

**CITY OF WORCESTER**  
**JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**  
**Esther Howland (South) Chamber**  
**Convened: 6:31 P.M.**  
**Adjourned: 10:27 P.M.**

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**MAYOR**

Joseph M. Petty

**AT-LARGE COUNCILORS**

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



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**DISTRICT COUNCILORS**

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

**CITY CLERK**

**Nikolin Vangjeli**

**CITY MANAGER**

**Eric D. Batista**

**CITY AUDITOR**

**Robert V. Stearns**

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

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

**4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

- 4a.** MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Chasity and Zella Nunez, a mother and daughter who passed away tragically on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the ages of 27 and 5, as well as Lorraine M. Laurie, who passed away on March 6, 2024 at the age of 73.

## **5. ELECTION - CITY CLERK - TWO YEAR TERM**

- 5a.** ELECTION - To elect Nikolin Vangjeli to a two-year-term as City Clerk.

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.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager request Chief Human Resources Officer provide City Council with a rubric to be used when evaluating the City Clerk." - Not Put.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to nominate Nikolin Vangjeli to a two-year term as City Clerk. Nikolin Vangjeli elected on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

## **6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- 6a.** Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 6, 2024.

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

## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #10dd CC and spoke in favor of item #13f CC and #13l CC
2. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #13j CC
3. Evan Corrigan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10h CC, #10y CC and #10z CC
4. Terry Cherry, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #13j CC
5. Feanna Jattan-Singh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #13j CC, #10dd CC and #10y CC
6. George Wood, Paxton resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #13f CC and #13l CC
7. Silas Sanderson, Auburn resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #13j CC
8. Richard E., Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #13j CC
9. Amanda Shearstone, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10y CC
10. Samantha Olney, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10dd CC
11. Noah (No last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10dd CC
12. Tom Trenton, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed
13. Kelly Turner, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10dd CC
14. Andrew Marsh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10d CC, #10t CC and #10dd CC, and spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #13f CC
15. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10dd CC
16. Samanthi Waidyarachchi, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10a CC
17. Timothy Corbette, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10m CC
18. Rory K., Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10dd CC
19. Nicholas Stafford, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10dd CC
20. Francis Lafleur, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of items #13f CC and #13l CC
21. Terry Kelly, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to #13j CC, spoke in favor of items #10y CC and #10dd CC
22. Tracy Novick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10t CC
23. Paul Matthews, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15a CC
24. Kevin Seifer, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10m CC
25. Eric Stratton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10t CC, #10m CC, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #13f CC and #13l CC
26. Karen Valentin-Goins, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #13f CC and #13l CC
27. Amy Tisdale, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13m CC
28. Oliver Chadwick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10t CC, #10dd CC and #13f CC, spoke in opposition to item #13l CC
29. Chris Robarge, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10t CC and #10dd CC
30. Mark Vanderwerf, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10t CC and #10m CC
31. Robert Bilotta, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #18g CC and item #11.4C CM

32. Nahani Meuse, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to #10cc CC and spoke in favor of item #10dd CC

## 8. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

- 8a. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC for a jointly-owned pole location on: BURNCOAT ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC for a jointly-owned pole location on: BURNCOAT ST.

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

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

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

- 8b. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: HUNTINGTON AVE.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: HUNTINGTON AVE.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.**

**Tabled Under Privilege - Petty**

## 9. FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS - Biannual Economic Development Report - See Items #11.4A CM through #11.4D CM

## 10. PETITIONS

- 10a. Athena Corbin et al. request Crillon Rd. be made public.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #10a CC through #10d CC to the Planning Board. Referred to the Planning Board**

- 10b. Stephen Verdolino request Belcourt Rd. from Plantation St. to Cadorna Rd. be made public.

**Referred to Planning Board (See Item #10a CC)**

- 10c. Stephen Verdolino request Cadorna Rd. from Belcourt Rd. to Dominion Rd. be made public.

**Referred to Planning Board (See Item #10a CC)**

- 10d. Aitza Rosado request Tracy Pl. be made public.

**Referred to Planning Board (See Item #10a CC)**

- 10e.** Roy John Moore III request sidewalk resurfacing in the vicinity of 10 Berkshire St.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #10e CC through #10g CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee**
- 10f.** Cheryl Laporte request sidewalk resurfacing on Park Terrace Rd.  
**Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #10e CC)**
- 10g.** Cheryl Laporte request street resurfacing on Park Terrace Rd.  
**Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #10e CC)**
- 10h.** Evan Corrigan request installation of a lit pylon for the Burncoat neighborhood at the "Triangle."  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #10h CC through #10v CC, minus #10t CC, to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee**
- 10i.** Councilor George J. Russell request the establishment of a permanent, Zone A parking ban on both sides of Vernon St. between Winthrop St and Upsala St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10j.** Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of a speed hump on Channing St. between Catharine St. and the entrance of Green Hill Park.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10k.** Oscar Tavaréz request removal of handicap parking space in front of 57 Cutler St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10l.** Paola Gutierrez request installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Sagamore Rd. and Grove St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10m.** Kevin Seifert request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Newton Ave North and Salisbury St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10n.** Anita Jarvis request installation of handicap parking space across from 36 Granby Rd.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10o.** Doug Clark request installation of handicap parking space in the vicinity of 8 Ashmont Ave.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10p.** Nicole Gulbankian request "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at 64 Norfolk St. be replaced with "No Parking - Tow Zone" sign.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10q.** Nicole Gulbankian request installation of speed humps on Norfolk St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10r.** Alfred Gendron request the handicap parking sign in front of 23 Delawanda Dr. be replaced with a handicap access ramp sign.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**

- 10s.** Wanda Cedeno request installation of handicap parking space in the vicinity of the front side of 90 Ward St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10t.** Tracy A. Novick et al. request City Council request City Manager advocate to the Legislative delegation to restore at least once a day in each direction service of a Worcester express train to the spring MBTA Commuter Rail schedule.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Public Service and Transportation Committee. Referred to Public Service and Transportation Committee**
- 10u.** Stephanie Kingsford request installation of speed humps on Parsons Hill Dr.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10v.** Roxas Joshua Angell-Clune request installation of two (2) or three (3) handicap parking spaces in the vicinity of 18 and 20 East Worcester St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #10h CC)**
- 10w.** Nicholas Argento request installation of a "Veteran Square" memorial for U.S. Army Private John D. Kelleher at the intersection of Hartshorn St. and June St. or at the intersection of Hartshorn St. and Manor St.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee**
- 10x.** Aislinn Doyle request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the library services currently available to elementary school students, as well as how the city may be able to increase access to library services for schools that do not have libraries or librarians.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who spoke concerning the item.**  
  
**Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to the Superintendent of Public Schools. Referred to the Superintendent of Public Schools**
- 10y.** Evan Corrigan request the creation of a permitting process to allow for resident to have chicken hens.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.**  
  
**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing actions taken pertaining to allowing residents to own chickens." (See Item #25a CC).**  
  
**Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee**
- 10z.** Evan Corrigan request creating a permitting process for residents living in suitable areas to be able to have and use outdoor fire pits for recreational purposes, including those outside of the currently allowed cooking.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file**

**10aa.** Gordon T. Davis request City Council advertise joint meetings of the City Council with the School Committee, as well as the Mayor's meeting with the School and City Council Education Committee, on the city's website. Further, request clarification be given regarding whether said meetings are open meetings where the public can participate.

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

**10bb.** Ben Parker et al. request approval of funding to perform private street repairs not to exceed \$6.00 per linear foot on Rydberg Terrace.

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

**Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager**

**10cc.** Michael Grandone request City Council request City Manager institute/adopt an identification process for all homeless individuals in the city to identify which individuals are and were city residents.

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

**10dd.** Samantha Olney request City Council request City Manager create a sanctioned area for unhoused individuals to camp safely, free from prejudice and prosecution.

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

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

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

**Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the pros and cons of having a sanctioned area in the city for the purpose of allowing unhoused individuals to camp." – Not Put.**

**Councilor King then moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. – Not Put.**

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

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**11.1 APPOINTMENTS**  
**Non-City Council Confirmation**

**11.2 APPOINTMENTS**  
**City Council Confirmation**

- A. Recommend the appointment of Tina Zlody and the reappointments of Rachel Brown and Carol Stovall to the Citizen Advisory Council.

**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**

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

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Senior Tax Abatement Volunteer Program.

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

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

- B. Recommend adoption of Amendment of Salary Ordinance - Local 170 Teamsters (DPW Clerks)

**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 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

**11.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer**

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to an Update on Economic Development Initiatives.

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to Housing & Neighborhood Activities.

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

**Tabled Under Privilege - King**

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Semi-annual Tax Increment Financing / Tax Increment Exemption Report for the period ending December 31, 2023.

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

D. Transmitting informational communication relative to FY23 Worcester Jobs Fund Annual Report.

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

E. Recommend adoption of an Order Regarding the Disposition of Real Property at 23 Preston Street.

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

**11.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**  
**Eric D. Batista, City Manager**

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

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

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a report on the utility company pavement guarantees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**11.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Martin Dyer, Fire Chief**

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2023 Worcester Fire Department Annual Report.

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

**11.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

**11.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

**Charles R. Goodwin, Director**

**11.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**

**Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor**

- A. Recommend adoption of an amendment to the Itinerant Musician Ordinance.

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

**11.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Administration**

**Christopher P. Spencer, Commissioner**

**11.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Building and Zoning Division**

**David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner**

**11.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Housing and Health Inspections Division**

**Lee R. Hall, Director**

**11.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration**

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

**11.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Division of Public Health**

**Soloe M. Dennis, MS, MEP, Director**

**11.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Division of Elder Affairs**

**Amy Vogel Waters, Director**

**11.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Division of Veterans Services**  
**Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director**

**11.23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Division of Youth Services**  
**Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director**

**11.24 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Jason L. Homer, Executive Director**

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the services provided to and needs of the vulnerable population at the Worcester Public Library.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Executive Director of the Public Library, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Colorio.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Executive Director of the Public Library, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Education Committee and Public Safety Committee. Referred to Education Committee and Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved for reconsideration on the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays.

**11.25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**  
**Election Commission Division**  
**Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk**

**11.26 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**Rachel Monarrez, Superintendent**

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

**11.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Budget Office Division**

**Erin E. Taylor, Director**

**11.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Purchasing Division**

**Christopher Gagliastro, Director**

**11.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Treasury and Collections Division**

**Timothy J. McGourthy, Acting Treasurer and Collector of Taxes**

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 financial update, as of January 31, 2024.

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

**11.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Julie A. Lynch, Chief of Public Facilities**

**11.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE**

**John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer**

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a status update for the Green Worcester ElectriCITY aggregation program.

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

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

**11.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer**

- A. Recommend adoption of an order to authorize the City of Worcester to enter into a four (4) year contract with Xerox Corporation to support continued operation of City-wide multi-function devices.

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

**11.34 FINANCE ITEMS**

**Capital Transfers**

## 11.35 FINANCE ITEMS

### Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$84,500.00) through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (MassDEP) under their Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP).  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #11.35A CM through #11.35N CM, 11.36A CM through #11.36F CM and #11.37A CM through #11.37B CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent)**
- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Dollars And No Cents (\$1,000,000.00) from the Commonwealth Corporation 2024-2025 YouthWorks program cycle.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend grant funding in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Two Dollars And Seventy One Cents (\$369,382.71) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Public Health Excellence Grant program, to support shared services.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars And Twenty Cents (\$45,187.20) from the MA Probation Services to support the Pre-Arrest Diversion Program.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$74,438.13) from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP program.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- F. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$40,000.00) from the MassMEP Program Support program.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- G.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$3,500,000.00) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Grant program.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- H.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Million Two Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One Dollars And No Cents (\$3,276,771.00) from Massachusetts State 911 Department under the FY25 Development Grant program.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- I.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$200.00) from the Retired Friend's Club of Greendale, Inc., for the Worcester Fire Department's Public Education Unit.  
**Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- J.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Fifty Dollars And No Cents (\$50.00) for the Worcester Fire Department, from Kenneth and Elizabeth Fleming.  
**Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- K.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) from Middlesex Savings Bank, to support the Worcester Police Department.  
**Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**
- L.** Resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$25,000.00) from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), Survey and Planning Grant Program.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- M. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Eight Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars And No Cents (\$87,450.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, MassTrails Program.

**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- N. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of One Hundred Forty Six Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars And No Cents (\$146,319.00) from Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Community Compact Cabinet IT Grant Program.

**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

## **11.36 FINANCE ITEMS**

### **Operational Transfers**

- A. Recommend that Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$750,000.00) be transferred from and to various parking accounts to provide operating funding for the Off-Street and On-Street Parking Programs through the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2024.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- B. Recommend that Five Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$563,300.00) be transferred from Fund #FD314, Reserve for Appropriation Premium on Loans, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1062, Treasury Ordinary Maintenance, to fund the costs associated with the issuance of the \$148,950,000.00 bond dated February 8, 2024.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- C. Recommend that Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars And Sixty Five Cents (\$20,758.65) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1044-699399, Fire Capital Outlay, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1044-610100, Fire Ordinary Maintenance, to fund the purchase of recruit supplies and building repairs.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- D. Recommend that Five Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Dollars And Forty Nine Cents (\$563,465.49) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1072-610100, City Manager's Contingency Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to various Fire Department accounts to provide funding for anticipated overtime and vehicle repairs.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- E. Recommend that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$200,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1025-600100, Sewer Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1025-601100, Sewer Overtime, to cover anticipated expenditures through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- F. Recommend that Five Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$500,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1055-600100, DPW Street Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1057-610100, DPW Fleet Ordinary Maintenance, to cover anticipated expenditures through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

## **11.37 FINANCE ITEMS**

### **Prior Year**

- A. Recommend that Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars And Twenty Eight Cents (\$66,910.28) be authorized from Cost Center #CC1037 and #CC1012, Human Resources Ordinary Maintenance, to provide funding for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

- B. Recommend that One Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$146.85) 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #11.35A CM)**

## **11.38 FINANCE**

### **Loan Orders**

## 11.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Recommend Adoption of an Order Transferring Jurisdiction of Four Parcels on Sunderland Road

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

## 12. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 12a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how the city can ensure Chapter 74-approved vocational technical education programs are best utilized in building projects throughout the city.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #12a CC through #12k CC. Order adopted**
- 12b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of using ARPA funds to ensure families are able to afford internet access in lieu of the expiring Affordable Connectivity Program.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**
- 12c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** - Request City Manager request Director of Public Health provide City Council with a comprehensive update relative to the results of the evaluation from the REACH Program, specifically concerning best practices used and challenges identified within the program.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**
- 12d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** - Request City Manager request Director of Public Health work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to build relationships with the Worcester Public Schools relative to health initiatives in the city.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**
- 12e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services work with the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance to provide City Council with a presentation concerning the most recent information relative to chronically homeless and unsheltered individuals, including information about understanding the gap between permanent supportive housing and the number of homeless people in the city.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**
- 12f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning whether there is a need for a permanent winter parking ban ordinance or whether suitable alternatives exist.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**

- 12g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility create a Master Plan for Salisbury St. that would improve pedestrian accommodations.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**
- 12h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Lynnwood Ln.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**
- 12i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Birchwood Rd.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**
- 12j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Lynnwood Ln. and Dick Dr.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**
- 12k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Toronita Ave. and Barrett Ave.  
**Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)**

### **13. ORDERS**

- 13a.** Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer review the feasibility of pursuing a What Works Cities Certification, which aims to ensure cities' data is used to inform policy decisions, allocate funding, equitably improve services, evaluate the effectiveness of programs, and engage with residents. Further, request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report detailing how the city's existing Open Data Portal may be of benefit when applying for said certification. (Pacillo)

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

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report defining a "What Works" City. (See Item #25b CC).**

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13b.** Request Standing Committee on Public Works hold a public discussion relative to the leak on a sewer force main that was discovered in the vicinity of 65 Lake Ave. on February 20, 2024 that resulted in an estimated 193,000 gallons of wastewater entering Lake Quinsigamond through the city's storm drainage system. (Mero-Carlson)

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

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

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

- 13c.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the existing crosswalks in the vicinity of the intersection of North St. and Grove St. (Mero-Carlson)

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

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13d.** Request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools and any other appropriate departments to put together an orientation package for refugees and immigrants that includes pertinent information regarding fire safety, personal safety, health and nutrition resources, explanations of expectations and requirements for parents of children, information for seniors and any other information that would be relevant to ensure safety and quality of life. (Toomey)

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

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13e.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning what process businesses need to follow in order to sell tobacco products, how many licenses are currently granted in the city for selling tobacco products, and what the maximum is for the number of businesses in the city that can be allowed to sell tobacco products. (Mero-Carlson)

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

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the number of accidents that have occurred on Mill St. since its reconfiguration, as well as the impact the reconfiguration has had on the street's safety. (Colorio)

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

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

**Mayor Petty moved to amend the item: "Further, request City Manager include in said report a comparison of the accidents at the same location a year prior to the new configuration."**

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

- 13g.** Request City Manager work with any appropriate State and local stakeholders to review potential improvements that can be made relative to improving walkability and beatification of the walking bridge on Cambridge St. Said improvements should include the installation of a plaque signifying the neighborhood's historical significance. (Ojeda)

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

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

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic review of Cambridge St. at its intersection Richard St., as well as its intersection with Fremont St. and Canterbury St., for the purpose of providing recommendations for improving traffic flow at said locations. Said review should also include determining the appropriateness of installing additional lighting to aid motorists and pedestrians. (Ojeda)

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

**Mayor Petty moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.**

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13i.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report reviewing the process the city uses following natural disasters occurring at properties in the city for the purpose of improving upon and/or creating additional infrastructure to ensure tenants are appropriately taken care of when dealing with landlords of said properties, as well as insurance agencies. Said review should include the feasibility of creating a team of housing and legal experts to aid residents through such a situation. (Ojeda)

**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda and 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 and Councilor King for second times, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13j.** Request City Manager request Interim Police Chief provide City Council with a report explaining how both internal and external training for patrolmen and officers is conducted. (Toomey)

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

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13k.** Request City Manager and Mayor organize for the Irish Flag to be raised from March 15, 2024 through March 18, 2024, in honor of Irish American Heritage Month. (Toomey)

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

**Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

- 13l. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility consider pausing the elimination of travel lanes on public streets as a traffic calming measure by the creation of on-street parking spaces in their place, such as on Mill Street, while the safety and best practices of creating same are fully evaluated over this coming calendar year. (Bergman, Toomey)

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

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

Councilor Russell then moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning timeframes associated with traffic studies to be completed relative to the Mill St. reconfiguration.” (See Item #25c CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell for a second time, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of fatal accidents occurring in the city associated with motor vehicles and pedestrians that includes the cause for said fatalities.” (See Item #25d CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning federal dollars allocated with traffic study work sessions, including information relative to how much money is committed, how much is being spent on city activities and outreaches in the community, and if those monies are only earmarked for studies or if there are monies that can be allocated to the actual construction of making streets safer.” (See Item #25e CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, Nguyen) (Toomey absent)

- 13m.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report recommending speed calming measures and traffic signage improvements at the intersection of Bullard Ave., Wayside Rd. and White Ave. (Pacillo)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**
- 13n.** Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks install “No Smoking” signage at Bancroft Tower. (Pacillo)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Colorio, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**
- 13o.** Request City Manager work with representatives from the city’s utility companies to improve upon the process for notifying residents and/or business owners relative to the companies’ construction timelines. (Pacillo)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**
- 13p.** Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks begin the process to rename the Crompton Neighborhood Center in honor of Lorraine M. Laurie. (Petty, Russell, Ojeda)  
**Vice Chairman Councilor King read the item and recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Vice Chairman Councilor King moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.**
- Vice Chairman Councilor King recognized Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, Councilor Russell, and Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

**13q.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning why the city's online vendor check register is no longer available on the city's website. (Petty)

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

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

Vice Chairman Councilor King recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with access to the city's vendor check register, review the feasibility of providing that information on a designated computer, and explore best practices from other communities when providing such information." (See Item #25f CC).

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

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

Vice Chairman Councilor King moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

## **14. RESOLUTIONS**

**14a.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support and recognize March of 2024 as Women's History Month in the city of Worcester and that the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby call upon its public officials, community members and residents to observe in the celebration of Women's History Month by participating in the various happenings that honor the many achievements of women throughout history. (Mero-Carlson, Petty)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, Councilor Pacillo, Councilor King, Councilor Toomey, Councilor Ojeda, Councilor Bergman, Councilor Russell, and Councilor Haxhiaj, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager review ways in which the city can record and highlight women's history in the city." (See Item #25g 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. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio absent)

**14b.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support House Bill No. 2356, An Act relative to problem properties and enhancing fire safety, filed by State Representatives David LeBoeuf and Patricia Duffy. (Ojeda)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey

- 14c.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support and recognize March of 2024 as Irish American Heritage Month in the city of Worcester. (Toomey)

**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. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 14d.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby call upon the State Legislature to fully enforce and enact any additional required legislation to ensure full sentencing be mandatory for the illegal possession of firearms. (Toomey)

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

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.**

**Tabled Under Privilege – King**

## **15. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15a.** Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Building the Future: Investing in Worcester Public Schools Facilities," and the online visualization, "Understanding Your Neighborhood Schools."

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Education Committee. Referred to Education Committee**

## **16. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY CLERK**

- 16a.** 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.

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

## **17. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

- 17a.** REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Mark Borenstein, Esq. request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property located at and known as 342 West Boylston St. from the current zoning designation of Business, Limited (BL-1.0) to Business, Limited (BL-1.0) and Commercial Corridors Overlay District - Elsewhere (CCOD-E) by establishing the Commercial Corridors Overlay District - Elsewhere (CCOD-E) at the property.

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

## 18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 18a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Amended Petition of Frank Zitomersky request the Zoning Map be amended to change the zoning at 9 Castle St., 5 & 7 Castle St., 4 Castle St., 6 Castle St. and 8 Castle St. from BG-3 to RG-5 and to remove the same properties from the Commercial Corridors Overlay District (CCOD-E): recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinances associated with items #18a CC through #18e CC. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinances on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent)**
- 18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Jonathan Finkelstein, on behalf of Michael O'Rourke, Principal of S&O Realty LLC, request City Council amend Zoning Map by changing the zoning district designation for the property at 12 Jackson St. from MG-2.0 to RG-5.0: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.  
**Voted to advertise proposed Ordinances on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #18a CC)**
- 18c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Amended Petition of Brendan Gove and John D. Barry request to amend the city's zoning map by extending the BG-3.0 zoning district and the CCOD-E to wholly encompass the property at 0 Grafton St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.  
**Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #18a CC)**
- 18d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of a proposed zoning map amendment that would extend the Residential, General - 5.0 (RG-5) zoning district to wholly encompass the property located at 104 Armory Street: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.  
**Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #18a CC)**
- 18e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Meletios D. Chacharone request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning destination of the properties located at 440, 454 & 474 Grove St. from RL-7 and BG-3.0 to BG-3.0: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.  
**Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #18a CC)**

**18f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend designation of an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Program Zone and Approval of a UCH-TIF Plan for 16 and 52 Great Brook Valley Avenue: recommend adoption of the two (2) accompanying Resolutions.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt items #18f CC and #18g CC. Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent)**

**18g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Housing Development Certified Project Application/Tax Increment Exemption Plan for One Chestnut Place at 22 Elm Street: recommend adoption of the accompanying Resolution.

**Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhij absent) (See Item #18f CC)**

**18h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on Economic Development Initiatives: recommend Communication be placed on file.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #18h CC and #18i CC. Accepted**

**18i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on housing and neighborhood development: recommend Communication be placed on file.

**Accepted (See Item #18h 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 transmitting informational communication relative to a report of all grant funds and associated activities at the Division of Public Health: recommend Communication be placed on file.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #19a CC through #19c CC. Accepted**

**19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the different types of homelessness experienced by individuals in the City of Worcester: recommend Communication be placed on file.

**Accepted (See Item #19a CC)**

**19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Fitness Court in Main South: recommend Communication be placed on file.

**Accepted (See Item #19a CC)**

## 20. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 20a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Thomas Card request installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage on both side of Amanola Ave. where the road intersects with Plantation St. to allow for increased visibility for motorists to safely turn onto Plantation St.: 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 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 20b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Gregory Wong request installation of flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights on Sunderland Rd. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Street School: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt items #20b CC and #20c CC. Accepted and adopted**
- 20c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Daniel Green et al. request installation of crosswalk and flashing crosswalk signs on Suffolk St. south of 24 Suffolk St. between the parking lots associated with the business at 360 Franklin St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.  
**Accepted and adopted (See Item #20b CC)**
- 20d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Felix Osafo and Corinne Karanja request installation of additional handicap parking signage at existing handicap parking space on Leon St. opposite of 18 Plantation St. to provide further clarification that there are two (2) handicap parking spaces on the street: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #20d CC through #20p CC. Accepted**
- 20e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Ashley Seymour request removal of handicap parking space in front of 45 Waverly St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Patrick Foley request installation of speed humps on Revere St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.**  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC).**
- 20g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Amanda Gorman et al. request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of the intersection of Ridgewood Rd. and Ararat St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**

- 20h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yixuan Wang request installation of crosswalk on Salisbury St. between Flower Hill Dr. and Old English Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Delma Betancourt request installation of No Parking Within 5 Feet of Driveway signage at 35 Shelby St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joanne Troiano et al. request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on Short St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Lynnwood Ln.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Birchwood Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Lynnwood Ln. and Dick Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Toronita Ave. and Barrett Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Hannah Jacobs request installation of traffic signal in front of 360 Franklin St., in the vicinity of the intersection of Norfolk St., Suffolk St. and Franklin St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**
- 20p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Yanczewski request installation of residential permit parking on Richland St. in the vicinity of the intersection of Richland St. and Ward St.: recommend Petitioner be given leave to withdraw.  
**Accepted (See Item #20d CC)**

## 21. TO BE ORDAINED

- 21a. Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Bay State Road at Hillsboro Road.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #21a CC through #21e CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 21b. Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for Stop Signs on Beacon Street at Oread Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)**
- 21c. Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Myrna Road at Miscoe Road.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)**
- 21d. Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for Stop Signs on Barry Road, Barry Road Extension and Toronita Avenue.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)**
- 21e. Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For Stop Signs On Moreland Street At Brigham Road And Carter Road.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)**

## 22. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 22a. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a pole location on: MILTON ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a pole location on: MILTON ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Petty February 6, 2024 and February 13, 2024)

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to grant the petitioner leave to withdraw.**

**Leave to withdraw**

- 22b. PETITION of Kathryn Hagan request street resurfacing between 277 and 281 Moreland St. (Tabled Under Privilege - King February 13, 2024)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager**
- 22c. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a review of pothole damage on Moreland St., in order to determine areas for immediate repair. (Tabled Under Privilege - King February 13, 2024)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

## 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)

**No action taken**

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

**No action taken**

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

- 23d.** 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**

- 23e.** 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**

- 23f. 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**

- 23g. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager** work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhijaj August 22, 2023)

**No action taken**

- 23h. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST.**

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj October 17, 2023 and October 24, 2023 and Tabled - Petty November 14, 2023)

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to take the item off the Table. Taken off the Table on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.**

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

## **24. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the February 13, 2024 City Council meeting.**

- 24a. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council** with information outlining the benefits that neighboring communities receive from Discover Central Massachusetts, as well as what funds said neighboring communities contribute to Discover Central Massachusetts' budget. – Item #20a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 24b.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to provide City Council with the list of approved streets and sidewalks to select for funding in future construction projects. – Item #20b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

**25. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the March 12, 2024 City Council meeting.**

- 25a.** Motion King @ #10y CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing actions taken pertaining to allowing residents to own chickens.

**Order adopted (See Item #10y CC)**

- 25b.** Motion King @ #13a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report defining a “What Works” City.

**Order adopted (See Item #13a CC)**

- 25c.** Motion King @ #13l CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning timeframes associated with traffic studies to be completed relative to the Mill St. reconfiguration.

**Order adopted (See Item #13l CC)**

- 25d.** Motion Russell @ #13l CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of fatal accidents occurring in the city associated with motor vehicles and pedestrians that includes the cause for said fatalities.

**Order adopted (See Item #13l CC)**

- 25e.** Motion Russell @ #13l CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning federal dollars allocated with traffic study work sessions, including information relative to how much money is committed, how much is being spent on city activities and outreaches in the community, and if those monies are only earmarked for studies or if there are monies that can be allocated to the actual construction of making streets safer.

**Order adopted (See Item #13l CC)**

- 25f.** Motion Russell @ #13q CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with access to the city’s vendor check register, review the feasibility of providing that information on a designated computer, and explore best practices from other communities when providing such information.

**Order adopted (See Item #13q CC)**

- 25g.** Motion King @ #14a CC – Request City Manager review ways in which the city can record and highlight women’s history in the city.

**Order adopted (See Item #14a CC)**