

CITY OF WORCESTER

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:35 P.M.

Adjourned: 11:54 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE COUNCILORS

Morris A. Bergman

Donna M. Colorio

Khrystian E. King

Thu Nguyen

Kathleen M. Toomey



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Jenny Pacillo - District 1

Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2

George J. Russell - District 3

Luis A. Ojeda - District 4

Etel Haxhijaj - District 5

CITY CLERK

Nikolin Vangjeli

CITY MANAGER

Eric D. Batista

CITY AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

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

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a. Mayor Petty provided representatives from Thrive Support and Advocacy with a Mayoral Certificate of Achievement in recognition of your efforts to uphold the city's welcoming attitude by serving as a welcoming employer to our new Americans. The certificate was received by former City Councilor Sean M. Rose, Stacy Flores, Meg Mulhern and Ellen Murphy.

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 May 14, 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. Oliver Chadwick, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23c CC and #23d CC
2. Robert Bilotta, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #15e CC
3. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #9.13b CM and #23b CC through #23d CC, spoke in favor of #8cc CC, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #10y CC
4. John Dick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #23b CC through #23d CC
5. Pat B., Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #23b CC
6. Michael Milligan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC through #23d CC
7. Naya (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #23b CC and #23c CC
8. Kris Boudreau, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #15e CC, #23b CC, #23c CC, and #23g CC
9. Janis Pigaga Tebo, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
10. David Fayer, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to items #23b CC and #23c CC
11. Sue Swanson, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
12. Ed McKeon, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
13. Holly Montero, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #23b CC and #23c CC
14. Bruce Tebo, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
15. Leslie Saffer, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #23b CC and #23c CC
16. Walter Bird, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #23a CC through #23c CC
17. Rebecca Thal, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
18. Rick Miller, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
19. Gavin D., Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
20. Jim Burns, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
21. Margot Barnett, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #23a CC through #23c CC, spoke in opposition to item #8cc CC
22. Gordon Davis, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8cc CC
23. Greg Doerschler, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC
24. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19b CC
25. Jacob Seidel, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23a CC through #23d CC
26. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
27. Ruth Rodriguez, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8cc CC
28. Brian Monteverd, Providence, RI resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC

through #23d CC, spoke in favor of item #8cc CC

29. Ted Conna, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC through #23d CC

30. Andrew Piazza, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC and #23c CC

31. Emma Narkewicz, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #15e CC and #23b CC through #23d CC, spoke in favor of item #13f CC

32. Karin Valentine Goins, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #15e CC, #23b CC, #23c CC and #23g CC, spoke in favor for items #8cc CC and #13f CC

33. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #10a CC, #13a CC, #13g CC, #15e CC, #23b CC through #23d CC, and #23g CC, spoke in favor of items #8y CC, #8bb CC, #8cc CC, #10b CC, #10c CC, #10h CC, #10l CC, #10m CC, #10r CC, #10t CC, #10u CC, #10x CC, #10y CC, #11d CC, #11h CC, #11j CC, #11n CC, #11s CC, #12a CC, #13e CC, #13f CC, and #23f CC

34. Dale Wickenheiser, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #23b CC through #23d CC

35. Alex Salcedo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8cc CC and #13f CC, spoke in opposition to items #15e CC, #23b CC, #23c CC, and #23g CC

36. Lauren Shumate, no residence given, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC through #23c CC

37. Marisol Acosta, Worcester residence, spoke in favor of item #8z CC

38. Eric Stratton, no residence given, spoke in opposition to items #23b CC through #23d CC

39. Sarah Bertrand, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #15e CC, #23b CC, #23c CC, and #23g CC

40. Jeff St. Laurent, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8dd CC

41. Fred Taylor, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8cc CC and #23f CC, spoke in opposition to item #23g CC

42. Bill Casper, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13k CC

43. John Solly, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13k CC

44. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14f CC and #23b CC through #23d CC, spoke in opposition to items #15e CC

45. Jaime Flores, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #15e CC, #23b CC through #23d CC, and #23g CC

7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

- 7a. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: CHANDLER ST.

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

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take up items #7a CC and #7b CC collectively and moved to open the hearing. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

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

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

- 7b. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location at: HASTINGS AVE.

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

Hearing held and Order adopted (See Item #7a CC)

8. PETITIONS

- 8a. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of sidewalks on Burncoat St. from Mountain St. East to Tyson Rd.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8a CC through #8e CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

- 8b. Carl Almonor and Thalya Cortes request installation of streetlight on Pearson St.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8a CC)

- 8c. Ilah Cibis and John Neyland request Parker Ct. be renamed to Zakarian Ct. and a street sign be installed in the appropriate location.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8a CC)

- 8d. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Lois Wolobah request Shore Dr. in the vicinity of 75 Shore Dr. be given the honorary street name of Harris Thompson Wolobah Way.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8a CC)

- 8e. Ed Severance request the existing streetlight at the intersection of Merrick St. and Shawmut St. be removed or relocated.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8a CC)

- 8f. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Eric Brandt request installation of speed bumps on Delmont Ave. between Grafton St. and Bedford Ave.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8f CC through #8t CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

- 8g.** Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Ron Hayes, Director of Housing for Open Sky Community Services, request installation of resident permit parking in front of 5 Sturgis St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8h.** Councilor Jenny Pacillo request Yukon Ave. be reviewed for potential traffic calming measures, including the installation of speed humps.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8i.** Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Barry Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8j.** Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on St. Nicholas Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8k.** Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of additional and improved signage warning drivers Airlie St. is a one-way street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8l.** Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of an additional handicap parking space in the vicinity of 342 West Boylston St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8m.** Derek Lundstrom request removal of handicap parking space in front of 61 East Central St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8n.** Michael Stewart request installation of handicap parking space in front of 12 Columbus St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8o.** Klara Bueno request installation of handicap parking space in front of 14 Minthorne St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8p.** Ivette Rosa et al. request installation of No Parking Anytime signage from 22A Milton St. to 19 Milton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8q.** Kiara Rosado request installation of traffic signage to address speeding in the vicinity of 3 Woodford St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8r.** Neil Kelly request installation of "Do Not Block Intersection" signage at the intersection of Brooks St. and the back entrance to Abby Kelley School.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8s.** Tim Conner request installation of No Parking Anytime signage on both sides of Grand St. at the intersection of Grand St. and Hollis St. where Grand St. becomes a one-way street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)

- 8t. Nathalie Gibson request removal of No Left Turn signage in the vicinity of 10 Burncoat St. at the intersection of Burncoat St., Melville St. and Nancy Johnson Way.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8f CC)
- 8u. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 37 BLACKSTONE RIVER RD. and WHIPPLE ST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to set hearings for items #8u CC through #8x CC for July 16, 2024 at 6 p.m. Hearing set for July 16, 2024 at 6 p.m.
- 8v. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: GLENNIE ST. at 70 GOLD STAR BLVD.
Hearing set for July 16, 2024 at 6 p.m. (See Item #8u CC)
- 8w. NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location at: UPLAND ST.
Hearing set for July 16, 2024 at 6 p.m. (See Item #8u CC)
- 8x. NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC for a jointly-owned pole location at: VALMOR ST.
Hearing set for July 16, 2024 at 6 p.m. (See Item #8u CC)
- 8y. Michael Riggieri request installation of additional trash bins in the downtown area.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager
- 8z. Marisol Acosta and Sean Martin request private street betterment on Alden St.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning why no appropriations were made relative to private street betterments or private way temporary repairs in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25).” (See Item #26a CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager
- 8aa. Anthony Petrone request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the total amount of money spent on outside legal expenses for Police and Fire Department Union Contracts for the last five years and any future contract spendings.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager
- 8bb. Ana Kagan request installation of communication boards at public areas for the purposes of creating inclusive spaces for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other communication difficulties.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager

8cc. Parlee Jones et al., on be half of Black Families Together, request City Council request City Manager not to expand or renew ShotSpotter and ShotSpotter Connect/Resource Center and to allocate the funding for both programs toward youth development initiatives not led by the Worcester Police Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the petitioner, who spoke in favor of the item.

Mayor Petty moved to take the item up collectively with item #23f CC.

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

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

Councilor Nguyen then moved to, “Request City Manager create an advisory commission for police technologies.” (See Item #26b CC).

Councilor Nguyen then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a copy of the executed contract between the City of Worcester and ShotSpotter.” – Not Put.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to place the item on file.

Mayor Petty moved to take the item up collectively with item #23g CC.

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

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the costs associated with ShotSpotter over the last four (4) years.” – Not Put.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson for a second time, who moved to, “Request City Manager conduct community discussions prior to the renewing the city’s contract with ShotSpotter, which is set to expire in April of 2026.” (See Item #26c CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to amend the item to add the word, “consider.”

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt Councilor Nguyen’s motion. Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (See Item #26b CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt Councilor Mero-Carlson’s motion. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #26c CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt item #23f CC. Order adopted.

Mayor Petty moved to place item #23g CC on file. Placed on file.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Manager as amended. Referred to the City Manager as amended on a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 5 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Toomey, Petty)

- 8dd. Jeff St. Laurent et al. request City Council request City Manager establish a clear and focused list of items to be checked during rental inspections under the Rental Dwelling Unit Period Inspections Program, strictly limited to fire safety.

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

Placed on file

9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointments of Colleen E. Polletta and Johanna Mawson to the Thomas J. Early Scholarship Fund Board.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place items #9.1A CM through #9.1D CM on file. Placed on file

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Diane Fratoni Mohieldin to the Conservation Commission.

Placed on file (See Item #9.1A CM)

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Lowell Alexander to the Worcester Ballpark Commission.

Placed on file (See Item #9.1A CM)

- D. Transmitting informational informational communication relative to the appointment of Nicholas Pepper to the Worcester Redevelopment Authority.

Placed on file (See Item #9.1A CM)

9.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend the appointment of Angela M. Kaufman-Parks to the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.

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

9.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

- A. Recommend adoption of proposed salary ordinance amendments that will bring the ordinance in compliance with the changes enacted in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to advertise the nine (9) proposed Ordinances. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinances on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend adoption of proposed amendments to the Salary Ordinance to bring the ordinance into compliance with the FY25 Budget recommendation.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- C. Recommend approval of an Order authorizing exemptions to two Worcester Public School employees so that they may contract with the Youth Opportunities Office.

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

9.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Eric D. Batista, City Manager

9.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Division of Human Rights and Accessibility

Victor Perez, Interim Director

9.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Administration Division

Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Recommend adoption of the FY25 Water and Sewer Rate.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer item to the Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to a report on work done at the Ernest H. Johnson Tunnel.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer item to the Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- C. Recommend adoption of an Order of Pavement Restoration.

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

- D. Recommend approval of the Golf Cart Contract for Green Hill Golf Course.

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

- E. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on Bennett Field.

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

9.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Engineering and Architectural Services Division

Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

9.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Operations Division

Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

9.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Parks Division

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner

9.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Recommend adoption of modifications to Chapter 13 Section 68 Schedule III concerning one-way street segments on portions of Ash, Washington, Gold, Harding, Millbury, and Olde Millbury Streets.

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

- B. Informational communication relative to the federally funded transportation projects.

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

9.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

9.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the quarterly use of the WPD small Unmanned Aircraft System

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the number of Mill Street crashes since its reconfiguration.

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

9.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Director

9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor

- A. Recommend approval of an amendment to the City's organizational ordinances to create a new division within the City Clerk Department, Administration of City Council Office.

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

9.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

Christopher P. Spencer, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the policies for 110 Inspections.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

9.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

9.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division

Lee R. Hall, Director

9.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration

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

- A. Transmitting informational communication on the status of chronically homeless and unsheltered.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - King

- B. Transmitting informational communication on five year homeless strategic plan.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - King

- 9.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Public Health
Soloe M. Dennis, MS, MEP, Director
- 9.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 9.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director
- 9.23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Services
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 9.24 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 9.25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 9.26 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Rachel Monarrez, Superintendent
- 9.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor
- 9.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Budget Office Division
Erin E. Taylor, Director
- 9.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Purchasing Division
Christopher Gagliastro, Director
- 9.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Treasury and Collections Division
Timothy J. McGourthy, Acting Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

9.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES
Julie A. Lynch, Chief of Public Facilities

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

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

9.34 FINANCE ITEMS
Capital Transfers

9.35 FINANCE ITEMS
Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Four Dollars And No Cents (\$377,684.00) from the FY25 Connecting Activities program through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), to support the MassHire Central Region Workforce Board's work-based learning incentive programs.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.35A CM through #9.35G CM, #9.36A CM through #9.36E CM, #9.37A CM and #9.37B CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider items #9.35A CM through #9.35G CM, #9.36A CM through #9.36E CM, #9.37A CM and #9.37B CM. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, to support a needs assessment for permanent supportive housing with the goal of reducing chronic homelessness.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$1,750,000.00) through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development, to address infrastructure improvements at the Worcester Memorial Auditorium.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Two Million Dollars And No Cents (\$2,000,000.00) through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development, to support the Greendale Revitalization Initiative.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six Dollars And Seventy One Cents (\$13,266.71) from Department of Fire Services under the FY24 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- F. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Five Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$599,300.00) from Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs under the FY'2025 COA Formula Grant program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- G. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of up to Forty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$40,000.00) from Friends of Worcester's Senior Center, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2025 support of the Worcester Senior Center.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend City Council's approval of Fiscal Year 2024 year-end transfers to make adjustments to City accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars And No Cents (\$8,610.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1026-610100, Water Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1026-699303, Water Capital Outlay, to appropriately account for the purchase of a water bottle filling station.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five Dollars And No Cents (\$16,665.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1076-610100, Parks Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1076-699399, Parks Capital Outlay, to appropriately account for the purchase of a new spreader and water bottle filling stations.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- D. Recommend City Council's authorization of the following uses of the Revolving Fund Accounts in Fiscal Year 2025, at the limits in each account per M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53 1/2. These Revolving Fund accounts were established so that revenue from a particular service is allowed to be used for associated program costs. These require annual Authorization from City Council.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- E. Recommend City Council's approval of Fiscal Year 2024 year-end operating transfers to make adjustments to City accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that One Hundred Fifty Five Dollars And Twenty Seven Cents (\$155.27) be transferred from Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Center #CC1081, Department of Transportation & Mobility Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Two Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$279.75) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Center #CC1003, City Manager's Ordinary Maintenance for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the launch of a public survey to solicit feedback regarding the FY25-29 Municipal Strategic Plan.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee
- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to resident billing and the Community Preservation Act surcharge.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee
- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to my self-evaluation of the work and accomplishments of my administration for Fiscal Year 2024.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - King

10. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part I

- 10a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager ensure a process that allows third-party companies the ability to complete inspections of rental properties in the city as part of the amended Rental Dwelling Unit Periodic Inspections Program.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Nguyen, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen
- 10b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report one year after the implementation of the Rental Dwelling Unit Periodic Inspections Program evaluating the number of registered rental properties and the number of fines in a categorized list for each City Council District.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Nguyen, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen
- 10c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning plans to expand the sidewalks on Sunderland Rd. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St. (Russell)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #10c CC through #10z CC and #11a CC through #11z CC. Order adopted

- 10d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide City Council with a report concerning how many positions in the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) budget that were previously being funded through grant monies are now being funded through the department's general budget. (Colorio)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide City Council with a report concerning how Worcester Public Schools (WPS) funds its snow removal operations, including information relative to what equipment is used during its process. (Bergman)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide City Council with a report detailing anticipated costs associated with fully implementing the recommendations within the School Safety Audit over a seven-to-ten year period. Said report should include information relative to which aspects of the audit will be prioritized each year. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Superintendent of Public Schools provide City Council with a report detailing the legislative priorities of the Worcester Public Schools department. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning efforts being made to obtain PFAS-free firefighter turn out gear. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the Fire Department's staffing levels over a three (3) year period that includes information relative to union and civilian employees, as well as any individuals that may have transferred in or out of the department. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the status of building the new South Division Fire Station. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the status of implementing the various recommendations associated with the Fire Department Community Risk Assessment Master Plan. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

- 10l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager conduct a survey of the members of the Worcester Police Department to determine ways in which mental health resources can be advanced within the department. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report analyzing data compiled by the ACLU Massachusetts Branch concerning the efficacy of ShotSpotter. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how much money the city spends on internal details. Further, request said report include information concerning how many police details are filled against how many details go unfilled. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning plans the city has relative to ensuring usage of “Community Days,” at Polar Park. (Russell)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the parameters of the agreement between the city and Madison Properties, as it relates to the parking lot in the vicinity of Polar Park. Said report should include information concerning how many parking spaces are dedicated to Madison Properties and how many spaces are dedicated to public use. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report assessing the condition of both the DCU Center and Polar Park. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report determining whether the proposed improvements to the fire alarm system at the DCU Center are necessary. Said report should include how the potential need for such a system was brought to the city’s attention and any actions taken by the Civic Center Commission in its regard. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 10s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager review the number of employees Law Departments of similar sized cities have against the city’s to determine whether additional staffing is needed. (Bergman)
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

10t. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the program Nearmap, including costs associated with maintaining the program, which department(s) have access to the technology and whether the data collected from the program, including contact information for property owners, is subject to public records requests. (Russell)

Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

10u. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a staffing analysis of the Assessing and Purchasing Divisions of the city. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

10v. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Manager provide City Council a report concerning the cost of installing photos of the city's elected officials in every high school and in City Hall.

Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

10w. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to receive input related to installing photos of the city's elected officials in the high schools.

Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

10x. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Manager request City Assessor provide City Council with a report concerning assessments of state buildings as they relate to real estate taxes and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements.

Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

10y. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Auditor, if possible, provide City Council with a full report by December 31, 2024 concerning the revenue received from the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

10z. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report relative to leasable space at Union Station.

Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

11. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part II

11a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding can be used for portable bathrooms in homeless encampments and/or for wraparound services and other facilities for the city's homeless population.

Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

- 11b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning health-related issues associated with the city's older multi-family home housing stock, including asthma-related issues and elderly trip and fall-related issues. Said report should include any pertinent data collected from the Commonwealth on similar issues.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the process for reducing the number of licenses granted within the city that allow for the sale of tobacco products.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used by other communities to incentivize property owners of uninsured properties to become insured.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Executive Director of the Worcester Public Library provide City Council a list of all services offered at the Worcester Public Library.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Executive Director of the Worcester Public Library provide City Council with a report concerning the collaboration between the Major Taylor Museum and the Worcester Public Library.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning pending legislation regarding ghost guns and switches.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief work with Superintendent of the Worcester Public Schools to create a contingency plan for gun violence alerts throughout the summer.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with regular reports concerning foot patrols, community policing efforts and findings relative to each City Council district.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

- 11j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report, prior to the end of August 2024, regarding any new Worcester Police Department (WPD) retirees, as well as information concerning new WPD recruits.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Director of Emergency Communications and Management provide City Council a report regarding methods to address emergency solutions in the 311 application, particularly on weekends.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with report concerning parking ordinances relative to box trucks.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct an assessment of Davis St. to determine any potential means of increasing pedestrian safety, such as the installation of crosswalks and/or stop signs.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the department's current processes relative to inclement weather on hills.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install appropriate "Curve" warning signage, as well as an advisory speed plaque (25 mph), in the vicinity of 445 Hamilton St.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services contact the owner of 437 Hamilton St. to clear overgrowth on Hamilton St. next to 445 Hamilton St.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility prepare and implement a lane marking plan incorporating recommendations from the traffic study of the intersection of Plantation St. and Orient St.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

- 11r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct traffic study at the intersection of Newton Ave. North and Salisbury St. for traffic calming measures to accommodate vulnerable road users.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study on Millbrook St. for traffic calming solutions.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11t.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide speed monitoring and enforcement on Millbrook St.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11u.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion concerning any impact a restraining order can have when granting the installation of a handicap parking space.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11v.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility contact the property owner and the business owner at 410 Shrewsbury St. to discuss the size of the curb cut of the property.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11w.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide periodic checks on at Indian Lake Beach and Clason Rd.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11x.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager trim trees at the intersection of Valmor St. and Sunderland Rd.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11y.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide foundation for the street signage at the intersection Vernon St. and Richland St. for additional support.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)
- 11z.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility follow up with the implementation of No Parking Anytime signage at the intersection of Richland St. and Vernon St.
Order adopted (See Item #10c CC)

12. CHAIRMAN'S RESOLUTION

- 12a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the completion of both a staffing analysis and pay equity analysis for the Law Department. (King)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Resolution adopted

13. ORDERS

- 13a.** In accordance with Section 2 of City Manager Eric D. Batista's Employment Agreement, the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby consider negotiating a subsequent employment agreement beyond his December 31, 2024 term. (Petty, Bergman)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen

- 13b.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby amend its meeting schedule to reschedule its Joint City Council and City Manager agenda on August 20, 2024 City Council meeting to now take place on August 13, 2024. Further, that the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby amend its meeting schedule to schedule a Joint City Council and City Manager agenda on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 to accommodate a shift in the 2024 State Primary Election Schedule. (Petty)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 13c.** Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report, at its next meeting, detailing all traffic ordinances ordained by City Council over the last six (6) years, as well as all the items currently awaiting ordinances to be written by the Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM). (Mero-Carlson)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 13d.** Request City Manager consider allowing neighborhood residents to park underneath the solar panels in the Worcester Senior Center parking lot during winter weather events. (Russell)

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

- 13e.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a summary of all efforts that went into responding to residents at the Washington Heights apartment complex displaced by the June 3, 2024 fire, including: A) all parties involved in the response; B) any gaps in resources that have been identified in the City's response to all fires that have taken place in the last twenty-four (24) months; C) the number of significant fires that have resulted in fatalities; and D) the number of residents displaced as a result of said fires in the last twenty-four (24) months. (Haxhiaj)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 13f.** In light of recent fires, request City Manager expedite the implementation of the Rental Registry and the Periodic Inspection of Multi-family buildings programs. (Haxhiaj)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

- 13g.** Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer create an online restaurant and dining directory/map that lists restaurants in all five (5) City Council districts. Said directory should include filters based on restaurant location and the type of food options served. (Mero-Carlson)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 13h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with an update concerning the status of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) relative to the street repaving projects, as selected by the District Councilors for FY25 and FY26. Said report should include a timeline for construction on said repaving projects. (Mero-Carlson)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 13i.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a final list of sidewalks approved for resurfacing by City Council, with updated cost projections, to ensure District Councilors are able to make their backlog of selections, including FY23, FY24, FY25 and FY26. (Mero-Carlson)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 13j.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning various outreach efforts completed by the city to ensure all senior residents are made aware of the Senior Work-Off Abatement Program. (Mero-Carlson)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 13k.** Request City Manager immediately communicate with Eversource to request the work being done at the rotary intersecting Webster St. and Hope Ave., and the resulting detour(s), be done in a manner that minimizes interference with businesses operating nearby. (Bergman, Haxhiaj)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

14. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending

15. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 15a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Stephen Madaus request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of 4 Brandt Ln., which is currently zoned partially BG-2.0, RL-7 and BL-1.0, and 0 Grafton St., which is currently zoned partially BL-1.0 and RL-7, such that both parcels will be zoned BG-2.0: recommend passage of the accompanying Ordinance as amended to include a 25' setback.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinances associated with items #15a CC through #15d CC. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 15b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Mark Borenstein, Esq. request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property located at and known as 342 West Boylston St. from the current zoning designation of Business, Limited (BL-1.0) to Business, Limited (BL-1.0) and Commercial Corridors Overlay District - Elsewhere (CCOD-E) by establishing the Commercial Corridors Overlay District - Elsewhere (CCOD-E) at the property: recommend passage of the accompanying Ordinance.

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

- 15c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the petition of Angel Santos request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property located at 546 Cambridge St. from RG-5 to MG-2: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

- 15d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Dhimitri Lako request the Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of 325 Greenwood St. from ML-0.5 to BL-1.0: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

15e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of an amendment to the Rental Property Registration Program and Residential Rental Unit Periodic Inspection Program ordinances: recommend passage of the two (2) proposed Ordinances as amended to include the following: 1) Exemption of “newly developed dwellings” (single family, two-family, three-family, and multi-family) that received an occupancy permit on or after September 29, 2022, for a period of 5 years from the date of the occupancy permit; 2) Any change in ownership during the 5-year period requires the new owner register within 30 days of taking ownership); 3) Owner occupied 2 and 3 family dwellings exempt from program; 4) Changes to ordinance from Commissioner of Inspectional Services and City Solicitor (submitted to Committee on 5/1) included Department of Inspectional Services retaining a list of exempted properties and Penalty/Fine section limited to each month constituting a fine (not daily); 5) Exempt from State Sanitary Code inspections – 2 and 3 family owner-occupied; 6) Exemption from inspection for any newly developed single family, two-family, three-family, and multi-family rental units, as identified in Section 18 (c), that received an occupancy permit on or after September 29, 2022, for a period of 5 years from the date of the occupancy permit; 7) Upon change of ownership, inspections must occur; 8) Owner occupied 2 and 3 family dwellings exempt from State Sanitary Code inspections; 9) Addition to 19(g), related to building owners’ responsibility, to obtain consent from tenants/occupants for any inspections; 10) Changes to ordinance from Commissioner of Inspectional Services and City Solicitor (submitted to Committee on 5/1) included DIS retaining a list of exempted properties & Penalty/Fine section limited to each month constituting a fine (not daily); and 11) Editorial and stylistic changes were also made for formatting purposes.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen

15f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the constitutionality of the Rental Dwelling Unit Periodic Inspections Ordinance: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #15f CC through #15i CC. Accepted

15g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an overview of the infrastructure and capacity building that was done to prepare for a launch of the Rental Registry: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #15f CC)

15h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report concerning how short-term rentals such as Airbnb will be handled in the city's rental registry program: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #15f CC)

15i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Petition of Arthur Mooradian and Michael Madulka request City Council request City Manager suspend the Rental Registry and Inspection Program and schedule public hearings relative to said programs: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #15f CC)

16. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 16a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up with items #16b CC and #24i CC.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to take item #24i CC off the Table. Taken off the Table on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

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

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

Councilor King then moved, "That the City Council does hereby cut \$500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Budget of the Executive Office of Economic Development #CC1004." (See Item #26g CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to place Councilor King's motion on file.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Toomey's motion to place Councilor King's motion on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Haxhiaj, Mero-Carlson, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – King, Russell) (See Item #26e CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #16a CC and #16b CC and vote to advertise the proposed Loan Order on item #24i CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved to reconsider the items. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Nays and 11 Nays

- 16b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

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

Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of amendments to the Worcester Financial Integrity Plan: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Mayor Petty moved to accept the item. Accepted

17. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

- 17a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Petition of Maria Montano request City Council request City Manager display pictures of elected, municipal officials who are currently in office, including the Mayor, Vice Chairman, district and at-large City Council members, as well as all district and at-large School Committee Members in all municipal, school and administrative buildings to bring representation, awareness and engagement in our municipal government and school electoral process: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #17a CC through #17f CC. Accepted
- 17b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Order of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing a list of properties purchased by colleges and universities from 2019 to the present, whether the college or university kept the property on the tax roll, any signed community benefit agreements associated with new projects on these properties and what changes, if any, were made to PILOT contributions: recommend Order be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting an informational communication relative to the City of Worcester's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Senior Tax Abatement Volunteer Program: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update of the Community Preservation Act: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

- 17f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting the financial statements of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority (WRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 as audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #17a CC)

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

- 18a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Communication of the City Manager Recommend adoption of funding for U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Programs - Program Year 50: recommend adoption of the four (4) Resolutions.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Four (4) Resolutions adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Russell recused)

- 18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the procedures businesses must follow to sell tobacco products, the current number of licenses issued for such sales, and the maximum allowable limit for tobacco-selling businesses within our city.: recommend Communication be placed on file.

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

- 18c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a summary of the impact of Covid-19 on Worcester, with a particular emphasis on hot spots: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #18b CC)

19. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- 19a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** 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 #19a CC through #19d CC. Accepted

- 19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the 2023 Crime Statistics for the City of Worcester: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #19a CC)

19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the 2023 Worcester Fire Department Annual Report: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #19a CC)

19d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication detailing analytics around responsiveness via the City's 311 Application: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #19a CC)

20. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Part I

20a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Janet Colon request installation of handicap parking space in front of 93 Puritan Ave.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinances associated with items #20a CC through #20j CC. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

20b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Leftheria John request installation of handicap parking space in front of 11 Blossom St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

20c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Monica Silva request installation of handicap parking space in front of 15 Alsada Dr.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

20d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Bianca Alves Rangel request installation of handicap parking space across from 50 Green Hill Pkwy and adjacent to 182 Lincoln St. (Amended November 15, 2023): recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

20e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sally MacDonald request the handicap parking space in front of 81 Whitmarsh Ave. to be expanded or relocated back to its original location: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

- 20f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Paye Dennis request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 39 Westminster St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sharon Carreras request handicap parking signs in front of 196 Pilgrim Ave. be relocated three (3) feet from the driveway: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Sean M. Rose request Tyson Rd. be made a one-way street, flowing eastbound from West Boylston St. to Burncoat St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj on behalf of Nathalie Gibson request installation of “No Parking Anytime” signage on one of two sides side of Fourth St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Justin Rose request installation of handicap parking space in front of 147 Pilgrim Ave.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Victoria Hutchful request installation of handicap parking space in front of 47 Grosvenor St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file
- 20l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition Kevin Seifert request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Newton Ave North and Salisbury St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt items #20l CC through #20r CC. Accepted and Adopted
- 20m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of advisory crosswalk signage on the corner of Burncoat St. and Arbutus Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #20l CC)

- 20n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Abby Mortillaro request installation of crosswalks on Park Ave. at its intersection with Townsend St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #20l CC)
- 20o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of curb extensions at the intersection of Pleasant St. and Newbury St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #20l CC)
- 20p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “Pedestrian Crossing Ahead” signage, “Yield Here to Pedestrian” signage and painted yield lines at the approach to the crosswalk at 425 Pleasant St. in both directions.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #20l CC)
- 20q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “Pedestrian Crossing Ahead” signage, “Yield Here to Pedestrian” signage and painted yield lines at the approach to the crosswalk at 1050-1060 Main St. in both directions: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #20l CC)
- 20r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of improved “Do Not Block Intersection” signage on Salisbury St. at its intersection with Regent St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #20l CC)
- 20s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Vui Lam request installation of No Parking Anytime for the north side of Wade St. in order to allow for trash pick up and the existing Residential Parking Zone be relocated to the south side of the street. (Amended September 20, 2023 and March 20, 2023): recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #20s CC through #20z CC and #21a CC through #21n CC. Accepted
- 20t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Cristian Chica request Davis St. be made a one-way street, flowing uphill from Piedmont St. towards Queen St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 20u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Manushaque Seferi request installation of resident permit parking on Ingleside Ave. between Hamilton St. and Cohasset St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)

- 20v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Judy Verdolino request review of the intersection of Hamilton St. and Lake Ave. at the Lake Park entrance to determine options that are available for controlling traffic at the intersection: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 20w.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Prateep Wiedenhoeft request installation of convex mirror across the driveway of 445 Hamilton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 20x.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a study of traffic safety for the intersection of Plantation Street and Orient Street: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 20y.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Nicole Gulbankian request "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at 64 Norfolk St. be replaced with "No Parking - Tow Zone" sign: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 20z.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Evan Corrigan request installation of a lit pylon for the Burncoat neighborhood at the "Triangle.": recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)

21. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Part II

- 21a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Brianna Vega request the location of the "No Parking Here to Corner" signage in the vicinity of 400 Shrewsbury St. be reviewed and relocated to its original location: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jully Khattar request installation of stop sign at the intersection of Davidson Rd. and North Pkwy: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Paola Gutierrez request installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Sagamore Rd. and Grove St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)

- 21d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Michael Mante request installation of caution traffic lights at the intersection of Burncoat St., Hartwell St. and Tyson Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell request installation of speed humps on Boston Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Joseph Gerardi request installation of speed humps on Boston Ave. in the vicinity of 456 Hamilton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Kathleen Murray request installation of speed humps on Moore Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Olga Villamil request installation of speed humps on Frank St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jonathan Rodriguez request installation of speed humps on Vincent Cir.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Samantha Tunchez request installation of speed humps on Clason Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sheilagh Crotty request installation of speed humps between 55 and 57 Standish St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)
- 21l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Yanczewski request the traffic signage pole at the intersection of Vernon St. and Richland St. be relocated further down Richland St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #20s CC)

21m. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to the City of Worcester's traffic signal system: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #20s CC)

21n. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to 2024 speed hump installations: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #20s CC)

22. TO BE ORDAINED

22a. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996, Relative to Members of Local 490, NAGE (Clerks).

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #22a CC through #22j CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

22b. Amending Article III of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991 Relative to Extension of the Adaptive Reuse Overlay Zoning District in the vicinity of 47 Hermon Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22c. Amending Article III of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991, Relative to Extension of the Business, General-2.0 (BG-2.0), Residence, General-5 (RG-5), Residence, Limited-7 (RL-7), And Residence, Single Family-7 (RS-7) Zoning Districts in the vicinity of Coes Pond, Mill Street, Park Avenue, Coes Square, Coes Street, Brookline Street, First Street, and Lakeside Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22d. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in front of #125-127 Plantation Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22e. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in front of #7 Ruth Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22f. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in front of #7 Stoneland Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22g. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in front of #9 Tower Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22h. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in front of #17 Field Way.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22i. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in front of #19 Willard Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22j. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in front of #57 (Aka #59) Cutler Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

23. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

23a. PETITION of Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of a crosswalk at or near 1122 Pleasant St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhiaj May 28, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

Tabled Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 23b.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the cost of returning Mill St. to its original configuration in as quick a manner as possible. Said report should include the funding source for such a project. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhiaj May 28, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #23c CC.

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhij and Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a parking utilization plan as it relates to Mill St.” (See Item #26d CC).

Councilor King then moved to place item #23b CC on file.

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

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

Councilor Toomey then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report relative to a six (6) month long traffic study detailing the impact of the full implementation of the Mill Street redesign. (See Item #26e CC).

Councilor Toomey then moved to, “Request City Manager refrain from installing additional bike lanes in the city during the duration of a six (6) month traffic study of Mill St. and the effectiveness of its bike lanes.” – Withdrawn.

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

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

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

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

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how flex posts being installed on Mill St. will impact plowing operations during snowstorms.” (See Item #26f CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to Table Under Privilege Councilor Toomey’s motion relative to a six (6) month Traffic Study on Mill St. – Withdrawn.

Councilor King then moved to place Councilor Toomey’s motion relative to refraining from installing bike lanes in the city for six (6) months on file. – Withdrawn.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Toomey's motion relative to a six (6) month Traffic Study on Mill St. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Haxhij, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell) (See Item #26e CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt item #23c CC. Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, King, Mero-Carlson, Russell) (Nays – Haxhij, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty).

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

- 23c.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager address the recent redesign changes and accidents to and on Mill St. as follows: 1) return on-street parking up to the curbing; 2) provide best practices for the protection of bicyclists and pedestrians; 3) allocate funds for the City Council to engage a street design engineer to review the safety of the Mill St. parking spaces/ design changes; 4) send any future design changes/ proposals and/or intention to implement similar parking changes/designs to City Council to be reviewed in the appropriate subcommittee for public hearing(s). (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhij May 28, 2024)

Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, King, Mero-Carlson, Russell) (Nays – Haxhij, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (See Item #23b CC)

- 23d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager review the Mill St. redesign for the purpose of ruling in or out the potential for elevating protected bike lanes and the widening sidewalks with a dedicated walkway. Said improvements should be completed through the use of federal funding received in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhij May 28, 2024)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhij, who moved to place the item on file. – Withdrawn.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for the second time, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: “Request City Manager review the Mill St. redesign for the potential of elevating protected bike lanes and the widening sidewalks with a dedicated walkway. Said improvements should be completed through the use of federal funding received in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.”

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

- 23e.** PETITION of Gordon T. Davis request City Council consider removing from its Table a petition submitted by Gordon T. Davis at the May 14, 2024 City Council meeting relative to requesting the Standing Committee on Public Safety investigate the issue of systemic racism and public safety with public hearings included. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey May 28, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

Tabled Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

- 23f.** ORDER of Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning Shotspotter and Shotspotter Connect, including but not limited to the cost, data concerning predicting police, how Shotspotter activates policing and patrolling vs. evidence of a shooting, and what types of arrests have they led to. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey May 28, 2024)

Order adopted (See Item #8cc CC)

- 23g.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - Request City Manager request Police Chief review the current boundaries of Shot Spotter and any data that would warrant an expansion beyond the existing footprint. Further, request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report estimating the cost of such an expansion. (Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey May 28, 2024)

Placed on file (See Item #8cc CC)

- 23h.** Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: MASSASOIT RD. at 500 GRAFTON ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: MASSASOIT RD. at 500 GRAFTON ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 28, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

Tabled Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Tabled Under Privilege - Petty

24. TABLED ITEMS

- 24a.** ORDER of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)

No action taken

24b. RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

No action taken

24c. ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)

No action taken

24d. CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Council work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 24, 2022 and June 7, 2022 and Tabled - Petty June 14, 2022)

No action taken

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

No action taken

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

No action taken

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

No action taken

24h. 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)

No action taken

24i. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend the adoption of a Loan Order in the amount of Eighty Six Million Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars and No Cents (\$86,221,444.00) to pay for costs associated with projects and equipment, as approved in the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 7, 2024 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson May 14, 2024)

Voted to advertise proposed Loan Order on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

25. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the May 28, 2024 City Council meeting.

25a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city's strategy around ensuring compliance with net school spending. – Item #22a CC Order adopted

25b. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager determine, prior to the end of the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) budget process, a way in which the city can better ensure compliance with net school spending. – Item #22b CC Order adopted

25c. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with details relative to pothole claims filed against the city, including the amount paid out on such claims, to determine whether potholes are being reported. – Item #22c CC Order adopted

25d. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager work to improve upon the transparency around the filing of claims associated with potholes, including but not limited to completing a public education campaign on the process. – Item #22d CC Order adopted

25e. ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the average timetable it takes to respond to a pothole claim. – Item #22e CC

- 25f.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with suggestions as to how best incorporate language ensuring the constitutionality of a Rental Dwelling Unit Periodic Inspections ordinance in the city. – Item #22f CC Order adopted
- 25g.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a definition of the word, “area” as it relates to systematic area inspections associated with a Rental Dwelling Unit Periodic Inspections ordinance. – Item #22g CC Order adopted
- 25h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request City Solicitor explore the feasibility of filing litigation against Charter Spectrum to create an impetus for the company to ensure eligible seniors are reimbursed on any monies withheld from them relative to their service. – Item #22h CC Order adopted

26. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the June 18, 2024 City Council meeting.

- 26a.** Motion Russell @ #8z CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning why no appropriations were made relative to private street betterments or private way temporary repairs in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25).
Order adopted (See Item #8z CC)
- 26b.** Motion Nguyen @ #8cc CC – Request City Manager create an advisory commission for police technologies.
Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (See Item #8cc CC)
- 26c.** Motion Mero-Carlson @ #8cc CC – Request City Manager conduct community discussions prior to the renewing the city’s contract with ShotSpotter, which is set to expire in April of 2026.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8cc CC)
- 26d.** Motion King @ #23b CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a parking utilization plan as it relates to Mill St.
Order adopted (See Item #23b CC)
- 26e.** Motion Toomey @ #23b CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report relative to a six (6) month long traffic study detailing the impact of the full implementation of the Mill Street redesign.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell) (See Item #23b CC)
- 26f.** Motion Russell @ #23b CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how flex posts being installed on Mill St. will impact plowing operations during snowstorms.
Order adopted (See Item #23b CC)

26g. Motion King @ #16a CC – That the City Council does hereby cut \$500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Budget of the Executive Office of Economic Development #CC1004.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Haxhij, Mero-Carlson, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – King, Russell) (See Item #16a CC)

26h. Motion Petty – Suspension of Rules – That the City Council does hereby amend its meeting schedule to begin its June 18, 2024 Agenda at 5 p.m.

Order adopted