

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:36 P.M.
Adjourned: 10:14 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

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



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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

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 March 12, 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 #10b CC and #10m CC, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #10d CC
2. Janet Davis, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
3. Evan Corrigan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7b CC through #7e CC, #7s CC, #10a CC, #10e CC, #10f CC and #10g CC
4. Ron Rajan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #10d CC
5. Colin Novick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7s CC
6. Janice DiStefano, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #8j CC, #8k CC, #8o CC, #8t CC through #8v CC, #14p CC and #14q CC
7. Geoffrey Killebrew, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
8. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8a CC, #8d CC, #9i cc, #9j CC and #10a CC; spoke in opposition to items #12a CC, #12b CC and #17a CC, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #10d CC
9. Sue Mailman, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17b CC, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
10. Katie Silverstein, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10k CC and #10o CC
11. Lena Jensen, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10k CC and #10o CC
12. Gayle Anderson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7n CC
13. Feanna Jattan-Singh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9j CC, #15e CC and #15v CC; spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
14. Lucas Rivera, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7s CC
15. Clare Tang, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7s CC and #10a CC
16. Margot Barnett, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC, spoke in favor of item #7s CC and #9j CC
17. Fred Taylor, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC, spoke in favor of item #17b CC
18. Jennifer Gaskin, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
19. Ruth Fay Rodriguez, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
20. Lorenzo Atwood, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7i CC
21. Joseph Johnson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7j CC
22. Casey Burns, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
23. Noah (No last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17 CC and spoke in favor of item #9j CC
24. Maritza Cruz, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #15m CC
25. Celia Blue, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
26. Liz Leidell, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
27. Letisha Amuwo, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC
28. Nelly Medina, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC and spoke in favor of item #9j CC
29. Liza F., Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a and spoke in favor of item #9j CC

30. Rose Rico, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #17a CC and spoke in favor of item #9j CC

7. PETITIONS

- 7a. Evan Corrigan request replanting of trees on the public strip in front of 27, 29, and 36 Arbutus Rd.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7a CC through #7c CC to the Department of Public Works and Parks. Referred to the Department of Public Works and Parks
- 7b. Evan Corrigan request replanting of trees in front of 30 and 36 Huntington Ave.
Referred to the Department of Public Works and Parks (See Item #7a CC)
- 7c. Evan Corrigan request low-maintenance landscaping be done at 11 Proctor St.
Referred to the Department of Public Works and Parks (See Item #7a CC)
- 7d. Evan Corrigan request installation of sidewalk on the eastbound side of Mountain St. East from the Summit to The Fairways with planting of new trees on said sidewalk.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7d CC through #7h CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee
- 7e. Evan Corrigan request resurfacing of the public portion of Hastings Ave.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7f. Harry Avery request drain line extension from Onset St. to 15 Waban Ave. through Porter St.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7g. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of William Hinson request Jennings St. from Commonwealth Ave. to Orton St. be repaved.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7h. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request sidewalk resurfacing on both sides of King Philip Rd. between 170 King Philip Rd. and 41 Hillcroft Ave.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7i. Lorenzo Atwood request Millbrook St. be reviewed for traffic calming solutions.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7i CC through #7n CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 7j. Joseph P. Johnson request creation of curbside 40-foot passenger loading zone and two (2) accessible parking spaces to provide access to the West Boylston Drive Community Teaching Garden (3 West Boylston Dr.)
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7i CC)
- 7k. Tonya Gaston request installation of handicap parking space in front of 14 Ingalls St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7i CC)
- 7l. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Kathleen Murray request installation of speed humps on Moore Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7i CC)

- 7m. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 342 West Boylston St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7i CC)
- 7n. Councilor Khrystian E. King on behalf of Gayle Anderson request the bus stop currently in front of 18 Chestnut St. be moved back 22 Chestnut St., with “No Parking Anytime” signage being installed near the 22 Chestnut St. location.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7i CC)
- 7o. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for five (5) utility pole locations at: PLANTATION ST. and BOWDITCH DR.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to set hearings on April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for items #7o CC through #7r CC. Hearing set for April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- 7p. EVERSOURCE for a gas main location at: WEST BOYLSTON ST.
Hearing set for April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #7o CC)
- 7q. NATIONAL GRID for a jointly-owned pole location at: MILLBURY ST.
Hearing set for April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #7o CC)
- 7r. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: WEST BOYLSTON ST.
Hearing set for April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #7o CC)
- 7s. Evan Corrigan request City Council request City Manager transfer the parcels as described in the attachment to the custodianship of the Worcester Conservation Commission, so that God's Acre and the woodlands of Swan Ave. are under its protection.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the Conservation Commission. Referred to the Conservation Commission

8. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 8a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Manager review trainings undertaken by the staff at the Worcester Public Library and encourage municipal staff to also take said trainings.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #8a CC through #8z CC. Order adopted
- 8b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Manager consider making the Social Service Specialist position located at the Worcester Public Library a permanent position.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Manager request Executive Director of the Worcester Public Library provide City Council with a report concerning the collaborative work done between Worcester Public Library and Worcester Public Schools.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

- 8d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the necessary steps to enact a home rule petition to raise the age requirement upper limit for the Civil Service Exam from 32 to 40 years old.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used nationally to create a residency incentive program for police officers.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion concerning the creation of a residency incentive program for police officers.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8g. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning incentives that could be provided relative to physical ability test, in an effort to enhance the physical health of police officers.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8h. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the Worcester Police Department's partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) relative to gun violence cases.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8i. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of granting an abatement of street assessment #25693 for Toronita Ave. and the legislative process for same.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8j. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the sidewalk on King Philip Rd. from Mellor Ave. to West Boylston St. for temporary repairs.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8k. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the sidewalk in front of 32 Marland Rd. for temporary repairs.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8l. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks construct handicap ramps on Green Farms Rd.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

- 8m. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks construct handicap ramps on Willard Ave.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8n. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks construct handicap ramps on Maywood St. in front of the Lasry Center for BioScience.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8o. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review Progressive St. for temporary repairs and the quality of street patchwork relative to gas and sewer connection construction projects.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8p. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review Erie Ave. for the potential of completing a long patch.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8q. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report concerning the number of air release valves currently being installed in the city.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8r. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report concerning valves that are currently installed in the city that are similar to air release valve that failed.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8s. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with report concerning how “abutters” are defined relative to the petition process for repairs on a private way.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8t. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager consider allocating monies to the Department of Public Works upcoming budget for the purpose of completing private street temporary repairs.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8u. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion concerning half street measures for private street temporary repairs.
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

8v. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the area in the vicinity of Granite St. and St. Anthony St. for temporary repairs to street damage caused by runoff from public street to private street during the winter.

Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

8w. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager consider increasing funding provided to each city District for the street and sidewalk repairs programs.

Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

8x. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager consider allocating unused money from the Snow Operation program for the street and sidewalk repair programs.

Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

8y. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with an update concerning the request for a school zone signage audit/inventory.

Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

8z. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility implement a pilot project on King St. consisting of painted curb extensions and installation of temporary speed humps and flex posts.

Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

9. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part II

9a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility establish and install No Parking Anytime signage near the intersections on Benefit St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #9a CC through #9j CC. Order adopted

9b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study at the intersection of Beacon St. and Benefit St. for safety improvements.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

9c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility establish a traffic masterplan for Queen St. and King St. neighborhood.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

9d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the residential permit parking program process relative to guest passes for home healthcare workers.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

9e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility work with an outside consultant to assist in reviewing the two (2) proposed designs for the intersection of Norfolk St., Suffolk St. and Franklin St. and choosing the most appropriate option, as well as further adding details to the designs to better understand the expected costs.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

9f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the feasibility of installing speed humps on Houghton St.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

9g. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility request State Engineer for District 3 evaluation of the intersection of Route 20 and Sunderland Rd. for safety improvements.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

9h. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning any potential municipal ordinance that would be in support of restricting trucks on private ways.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

9i. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of designating wayfinder markers throughout the city based on the ordinances.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

9j. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager meet with George Killebrew in order to discuss the "Worcester Renaissance Plan."

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

10. ORDERS

10a. Request City Manager install a camera in the vicinity of 190 Swan Ave. for the purpose of monitoring illegal dumping occurring near the property. (Petty)

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

10b. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the process for borrowing funding against anticipated revenues earned from the Community Preservation Act (CPA). (Pacillo, Petty)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10c.** Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report outlining the debt associated with all major projects in the city, including the already planned project of Burncoat High School. Said report should contain how many years are remaining on each project and show projections associated with various tax revenue plans, including the potential need to, “tax to the max,” to cover the debt of said projects. Said report should also include a projection of how adding Burncoat Middle School to the Burncoat High School MSBA Proposal would affect said debt, as well as a timeline for what year Worcester East Middle would be in line for a similar replacement. (Russell)

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

Mayor Petty moved to take the item up collectively with item #17b CC.

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 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 any legislative actions occurring relative to seeking additional funding from Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).” (See Item #20f CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the infrastructure status of the school buildings in the city.” (See Item #20g CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell for a second time, who moved to Table Item #17b CC Under Privilege for a second time.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Russell’s motion to Table Item #17b CC Under Privilege for a second time. Tabled Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda recused).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

10d. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report detailing frequently asked questions and answers relative to the new Rental Registration Program, including definitions of exemptions from the program. Potential exemptions may include but are not limited to institutional-owned properties, other government entity-owned property, non-profit-owned properties, college or other educational-owned properties and properties occupied by the property owner's immediate family. Said frequently asked questions should also include answers about cleanliness and responsibility of tenants and landlord, especially those that may interfere with the tenants rental property rights. (Russell, Bergman)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #10j CC and #10m CC.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Colorio, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide a five (5) year grace period where individuals are not fined for failure to register their rental property/properties as part of the city’s Rental Registration Program.” (See Item #20h CC).

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

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the city’s ability to complete its Five (5) Year Inspections of properties, including any backlog associated with said inspections.” (See Item #20i CC).

Councilor King then moved to sign onto item #10m CC.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report relative to potential ways of incentivizing the city’s Rental Registration Program.” (See Item #20j CC).

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

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

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

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

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services work with the City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report concerning inspections of properties as they relate to the Fourth Amendment and any other pertinent legislation governing such an inspection.” (See Item #20k CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report comparing the City of Boston’s ordinance relative to a Rental Registration Program with the city’s ordinance, including the ability to add language to give tenants the right to deny entrance for inspections.” (See Item #20l CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report

concerning whether garage stalls being rented are exempt from the Rental Registration Program.” (See Item #20m).

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a detailed report relative to what properties owned by the city’s colleges and universities are and are not required to register as part of the Rental Registration Program.” (See Item #20n CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report ensuring the city’s Rental Registration Program is not a form of redlining.” (See Item #20o CC).

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the rationale behind making the fee for failing to register property/properties as part of the Rental Registration Program three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) per day.” (See Item #20p CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the items. Order adopted

- 10e.** Request Standing Committee on Public Works and Parks hold a discussion reviewing the feasibility of using sturdier, closed-lid recycling bins only during recycling pickup. Further, request said discussion also review the potential of postponing recycling pickup on windy days to ensure trash does not blow away once it is put outside for pickup. (Haxhiaj, Bergman)

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

- 10f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study of West Boylston St. between Bourne St. and Whitmarsh Ave. for the purpose of A) determining how any future development in the area would affect traffic patterns; and B) ways to improve turn visibility entering West Boylston St. from King Philip Rd. (Pacillo)

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

- 10g.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study where Clark St. intersects with Bay State Rd. and Eunice Ave. to determine ways to decrease vehicular accidents at the intersection. (Pacillo)

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

- 10h.** Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks begin the process of renaming the Indian Hill Sports Field to the “Jeff Cammuso Sports Complex at Indian Hill.” (Pacillo)

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

- 10i.** Request City Manager work in collaboration with the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide City Council with a report as to who owns and/or is responsible for the Tris Speaker Little League Field. (Pacillo)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10j.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services consider offering and publicizing a non-computer Rental Property Registration and payment option in the near future. (Bergman, Russell)

Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)

- 10k.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks not install new sidewalks on Germain St. until a compromise can be pursued in the neighborhood relative to incorporating the existing brick sidewalks into some aspect(s) of the new design. (Bergman, Pacillo, King)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #10o CC.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report outlining the “Department of Public Works and Parks Engineering Permit Manual.” (See Item #20q CC).

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10l.** Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion as to how the proposed “Juvenile Justice Reform Bill” (S.942 and H.1710) addresses firearm related offenses. (Bergman, Toomey, Mero-Carlson)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen

- 10m.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an amendment to the Rental Registration Program Ordinance that reduces the fine for not filing under the program from \$300.00 per day to \$10.00 per day. (Russell)

Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)

- 10n.** Request City Manager work with the appropriate representatives from the city’s public safety departments to determine any necessary upgrades to various forms of equipment, apparatus and software pertaining to public safety personnel. (Toomey)

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

- 10o.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Development provide City Council with a report concerning the process for installing brick sidewalks on Germain St., including information pertaining to whether the neighborhood's local historic district designation would provide additional funding options for such a process and how such projects have been completed in other municipalities. (King, Pacillo)

Order adopted (See Item #10k CC)

- 10p.** Request City Manager pursue bringing NCAA Men's Basketball March Madness to the city during the 2028-2029 season. Further, request Women's Basketball also be pursued. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether the city has enough hotels and lodgings to support such an event. (King)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, "Request City Manager pursue bringing the NCAA College Men's and Women's Frozen Four Ice Hockey Tournaments to the city." (See Item #20r CC).

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to amend the item to include appropriate representatives, such as the DCU Center and Discover Central Massachusetts.

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

11. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending

12. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- 12a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the services provided to and needs of the vulnerable population at the Worcester Public Library: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #12a CC and #12b CC. Accepted

- 12b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** Upon the Order of Councilor Donna M. Colorio - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the situation at the Worcester Public Library regarding the homeless population. Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning how the Worcester Public Library accommodates additional seating requirements for the homeless population, as well as funding sources for supporting the homeless population at the Worcester Public Library and whether the homeless population support is built in the Worcester Public Library budget: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #12a CC)

13. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- 13a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Petition of Danny Diaz request City Council request City Manager consider reviewing the age requirement to become a police officer by raising the age limit from 32 to 40: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #13a CC through #13c CC. Accepted

- 13b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Information on Gun Violence and Firearms Seized by the Worcester Police Department: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #13a CC)

- 13c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Drug Trafficking Statistics: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #13a CC)

14. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

- 14a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting two (2) draft petition forms for abutters to use when making requests relative to repairs on a private way: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt items #14a CC through #14o CC. Accepted and Adopted

- 14b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Sean M. Rose and Councilor George J. Russell request an honorary street name designation on Chadwick St. from Grove St. to Aspinwall Rd. for State Representative, State Senator and District 1 City Councilor Thomas P. White, in honor of his years of service to the city and its constituents: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)

- 14c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Mary Haroyan request sidewalk on King Philip Rd. from Mellor Ave. to West Boylston St. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Shawn Royal request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 153 Bay State Rd.: recommend adoption on the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Martin Schultz request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 32 Marland Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Sean M. Rose request sidewalk resurfacing on Green Farms Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of David Karam request the sidewalks on Willard Ave. be replaced with cement sidewalks, including installation of granite curbs and loom and hydro seed grass area between sidewalk and granite curbs: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Francis De Nicola request Progressive St. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Brian Dutremble request Jersey Dr. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14j. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Justin Anthony Giuliano request Burncoat St. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to resurface Burncoat St. from 292 Lincoln St. to the city line.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14k. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Justin Anthony Giuliano request Randall St. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)

- 14l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Justin Anthony Giuliano request Dolan St. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Shaun Michael Manson request Erie Ave. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Shaun Michael Manson request White Ave. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Shaun Michael Manson request street resurfacing at the intersection of Pasadena Pkwy and Wayside Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to resurface Pasadena Pkwy. from Lincoln St. to Tacoma St.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #14a CC)
- 14p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Order of Councilor George J. Russell - Request City Clerk provide City Council with a draft petition form for residents to use when specifically requesting the city to conduct short-term repairs to a private street that includes information about how many property owners need to sign the petition: recommend Order be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #14p CC through #14v CC. Accepted
- 14q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Private Street Update: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #14p CC)
- 14r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the January Snowstorm Recap: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #14p CC)
- 14s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to sidewalk accessibility and ADA self-evaluation: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #14p CC)
- 14t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Treatments: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #14p CC)

14u. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of David Dick, Jr. request sidewalks on both sides of Burncoat St. from the intersection of Thorndyke Rd. to Burncoat High School (179 Burncoat St.) be resurfaced: recommend petitioner be granted leave to withdraw.

Accepted (See Item #14p CC)

14v. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Joseph Corazzini, on behalf of Clark University, request sidewalk resurfacing and repairs to the curb-cut ramp on Maywood St. in front of the Lasry Center for BioScience: recommend petitioner be granted to leave to withdraw.

Accepted (See Item #14p CC)

15. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

15a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Sarai Rivera on behalf of Linda George request installation of resident permit parking on Piedmont St. from Austin St. to Pleasant St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance to install residential permit parking on the west side of Piedmont St., except in front of 105 Piedmont St., as well as installation of a timed restriction on said resident permit parking in front of 93 Piedmont St. (The Mustard Seed) from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

15b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Amber Dixon request installation of crosswalk with crosswalk light on Apricot St., across from Dr. Arthur Sullivan Middle School (140 Apricot St.): recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt items #15b CC through #15g CC

15c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Amber Dixon request installation of crosswalk at the intersection of Main St. and Ludlow St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted (See Item #15b CC)

15d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joseph Corazzini, on behalf of Clark University, request the installation of "No Parking from Here to Corner" signage on Florence St. at the intersection of Shirley St. and Florence St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted (See Item #15b CC)

15e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Feanna Jattan-Singh request installation of speed limit signage on Heywood St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted (See Item #15b CC)

- 15f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Catherine DeCaire request installation of pedestrian crossing advisory signage on Goddard Memorial Dr. at its intersection with Parsons Hill Dr.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #15b CC)
- 15g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request installation of “Not A Through Street” signage at the top of Third St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #15b CC)
- 15h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Cheryl Noel and Carlo Fenuccio request installation of speed humps on Indiana St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #15h CC through #15v CC. Accepted
- 15i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joseph Zwirblia request installation of speed humps on Fourth St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sandra Johnson et al. request redirection of #7 buses to stop the buses from traveling up First St. to Coes Pond Village and using said property for the purpose of turning around to other directions: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Star Holland request installation of new bus stops on Park Ave. at the bottom corner of Drury Ln. and on the opposite side of the street: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jermoh Kamara on behalf of African Community Education (ACE) request removal of bus stop signage at 51 Gage St. and 39 Eastern Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sha-Asia Medina and Parlee Jones request King St. be made one-way westbound between Main St. and Queen St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Brenda Jenkins request the street from 3-38 Benefit St. be made one way street in the northwest direction: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)

- 15o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Susan Hunt, on behalf of the College of the Holy Cross, request installation of 20-minute parking zone in front of 1 and 7 City View St. to provide temporary parking to load/unload vehicles at the new Holy Cross Town House apartment residences: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Arthur D. Sutton request installation of stop signs on Houghton St. at the intersection of Houghton St. and Palm St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Nathalie Gibson request installation of left turn signal at the intersection of Park Ave. and Mill St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Pamela Russell request installation of green arrow turn signals on Route 20 at its intersection with Sunderland Rd., facing both directions: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Carol Degen et al. request installation of flashing speed limit signage in the vicinity of Penn Ave. and Harrison St. intersection: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ray McArthur request installation of yield signs at the intersection of Hope Ave. and Webster St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell request a traffic and speeding study be conducted on Fairmont Ave. to determine the appropriateness of installing speed humps on the road: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)
- 15v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Manuel Orellana and Lisa DeTora request installation of school signs on Grafton St. in the vicinity of Caroline St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15h CC)

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

- 16a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Sever Street Park Master Plan: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt items #16a CC through #16c CC

- 16b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION** Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to the Lake View Playground Master Plan: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16a CC)

- 16c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION** Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to the 149 West Boylston Drive Master Plan: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16a CC)

16d - 16f Accept

- 16d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION** Upon the Petition of Jerry Condo request implementation of program to build social support systems in the city to ensure the overall health of veterans, to help them socially and enhance communication and foster bonds among veterans and other community members: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #16d CC through #16f CC. Accepted

- 16e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION** Upon the Petition of Geoffrey Killebrew request an opportunity to present the attached "Worcester Renaissance Project" Plan: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #16d CC)

- 16f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the regulation of street performers under the Worcester Revised Ordinances: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #16d CC)

17. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 17a.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Racial Equity Audit Report for the Worcester Police Department, (Tabled Under Privilege - King March 19, 2024)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to recommit the item back to the City Manager.

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager begin to create, establish and identify a way to quantify data relative to traffic stops, pedestrian stops, field contact, use of force and other public disciplinary action, with immediate access to the technology associated with said data.” (See Item #20a CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a breakdown of juvenile arrests, including data relative to school enrollment and whether those juveniles had been arrested multiple times.” (See Item #20b CC).

Councilor Toomey then moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning any updated information that was not included in the Racial Equity Audit Report for the Worcester Police Department, including information relative to efforts that have already been enacted since the report.” (See Item #20c CC).

Councilor Toomey then moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning efforts being made relative to minority recruitment, including information regarding the number of minority civil service applicants.” (See Item #20d CC).

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

Vice Chairman Councilor King recognized the Interim Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Mayor Petty.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell and Councilor King for second times, 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 review the Racial Equity Audit of the Worcester Police Department for the purpose of conducting further community engagement around said audit.” (See Item #20e CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt Councilor King’s motion to recommit the item. Recommitted to the City Manager

17b. COMMUNICATION of the City Clerk transmitting a request for review and approval to authorize the City Manager to submit the attached statements of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) that were approved by the Worcester School Committee at their March 7, 2024 meeting. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell March 19, 2024)

Tabled Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda recused) (See Item #10c CC)

17c. RESOLUTION of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda - 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey March 12, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Ojeda March 19, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to withdraw the item.

Leave to Withdraw

17d. RESOLUTION of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - 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. (Tabled Under Privilege - King March 12, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey March 19, 2024)

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution adopted on a roll call 6 Yeas and 5 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhij, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo)

18. TABLED ITEMS

18a. 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

18b. 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

18c. 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

18d. 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

18e. 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

18f. 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

18g. 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

19. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the March 19, 2024 City Council meeting.

- 19a.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the roles of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and constables during foreclosures and evictions. Further, request City Manager include in said report any information concerning any disconnects occurring in the community concerning said processes of foreclosures and evictions. – Item #13a CC Order adopted
- 19b.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager review best practices used in other municipalities relative to creating policy for police officers attending foreclosures and evictions. – Item #13b CC Order adopted
- 19c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a schedule of community events occurring at Polar Park during the upcoming Worcester Red Sox baseball season. – Item #13c CC Order adopted
- 19d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of times the Worcester Ballpark Commission has met. – Item #13d CC Order adopted
- 19e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the Research Router Program that outlines its efficacy, as well as qualifying and quantifying data pertaining to crime forecasting and other related management systems with the intent to improve policing. – Item #13e CC Order adopted
- 19f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the efficacy of the Shotspotter program and related statistics. Further, request City Manager request Police Chief include in said report information concerning when police have responded to calls from Shotspotter being activated both with and without community and neighbors reaching out. – Item #13f CC Order adopted
- 19g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief review using an online application to track the Worcester Police Department (WPD), Worcester Fire Department (WFD) and Emergency Communication departments' overtime. – Item #13g CC Order adopted
- 19h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning whether School Resource Officers can be used for monitoring school pickups and drop-offs instead of using Police Overtime. – Item #13h CC Order adopted
- 19i.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the long-term and short-term plan concerning constructing the new Worcester East Middle School. – Item #13i CC Order adopted

- 19j. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any housing projects in the city that are being adjusted or paused. – Item #13j CC Order adopted

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

- 20a. Motion King @ #17a CC – Request City Manager begin to create, establish and identify a way to quantify data relative to traffic stops, pedestrian stops, field contact, use of force and other public disciplinary action, with immediate access to the technology associated with said data.
Order adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 20b. Motion Toomey @ #17a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a breakdown of juvenile arrests, including data relative to school enrollment and whether those juveniles had been arrested multiple times.
Order adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 20c. Motion Toomey @ #17a – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning any updated information that was not included in the Racial Equity Audit Report for the Worcester Police Department, including information relative to efforts that have already been enacted since the report.
Order adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 20d. Motion Toomey @ #17a CC – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning efforts being made relative to minority recruitment, including information regarding the number of minority civil service applicants.
Order adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 20e. Motion King @ #17a CC – Request City Manager review the Racial Equity Audit of the Worcester Police Department for the purpose of conducting further community engagement around said audit.
Order adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 20f. Motion King @ #10c CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any legislative actions occurring relative to seeking additional funding from Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 20g. Motion Toomey @ #10c CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the infrastructure status of the school buildings in the city.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 20h. Motion Colorio @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide a five (5) year grace period where individuals are not fined for failure to register their rental property/properties as part of the city's Rental Registration Program.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)

- 20i.** Motion King @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the city’s ability to complete its Five (5) Year Inspections of properties, including any backlog associated with said inspections.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 20j.** Motion King @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report relative to potential ways of incentivizing the city’s Rental Registration Program.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 20k.** Motion Russell @ #10d CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services work with the City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report concerning inspections of properties as they relate to the Fourth Amendment and any other pertinent legislation governing such an inspection.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 20l.** Motion Russell @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report comparing the City of Boston’s ordinance relative to a Rental Registration Program with the city’s ordinance, including the ability to add language to give tenants the right to deny entrance for inspections.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 20m.** Motion Russell @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether garage stalls being rented are exempt from the Rental Registration Program.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 20n.** Motion Russell @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a detailed report relative to what properties owned by the city’s colleges and universities are and are not required to register as part of the Rental Registration Program.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 20o.** Motion Russell @ #10d CC – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report ensuring the city’s Rental Registration Program is not a form of redlining.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 20p.** Motion Russell @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the rationale behind making the fee for failing to register property/properties as part of the Rental Registration Program three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) per day.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 20q.** Motion King @ #10k CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report outlining the “Department of Public Works and Parks Engineering Permit Manual.”
Order adopted (See Item #10k CC)
- 20r.** Motion Toomey @ #10p CC – Request City Manager pursue bringing the NCAA College Men’s and Women’s Frozen Four Ice Hockey Tournaments to the city.
Order adopted (See Item #10p CC)

- 20s.** Motion Toomey – Suspension of Rules – Request City Manager and Mayor invite the North High School Men’s Basketball Team and South High School Women’s Basketball Team to be honored during an upcoming City Council meeting.

Order adopted