% of Area Median Income (AMI), 80% of AMI, or a combination of both, the number of accessible units, and how many developers have opted for the Payment in Lieu Of option. (Haxhiaj)

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the city's feasibility study regarding the city's Inclusionary Zoning ordinance." (See Item #26g CC).

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used in other communities regarding performing feasibility studies relative to inclusionary zoning." (See Item #26h CC).

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning a projected timeframe for reports brought to City Council concerning inclusionary zoning." (See Item #26i CC).

Mayor Petty spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Development Officer, who responded to question raised by Mayor Petty.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12h.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report that inventories all electric and other motor vehicles, as well as similar equipment such as construction equipment and trucks. Said report should include but not be limited to the year, make and approximate value of each piece of equipment, and should also include leased vehicles, if such vehicles exist. (Russell)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #12h CC through #12k CC collectively.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to amend items #12h CC and #12i CC to make the request of the City Auditor.

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

- 12i.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing all new city vehicles, including trucks and construction vehicles, that have been purchased or leased since 2022, as well as what accounts were/are being used to fund said vehicles. (Russell)

Order adopted as amended (See Item #12h CC)

- 12j. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the advantages and disadvantages of offering staff of some departments reimbursement for mileage if they prefer to use their own vehicles for work. (Russell)

Order adopted (See Item #12h CC)

- 12k. Request City Manager consider placing all surplus equipment and vehicles on a public bid website. (Russell)

Order adopted (See Item #12h CC)

- 12l. Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations review the Rules of the City Council Section titled “Conduct of Council Meetings,” including but not limited to Rules 21, 22 and 35, in an effort to determine whether any amendments to the Rules of City Council would better ensure all speaking portions of City Council meetings are done efficiently and in a procedurally accurate manner. (Colorio)

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

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

Councilor King then moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege – King

- 12m. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a traffic study of Brattle St. at its intersection with Holden St. to determine whether any improvements can be made for traffic flow. (Pacillo)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

13. RESOLUTION

- 13a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby stand in opposition to the proposed cuts to the Massachusetts Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Program, which would adversely impact services for six thousand (6,000) individuals in the Commonwealth. (Ojeda, Mero-Carlson)

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

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

14. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY CLERK

- 14a. Transmitting an information communication listing all streets and sidewalks approved for resurfacing by City Council from 2020 to present, as well as all speed hump installations considered for discussion by the City Council since the inception of the Resolution for a Speed Hump Pilot Program, which occurred on June 6, 2020.

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

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- 15a. Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Appreciating the Value of Commercial Properties: The Significance of Commercial Real Estate."

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

16. REPORTS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 16a. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Mark Donahue request removal of a portion of Powers Ct. from the intersection of Powers Ct. and Brookfield St. to a point approximately 260 ft. southerly towards North St. from the City of Worcester Official Map.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept the item. Accepted

- 16b. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Susan Perkins request Passway One be made public.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #16b CC through #16f CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

- 16c. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Athena Corbin et al. request Crillon Rd. be made public.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #16b CC)

- 16d. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Aitza Rosado request Tracy Pl. be made public.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #16b CC)

- 16e. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Stephen Verdolino request Belcourt Rd. from Plantation St. to Cadorna Rd. be made public.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #16b CC)

- 16f. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Stephen Verdolino request Cadorna Rd. from Belcourt Rd. to Dominion Rd. be made public.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #16b CC)

17. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 17a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Reinventing Worcester: Changes in the community and the economy over the decades through Decennial Census data.": recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #17a CC and #17b CC. Accepted

- 17b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting an informational communication relative to FY23 Worcester Jobs Fund Annual Report: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- 18a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on City Council's request to increase access to free menstrual products: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #18a CC and #18b CC. Accepted

- 18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to an update concerning data and statistics collected relative to the locations of where overdoses associated with opiates are occurring in the City: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #18a CC)

19. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

- 19a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Rebecca Hemenway request installation of new public infrastructure and utilities within public ways (Great Brook Valley Ave., Brookview Dr., Service Rd. and Joseph P. Carlson Way) as part of the Curtis Apartments Redevelopment Project: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to accept the water, sewer, storm drain, street lighting and conduit associated with the street lighting, and denial of the acceptance of the electric vehicle charging stations and conduit associated with the electric vehicle charging stations.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #19a CC through #19c CC. Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- 19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Peter Normandin request water and sewer extension to the last remaining lots on New York St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #19a CC)

- 19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Alfred Scala et al. request a potable supply of water be made available to the property at 425 Salisbury St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to construct approximately 320' of an 8" water main, with cost borne by the developer.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #19a CC)

- 19d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Glenn P. Williams and Heather J. Williams request abatement of street assessment #25693, in the amount of \$13,500.00 for Toronita Ave.: recommend Petition be denied.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, “Request City Manager coordinate with the resident responsible for Street Assessment #25693 to determine any means the city can aid the resident, as an abatement could not be granted due to the time of filing the request.” (See Item 26j CC).
- Mayor Petty moved to accept the item. Accepted**
- 19e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj on behalf of Prince Gyau request installation of streetlights on the existing, wooden poles on El Caney Rd.: recommend Petition be denied.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to amend the recommendation to approve the item.
- Mayor Petty moved to accept the recommendation as amended and adopt the item. Accepted and adopted**
- 20. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING**
- 20a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Yaritza Guerrero request installation of handicap parking space in front of 111 Fairfield St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #20a CC through #20q CC. Accepted
- 20b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Anita Jarvis request installation of a handicap parking space across from 36 Granby Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of a speed hump on Channing St. between Catharine St. and the entrance of Green Hill Park.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Nicole Gulbankian request installation of speed humps on Norfolk St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Stephanie Kingsford request installation of speed humps on Parsons Hill Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)

- 20f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jeffrey Dunn request installation of speed humps on Newton Ave. North.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Samuel Torres et al. request installation of speed humps on Endicott St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Robert Bilotta request installation flashing pedestrian crosswalk signage at the intersection of Lake Ave. and Bigelow Davis Pkwy.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jessica Caron request crosswalk from the end of Quinapoxet Ln. to the northeast/odd-numbered side of Mountain St. East be repainted: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Manuel Orellana and Lisa DeTorra request installation of No Parking Anytime signage on Caroline St. in front of 355 Grafton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Kaska Yawo request removal of No Parking Anytime signage on Eastern Ave. from 51 Gage St. to 39 Eastern Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj on behalf of Marion Giacomelli request installation of at least one (1) stop sign on Moreland St. at its intersection with Walter St. to aid motorists turning left from Walter St. onto Moreland St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Henry Martin et al request installation of stop sign at the intersection of Northboro St. and Pierpont St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)
- 20n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Henry Martin et al. request installation of stop sign at the intersection of Northboro St. and Palfrey St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20a CC)

20o. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jared and Alicia Wicklund request visibility of school zone signage in the vicinity of Roosevelt Elementary School (1006 Grafton St.) on both Grafton St. and Sunderland Rd. be reviewed for improvements, including the feasibility of installation of solar-powered flashing lights or signs: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #20a CC)

20p. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Huma Waqar request installation of flashing school signage in front of Al-Huda Academy (248 Mountain St. East): recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #20a CC)

20q. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Cornelia Coley request installation of a weight restriction/truck ban and/or signage depicting “Not A Truck Route” due to lack of turning radius for said vehicles at the bottom of Whipple St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #20a CC)

21. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION

21a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of an amendment to the Itinerant Musician Ordinance: 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 on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

21b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Whispering Wall at Lincoln Square renovation: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #21b CC through #21d CC. Accepted

21c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting an informational communication relative to a status update of the City of Worcester's current and projected tree planting funding, resources, and priorities: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #21b CC)

21d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Dodge Park Cost Analysis and Master Plan: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #21b CC)

22. TO BE ORDAINED

- 22a. Amending Chapter Nine, Section 1A of the Revised Ordinances Relative to Excessive and Unreasonable Noise.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain the item. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

23. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 23a. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting an informational communication relative to the City of Worcester's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements. (Tabled Under Privilege - King April 2, 2024 and April 9, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning number of years that have elapsed since each of the city's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements were initiated and/or last negotiated." (See Item #26k CC).

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

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

- 23b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Clerk recommend consideration for the negotiation of an employee contract with the City Clerk at the commencement of a new, two (2) year term, upon the review of the City Clerk's performance and goals over the past two (2) years: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance and adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - King April 9, 2024)

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who requested to move the question.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance and adopt the accompanying Order. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance and adopt the accompanying Order on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay – King).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays

- 23c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk recommend an amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Worcester, Part II, Organization of City Agencies relative to the City Clerk's Office and the City Council Office: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - King April 9, 2024)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and adopted

24. TABLED ITEMS

- 24a. ORDER** of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)
No action taken
- 24b. RESOLUTION** of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)
No action taken
- 24c. ORDER** of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)
No action taken
- 24d. CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** - Request City Council work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 24, 2022 and June 7, 2022 and Tabled - Petty June 14, 2022)
No action taken
- 24e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION** Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)
No action taken

- 24f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION**
Upon the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops: recommend Order be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

No action taken

- 24g. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhij and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager** work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhij July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhij August 22, 2023)

No action taken

25. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the April 9, 2024 City Council meeting.

- 25a. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager request City Solicitor** provide City Council with a legal opinion relative to the constitutionality of the city's Rental Property Registration Program. – Item #19a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25b. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhij – Request City Manager request Commissioner of** Inspectional Services provide City Council with an annual report concerning the progress of the Rental Property Registration Program that includes any challenges faced relative to the program. – Item #19b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25c. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhij – Request City Manager provide City Council with a** report concerning the number of limited liability companies (LLC's) that own property in the city. – Item #19c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25d. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner** of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report auditing data around complaints received by the Inspectional Services Department, the percentage of those complaints that have been followed up on, percentages associated with enforcement of violations and any other pertinent information. – Item #19d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 25e.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report concerning how tenant access and tenant rights are addressed in Boston’s Rental Property Registration Program. – Item #19e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25f.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – That the City Council of the City of Worcester review documentation and tools provided by the National League of Cities when determining how to review the City Manager. – Item #19f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25g.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion as to whether any legal requirements exist relative to the format in which City Councilors submit their evaluations of the City Manager. – Item #19g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report relative to the effectiveness of license plate readers, as well as whether any privacy concerns exist with them. – Item #19h CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25i.** ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report, at its next meeting, detailing a list of all streets and sidewalks approved for resurfacing by City Council from 2020 to present, as well as all speed hump installations considered for discussion by the City Council since the inception of the Resolution for a Speed Hump Pilot Program, which occurred on June 6, 2020. – Item #19i CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25j.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – In light of conversations around school building costs and timelines associated with the city’s upcoming budget, request City Manager review the city’s financial planning structure (Five (5) Point Plan) to ensure the financial needs associated with building new schools and renovating existing schools are reflected in said financial plan. – Item #19j CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

26. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the May 7, 2024 City Council meeting.

- 26a.** Motion Toomey @ #10.7A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of using camera technology on city vehicles to identify locations where potholes need to be filled.

Order adopted (See Item #10.7A CM)

26b. Motion King @ #10.7A CM - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning whether there has been an increase of the number of claims filed with the city relative to damage from potholes since COVID-19. Further, request City Manager request City Solicitor provide in said report information concerning best practices for filing claim forms. Further, request City Manager provide the link to filing claims on the front page of the city's website.

Order adopted (See Item #10.7A CM)

26c. Motion Toomey @ #10.7A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the consistency of the city's under-pavement conditions when paving work is completed. Said report should also include a review of sanders that may be helpful when prepping the road for pavement work.

Order adopted (See Item # 10.7A CM)

26d. Motion Haxhijaj @ #10.30A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how many limited liability companies (LLCs) are connected to blighted properties in the city, including but not limited to any properties that violate the minimum sanitary codes as defined by Mass. General Laws or any properties that violate any city ordinances regarding the minimum code of standards for habitability.

Order adopted (See Item #10.30A CM)

26e. Motion King @ #10.30A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the percentage of rental properties owned by limited liability companies (LLCs).

Order adopted (See Item #10.30A CM)

26f. Motion Russell @ #12d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether the number of tickets issued for resident permit parking violations has decreased since the process of placing stickers on cars have been removed from the program.

Order adopted (See Item #12d CC)

26g. Motion King @ #12g CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the city's feasibility study regarding the city's Inclusionary Zoning ordinance.

Order adopted (See Item #12g CC)

26h. Motion King @ #12g CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used in other communities regarding performing feasibility studies relative to inclusionary zoning.

Order adopted (See Item #12g CC)

26i. Motion King @ #12g CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning a projected timeframe for reports brought to City Council concerning inclusionary zoning.

Order adopted (See Item #12g CC)

- 26j.** Motion Russell @ #19d CC – Request City Manager coordinate with the resident responsible for Street Assessment #25693 to determine any means the city can aid the resident, as an abatement could not be granted due to the time of filing the request.

Order adopted (See Item #19d CC)

- 26k.** Motion King @ #23a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning number of years that have elapsed since each of the city's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements were initiated and/or last negotiated.

Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)