

CITY OF WORCESTER
AGENDA OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
6:30 P.M.

Mayor
Joseph M. Petty



City Manager
Eric D. Batista

Councilors
Morris A. Bergman Donna M. Colorio
Etel Haxhijaj Khrystian E. King
Candy Mero-Carlson Thu Nguyen
Luis A. Ojeda Jenny Pacillo
George J. Russell Kathleen M. Toomey

City Auditor
Robert V. Stearns

City Clerk
Nikolin Vangjeli

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City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE**
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5a Adopt

- 5a.** Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 16, 2025.

[Attachments](#)

- 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - a person may speak for no more than**

two (2) minutes on any items appearing on the agenda

- 6a.** Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in-person and remote participation at all City Council and Standing Committee meetings. To partake in the "Public Participation" section of the meeting, you may attend the meeting in-person within the meeting location, follow the below link to join via Zoom or dial the direct line as indicated. If you join a Zoom meeting by dialing in with a phone number, you can raise your hand by dialing *9.

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7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS - 6:30 P.M.

7a - 7c Hold Hearings and Adopt

- 7a.** Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 103 CANTERBURY ST. [Attachments](#)

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 103 CANTERBURY ST.

- 7b.** Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 63 WILLIAMSBERG DR. [Attachments](#)

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 63 WILLIAMSBERG DR.

- 7c.** Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: DANA AVE. [Attachments](#)

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: DANA AVE.

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

8a and 8b Refer to Planning Board

- 8a.** Jonathan Finkelstein on behalf of Centro Las Americas, Inc, request the Zoning Map be amended by extending the BG-3 [Attachments](#)

zoning district and CCOD-E overlay district to wholly encompass 9, 15 and 25 Charlton St.; 26, 38, 42 and 46 Hermon St.; and 0 Beacon St.

- 8b.** Geoffrey Lewis, on behalf of Benjamin Associates LLC, request installation of a new sewage system on Arctic St., as well as a new drainage system on Plastics St., as shown on the attached plans. [Attachments](#)

8c - 8g Refer to Public Works Committee

- 8c.** Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request installation of a sidewalk on the north side of June St. from May St. to Marcy St. [Attachments](#)

- 8d.** Councilor Donna M. Colorio request installation of a guardrail on the Jonathan Cir. side of 381 Hamilton St. [Attachments](#)

- 8e.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request Perry Ave. be resurfaced. [Attachments](#)

- 8f.** Councilor Jenny Pacillo request sidewalk repair in front of 31 Brandon Rd. [Attachments](#)

- 8g.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Clifton St. and Charlotte St., where the curb cuts are currently in place. [Attachments](#)

8h - 8z Refer to Traffic and Parking Committee

- 8h.** Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Michael Donoghue request installation of a handicap accessible curb ramp to the sidewalk in front of 54 Summerhill Ave. [Attachments](#)

- 8i.** Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Greg MacGilpin request installation a handicap parking space in front of St. Luke s Episcopal Church, located at 921 Pleasant St. [Attachments](#)

- 8j.** Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Greg MacGilpin request installation of a wheelchair accessible handicap curb at the corner of Flagg St. and Pleasant St., adjacent to St. Luke s Episcopal Church, located at 921 Pleasant St. [Attachments](#)

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| 8k. | Julie Miller request installation of enhanced pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Sagamore Rd. and Whitman Rd., including the installation of high-visibility reflective crosswalks, curb extensions and/or enhanced crosswalk lighting. | Attachments |
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| 8l. | Julie Miller request installation of enhanced pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Sagamore Rd. and Monadnock Rd., including the installation of high-visibility reflective crosswalks, curb extensions and/or enhanced crosswalk lighting. | Attachments |
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| 8m. | Lauren Sargent request installation of a flashing pedestrian crosswalk light at the crosswalk at O'Connell Field, located at 155-165 Grove St. | Attachments |
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| 8n. | Hao Ha request installation of a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 41 Stoneland Rd., either in front of the property or on the Stoneland Rd. side of 42 Freeland St. | Attachments |
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| 8o. | Jacqueline Bolduc request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 35 Columbia St. | Attachments |
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| 8p. | Joseph Corazzini request installation of a "Yield Blind Driveway" sign on the existing pole at 285 Salisbury St. | Attachments |
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| 8q. | Joseph Corazzini request installation of speed humps on Salisbury St. between Beechmont St. and Burgess Rd. | Attachments |
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| 8r. | Joseph Corazzini request installation of speed humps on Salisbury St. between Valley Hill Dr. and Beechmont St. | Attachments |
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| 8s. | Joseph Corazzini request installation of solar powered speed radar signs on Salisbury St. | Attachments |

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| 8t. | Joseph Corazzini request a traffic study be conducted on Salisbury St. that tracks vehicle speed and the amount of vehicles utilizing the street. | Attachments |
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| 8u. | Joseph Corazzini request all street markings on Salisbury St. be repainted, including median lanes, breakdown lanes, passing lanes, left and straight lane markings and crosswalks. | Attachments |
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| 8v. | Joseph Corazzini request installation of an additional crosswalk at 271 Salisbury St. and Forest St. | Attachments |
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| 8w. | Caitlin Fontecchio request installation of resident permit parking on the north, odd numbered side of Chilmark St. from 39 Chilmark St. to 45 Chilmark St., or from Marshall St. to Seward St. | Attachments |
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| 8x. | Patricia Bourassa request installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Arbella Dr. and Salisbury St. | Attachments |
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| 8y. | Kristian Albarracin request the sidewalks in the vicinity of 165 Belmont St. be reviewed and reconfigured to allow for the installation of additional parking at the location. | Attachments |
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| 8z. | Aderito Andrade request the handicap parking space in front of 51 Gates St. be removed. | Attachments |

9. PETITIONS - Part II

9a - 9o Refer to Traffic and Parking Committee

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| 9a. | Maureen McNamara request a traffic study be conducted at the intersection of Burncoat St., Mountain St. East and Triangle St., to determine if additional signage and/or solid yellow line removal may better ensure vehicles do not make a turn up the wrong side of the road at the location. | Attachments |
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| 9b. | Juana Pena, Administrator of Help Me Grow Childcare, request installation of a loading zone in front of 13 Scott St. | Attachments |

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| 9c. | Amanda Calderon request installation of speed humps on Mabelle St. between Newton Ave. North and Winifred Ave. | Attachments |
| 9d. | Amanda Calderon request installation of speed humps on Longworth Rd. between Mabelle St. and Amherst St. | Attachments |
| 9e. | Victoria Rodriguez request the handicap parking space in front of 183 Austin St. be removed. | Attachments |
| 9f. | Victoria Rodriguez request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 8 Cottage St. | Attachments |
| 9g. | Yeni Jimenez request installation of speed humps in front of 19 Boston Ave. | Attachments |
| 9h. | James McCoy request installation of speed humps on Davidson Rd. | Attachments |
| 9i. | Mayor Joseph M. Petty request installation of two (2) speed humps on Cowden St. | Attachments |
| 9j. | Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of a crosswalk that includes pedestrian walking signage with blinking lights on May St. at its intersection with Silver St. and Kingsbury St. to increase the safety of students walking to Woodland/Claremont Academy. | Attachments |
| 9k. | Steve Soto request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 98 Maywood St. | Attachments |
| 9l. | Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps on Edgeworth St. | Attachments |
| 9m. | Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Peter Tsigas request | Attachments |

installation of speed humps on Amherst St.

- 9n.** Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of traffic calming signage at the intersection of Saxon Rd. and Westbrook Rd. [Attachments](#)

- 9o.** Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the existing winter parking ban provisions on Providence St. between Waverly St. and Winthrop St. be replaced with an odd side ban, when declared. [Attachments](#)

9p - 9r Set Hearings for November 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

- 9p.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: CHATHAM ST. [Attachments](#)

- 9q.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: LAKESIDE AVE. [Attachments](#)

- 9r.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: WAVERLY ST. [Attachments](#)

10. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

10.1 APPOINTMENTS Non-City Council Confirmation

10.2 APPOINTMENTS City Council Confirmation

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

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

Informational Communication

- A.** Transmitting informational communication relative to Grocery Stores. [Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption

- B.** Recommend Adoption of a Resolution and Approval of a UCH-TIF Plan and Agreement for Curtis Apartments [Attachments](#)

Phase II.

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

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

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

Informational Communication

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2025 Fall Leaf Collection Program. [Attachments](#)

Informational Communication

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the Keep Worcester Clean Program. [Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption

- C. Recommending approval of a rate increase for certain categories of hired equipment for plowing and sanding. Further, providing an update on Winter Storm Preparedness. [Attachments](#)

Informational Communication

- D. Transmitting informational communication relative to Moreland Street. [Attachments](#)

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

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

10.10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND

CEMETARY

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner

Recommend Adoption

- A. Requesting approval of up to a six year contract for Aquatic Facilities Maintenance. [Attachments](#)

10.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

Informational Communication

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to Street and Sidewalk Construction Progress Report for September 2025. [Attachments](#)

10.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

10.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

10.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

10.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor

Informational Communication

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to rental agreements for municipal properties. [Attachments](#)

10.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner

10.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

10.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division
Lee R. Hall, Director

10.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration
Alex R. Arriaga, Interim Commissioner

10.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director

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

10.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Youth Opportunities
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director

10.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director

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

10.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Brian Allen, Superintendent

10.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Administration
Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer

Informational Communication

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to an [Attachments](#)
update on the Ballpark District Improvement Fund.

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

10.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

10.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

10.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

10.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

10.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

10.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

10.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

10.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- A.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$800,000.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

[Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- B.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Dollars and No Cents (\$1,000,000.00) from the MBTA Communities Catalyst Fund Program.

[Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- C.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with

[Attachments](#)

gratitude a donation in the amount of One Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$1,000.00) from the Perry-Boucher Family Fund.

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$42,500.00) from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's (MassCEC) Professional Services Support for Workforce Development Programs grant.

[Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file and accept a donation of a comfort dog valued at Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$4,500.00) to the Worcester Police Department from Vidadoodle.

[Attachments](#)

10.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- A. Recommend that Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$32,257.32) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1026-610100, Water Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1026-699399, Water Capital Outlay, to cover the purchase of safety equipment for confined spaces.

[Attachments](#)

10.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- A. Recommend that Two Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents(\$2,107.50) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center CC#1017, Emergency Communications Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices

[Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- B. Recommend that Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Nine Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$43,809.63) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Public Works cost centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

[Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- C. Recommend that Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$10,741.50) be authorized from Cost Center #CC1081, Transportation & Mobility Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

[Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- D. Recommend that Eighty One Dollars and Thirty Seven Cents (\$81.37) be authorized from Fiscal Year FY26 Cost Center #CC1049, HHS Youth Opportunities Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year mileage reimbursements.

[Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- E. Recommend that One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirteen Dollars and Fifty Seven Cents (\$1,313.57) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 from Cost Center #CC1078, Parks Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoice.

[Attachments](#)

Recommend Adoption On Roll Call

- F. Recommend that Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One Dollars And Fourteen Cents (\$3,481.14) be authorized from FY2026 Cost Center #CC1007, Public Facilities Ordinary Maintenance, for payment of prior year invoices.

[Attachments](#)

**10.38 FINANCE
Loan Orders**

10.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

11. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

11a - 11b Refer to Traffic and Parking Committee

11a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - [Attachments](#)
Request Standing Committee on Traffic and Parking review the feasibility of rescinding the second existing handicap parking space at 101 Illinois St.

11b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - [Attachments](#)
Request Standing Committee on Traffic and Parking review the feasibility of amending the permanent winter parking ban on Providence St. to be a declared winter parking ban.

11c - 11f Adopt

11c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - [Attachments](#)
Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning a traffic study to evaluate parking, bicycle and travel accommodations on Gardner St.

11d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - [Attachments](#)
Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install missing signage for one handicap parking space at 101 Illinois St.

11e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - [Attachments](#)
Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased traffic enforcement at the intersection of Davenport Street and Electric Street during the morning commute time.

11f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - [Attachments](#)
Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the Mass. General Laws relative to usage of handicap parking spaces.

12. ORDERS

12a. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report relative to the feasibility of installing speed tables on June St. (Haxhiaj) [Attachments](#)

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| 12b. | Request City Manager request Police Chief place a speed monitor on June St. going towards Mill St. (Haxhiaj) | Attachments |
| 12c. | Request City Manager work with the Administrator of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) to install a bus shelter on the even side of the street in front of 40 Belmont St. (Petty) | Attachments |
| 12d. | Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the walk signal at the on-ramp of I-290 westbound on Belmont St. to ensure a safe walkway is available to pedestrians walking at the location. (Petty) | Attachments |
| 12e. | Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the sidewalk configuration and parking available in the vicinity of 330 Southbridge St. to alleviate parking concerns at the location. (Petty) | Attachments |
| 12f. | Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the plans to repair the Federal Plaza Garage, located at 570 Main St. Said report should include information concerning fixing the staircase on the Main St. side of the building, as well as upgrades to the elevators. (Petty) | Attachments |
| 12g. | Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the development occurring at 40 Hooper St. (Mero-Carlson) | Attachments |
| 12h. | Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review Salisbury St. for the installation of immediate speed calming measures and safety improvements. (Pacillo) | Attachments |
| 12i. | Request City Manager request Fire Chief implement a city-wide public education awareness campaign concerning fire prevention and safety, in light of reductions in fuel assistance. (Haxhiaj) | Attachments |

12j. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of the Worcester Senior Center providing programs and activities at residential communities for seniors and people with disabilities. (Mero-Carlson) [Attachments](#)

12k. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the brightness of streetlights on Lake Ave. and increase said brightness at appropriate locations, especially including crosswalks. (Toomey) [Attachments](#)

12l. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide immediate repairs and resurfacing for the section of Sunderland Rd. underneath the railroad bridge. (Toomey) [Attachments](#)

12m. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning studio spaces available to artists in the city. Said report should include information as to cost increases in the spaces and any impact that may have on the arts community. Further, request said report include a proposal to provide incentives to property owners who provide affordable creative spaces to artists. (Toomey) [Attachments](#)

13. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending

14. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY AUDITOR

14a - 14c Refer to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

14a. Transmitting an informational communication detailing an itemized list of the City's Special Revenue Funds for the year ended June 30, 2025 including City and School grants, donations and revolving funds and other funds required to be included in the Special Revenue group of funds under laws and regulations by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [Attachments](#)

14b. Transmitting an informational communication detailing the feasibility of providing City Council with an annual or bi-annual report related to grants processed by the city. [Attachments](#)

- 14c.** Transmitting an informational communication concerning anticipated shortfalls associated with the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Ballpark DIF Reserve Account.

[Attachments](#)

15. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

15a Refer to Economic Development Committee

- 15a.** REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Paul Conger request the zoning map be amended by extending the MG-2.0 Zoning District and the Adaptive Re-use Overlay District (AROD) to wholly encompass the property at 31 Harlow St.

[Attachments](#)

16. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

16a and 16b Accept and Adopt

- 16a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Tim Faron request installation of a crosswalk across Holden St. at its intersection with Saratoga Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

[Attachments](#)

- 16b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Julia King and Ellen Greenlaw request installation of "Dead End" signage on Stark Rd. at the intersection of Juniper Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

[Attachments](#)

16c - 16i Accept

- 16c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Caroline Peterson request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 194 Hamilton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

[Attachments](#)

- 16d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Brenda Alexander request installation of handicap parking space in front of 5 1/2 Bluff St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

[Attachments](#)

- 16e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Erika Gonzalez request installation of an additional handicap parking space in front of 34 Gardner St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

[Attachments](#)

16f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Gloryvee Boria request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 101 Illinois St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. [Attachments](#)

16g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Xander Fuertes request installation of residential permit parking at 87 West Boylston St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. [Attachments](#)

16h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of Thickly Settled signage on Brighton Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file. [Attachments](#)

16i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request lane marking/painting options be reviewed on St. Nicholas Ave. to help slow traffic: recommend Petition be placed on file. [Attachments](#)

17. TO BE ORDAINED

17a - 17f Ordain on a roll call

17a. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group B - General Administrative relative to the Snow Customer Service Representative (When Assigned) Position. [Attachments](#)

17b. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group P - Foreman and Supervisor for Multiple Positions. [Attachments](#)

17c. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group EM Executive Management relative to the Deputy City Solicitor of Litigation and Deputy City Solicitor Positions. [Attachments](#)

17d. Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised [Attachments](#)

Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For Stop Signs Facing Granite Street At Loxwood Street/ Holcombe Street.

17e. Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For Stop Signs Facing Elm Street And Sever Street. [Attachments](#)

17f. Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For Stop Signs Facing Providence Street At Holcombe Street. [Attachments](#)

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

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. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021) [Attachments](#)

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. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Held Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021) [Attachments](#)

18d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE [Attachments](#)

AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

- 18e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA s winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops: recommend Order be placed on file. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023) [Attachments](#)
- 18f.** 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. (Held Under Privilege - Haxhijaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhijaj August 22, 2023) [Attachments](#)
- 18g.** PETITION of Gordon Davis request City Council request Standing Committee on Public Safety investigate the issue of systemic racism and public safety with public hearings included. (Tabled - Toomey May 14, 2024) [Attachments](#)
- 18h.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell and Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager install metal detector safety equipment at City Hall whenever open, similar to the equipment used at Polar Park, the Worcester District Court and other public places, on or before December 31, 2024. (Held Under Privilege - Russell [Attachments](#)

September 24, 2024 and October 1, 2024 and Tabled - Russell October 8, 2024)

- 18i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager conduct an equity audit of all city departments every five (5) years. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson December 10, 2024 and Held Under Privilege - Toomey December 17, 2024 and Tabled - Nguyen January 7, 2025)

[Attachments](#)

- 18j.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to how the U.S. Department of Justice's report on the Worcester Police Department differs from the account of the municipality. (Held Under Privilege - King April 29, 2025 and May 6, 2025 and Tabled - King May 13, 2025)

[Attachments](#)

19. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the September 30, 2025 City Council meeting.

- 19a.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on September 30, 2025, to occur thirty (30) minutes beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes. Item #21a CC Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 5 Nays

- 19b.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on September 30, 2025, to occur ten (10) minutes beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes. Item #21b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 19c.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on September 30, 2025, to occur ten (10) minutes beyond the forty (40) minutes previously allotted to Public Participation. Item #21c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 19d.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for a public speaker to speak concerning an item not listed on the agenda. Item #21d CC Order adopted
- 19e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city s efforts to provide GPS tracking to all its snow operation vehicles, wherein residents can track the status of routes being taken by said vehicles using a digital map. Further, request said report include the legality and safety to snow removal drivers relative to implementing such a GPS system. Item #21e CC Order adopted
- 19f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the percentage of snow operations staffing that is filled by city employees. Item #21f CC Order adopted
- 19g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the operational strategies used when treating problematic areas in the city during winter weather events. Said report should include information concerning strategies the city uses to ensure areas that are getting pre-treated and sanded are determined equitably. Item #21g CC Order adopted
- 19h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report quantifying a potential assessment or evaluation of the benefits the city believes it will receive relative to funds generated from the Fair Share Amendment. Item #21h CC Order adopted
- 19i.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the locations and zones to be created relative to the Electric Vehicle On-Street Charging Stations project. Further, request said report include a pros and cons analysis for the said locations. Item #21i CC Order adopted
- 19j.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City

Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city's ability and plans to create qualitative data that tracks the diversion of mental health calls to mental health resources against calls resulting in detainment, incarceration, etc. Item #21j CC Order adopted

- 19k.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the extent to which artificial intelligence (AI) is utilized by the software, Axon Performance, relative to the real-time language translations available to the Worcester Police Department (WPD). Item #21k Order adopted
- 19l.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the recommendations brought forth by the Human Rights Commission relative to the Police Department's language capacity, including information concerning the degree to which their recommendations have been accepted and implemented. Item #21l CC Order adopted
- 19m.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager consider keeping a list of all the beekeepers in the city to ensure they are notified and cared for whenever pesticide spraying for insects such as mosquitos occurs. Item #21m CC Order adopted
- 19n.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the work being done by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) at the former Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) service center and current homeless shelter, located at 611 Main St. Said report should also include future plans for the location to ensure said location receives proper upkeep. Item #21n CC Order adopted
- 19o.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey Request City Manager include in any report relative to the feasibility of implementing a municipal ID ordinance information concerning all agencies that current assist in helping individuals get traditional IDs. Item #21o CC Order adopted

- 19p.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the scope and responsibility of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Department of Inspectional Services relative to enforcing the city s noise ordinance, the process relative to enforcing said ordinance, any potential budgetary implications, and the degrees of necessary law enforcement. Item #21p CC Order adopted
- 19q.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing noise ordinance complaints relative to Saint Joan of Arc Church, located at 570 Lincoln St. Further, request said report also include the number of calls made concerning the location, what the responses have been to said calls, and best practices pertaining to addressing citizen complaints while balancing the usage at the location. Item #21q CC Order adopted
- 19r.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey Request City Manager work with the Police Chief and City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report concerning how the city was introduced to information relative to a 287(g) Task Force Model with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the city s intent to never enter into such an agreement. Item #21r CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays
- 19s.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King Request City Manager provide City Council with a report publishing the city s next steps as it relates to the Department of Public Health and Human Services. Item #21s CC Order adopted

Scheduled Meetings of the Standing Committees

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025
05:00 PM -

Public Safety Committee
Chairperson Kathleen M. Toomey, Morris A. Bergman, Luis A. Ojeda

Esther Howland (South)
Chamber

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025
05:30 PM -

Public Works Committee
Chairperson George J. Russell, Candy Mero-Carlson, Jenny Pacillo

Levi Lincoln (North)
Chamber

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025 05:00 PM -	Traffic and Parking Committee Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025 05:00 PM -	Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee Chairperson Morris A. Bergman, Donna M. Colorio, Luis A. Ojeda	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Monday, Nov. 17, 2025 05:00 PM -	Traffic and Parking Committee Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King	Esther Howland (South) Chamber

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