

**CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:08 P.M.

Adjourned: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 12:06 A.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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Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2
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Eric D. Batista

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Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND STAR SPANGLED BANNER

2. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair. Councilor Bergman, Councilor Nguyen and Councilor Pacillo participated in the meeting remotely.

3. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 25, 2024.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers:

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #12l CC, #12n CC, #12p CC, #12x CC, #12y CC, 13a CC, #13j CC and #13k CC
2. Adam Filker, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
3. Oliver Chadwick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
4. Andrew Piazza, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
5. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC, #11d CC, #11e CC and #12p CC
6. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #23a CC
7. Kaska Yawo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
8. Juliet Feibel, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
9. Jennifer Rogers, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #12m CC and #12l CC
10. Eugene Georgia, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #12m CC and #12l CC
11. Karen Valentine Goins, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
12. Eric Stratton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
13. Sue Mailman, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #12x CC, #13e CC and #13k CC
14. Patty Houser, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
15. Christopher Houston, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #23a CC
16. Richard Wiggins, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #22s CC
17. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC, #11j CC, #12b CC, #12y CC, #12z CC, #13g CC and #13i, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to items #11i CC and #11k CC, spoke in opposition to item #11t CC, #23c CC, #13d CC, #18a CC, #23a CC and #23e CC
18. Jacob Seidel, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
19. Greg Degermajian, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10.12A CM, #13b CC and #13c CC
20. Maydee Morales, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #10.39A CM
21. Dale Wickenheiser, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
22. Marisol Cerezo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11m CC
23. Nicole Belanger, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
24. Coop Belanger, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
25. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC, #25j CC, #11e CC, #22i CC, #22m CC and #22n CC
26. Alex Salcedo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
27. Brennan Dagle, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC
28. Matthew Noe, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14a CC and spoke in opposition to item #13e CC

6. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

- 6a. Hearing: VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. for a conduit location at: EAST CENTRAL ST.

Granting permission to VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. for a conduit location at: EAST CENTRAL ST.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to take up items #6a CC and #6b CC collectively and moved to open the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty asked if any abutters wished to be heard on the items. Hearing no speakers, Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to close the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

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

- 6b. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 796 MAIN ST. and CASTLE ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 796 MAIN ST. and CASTLE ST.

Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #6a CC)

7. PETITIONS - Part I

- 7a. Teresa Inangelo request Samoset Rd. be made public.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer item #7a CC to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 7b. Kristin Lambert request installation of "Do Not Litter" signage at the intersection of Cataract St. and Juniper Rd. in the vicinity of the Cascades trailhead.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7b CC through #7k CC to the Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 7c. Irene Wazgowska request installation of a sidewalk on Grove St. from the corner of Drummond Ave. to the Holden line.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)

- 7d. Yoselin Lainez request installation of a sidewalk on Morgan St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)

- 7e. Yoselin Lainez request installation of a sidewalk on Brooks St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)

- 7f. Debra Abbott request installation of a sidewalk on Grove St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)

- 7g. Debra Abbott request installation of a sidewalk on Chester St.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)
- 7h. Samuel Trigiano request installation of curb on the left side of Dewar Dr. at the intersection of Roy St.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)
- 7i. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Matthew Shattuck request the public portion of Glezen St. be repaved.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)
- 7j. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request curb repair at 10 Hockanum Way.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)
- 7k. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request Dorothy Ave. from Hillcroft Ave, to Granville Ave. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)
- 7l. Brendaliz Brown request installation of speed humps on Whipple St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7l CC through #7z CC, #8a CC through #8z CC and #9a CC through #9e CC to the Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 7m. Colleen Kushlis request installation of safer curbing and marking of island at the intersection of Plantation St. and Natural History Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7l CC)
- 7n. Barbara A. Tully request removal of handicap parking space at 28 Proctor St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7l CC)
- 7o. Caitlin R. Doyle request installation of solar-powered pedestrian crossing signage at the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Harding St. and Winter St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7l CC)
- 7p. Caitlin R. Doyle request installation of solar-powered pedestrian crossing signage at the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Harding St. and Pond St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7l CC)
- 7q. Caitlin R. Doyle request installation of solar-powered pedestrian crossing signage at the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Harding St. and Harrison St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7l CC)
- 7r. Maria Alvarenga request installation of handicap parking space in front of 149 Austin St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7l CC)

- 7s. Abdulrhman Abouali request installation of residential permit parking on Portland St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 7t. Ron Smith et al. request expansion of residential permit parking zone on Germain St. to encompass the street from Institute Rd. to Highland St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 7u. Christine Kaczorowski request installation of handicap parking space in front of 13 North Woodford St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 7v. Carmen Notice request installation of handicap parking space in front of 2 Blake St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 7w. Mary Francois request installation of handicap parking space in front of 4 Meade St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 7x. Sherri Ford and Mary Frazier request installation of residential permit parking on Windsor St. from McKinley Rd. to Sturgis St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 7y. Sherri Ford and Mary Frazier request the winter parking ban on Windsor St. be reversed to have no parking when declared on the odd side of the street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 7z. Robert Bilotta request installation of raised crosswalk and flashing crossing lights on Plantation St. at the intersection of Plantation St. and Montgomery Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)

8. PETITIONS - Part II

- 8a. Robert Bilotta request installation of four way stop sign at the intersection of Anna St. and Coburn Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8b. Robert Bilotta request installation of permanent speed humps on Sherbrooke Ave. at the intersection of Sherbrooke Ave. and Lake View St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)

- 8c. Lynnel Reed-Powell request installation of No Parking From Here to Corner signage on Birch St. at the intersection of Birch St. and Beaver St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8d. Lynnel Reed-Powell request crosswalks be painted at the intersection of Woodbine St. and Beaver St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8e. Felicia Martinez request installation of handicap parking space in front of 46 Richards St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8f. Thomas Ayers et al. request installation of speed hump in front of the left side of the property located at 35 Colby Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8g. Paul Croteau request installation of three (3) speed humps on Upland Gardens Dr., each to be in front of the three (3) bus stops on the street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8h. Debra Abbott request signage at the Grove St. and Chester St. intersection be reviewed and updated accordingly.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8i. Sonia Mejia request installation of handicap parking space in front of 9 Clarkson St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8j. Nicole St. Germain request installation of speed humps on Amanola Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8k. Nicole St. Germain request installation of speed humps on Rosemary St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8l. Nicole St. Germain request installation of speed humps on Montgomery Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8m. Ariel Mercado request installation of speed hump in front of 23 Freeland St. by the crosswalk.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)

- 8n. Alex Fernandez-Diaz et al. request installation of speed humps by the crosswalks at the entrance of Norrback Elementary School (44 Malden St.)
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8o. John Yanczewski request removal of handicap parking space in front of 83 Richland St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8p. Rakesh Bhaskar et al. request installation of "Stop for Pedestrians" signage at all crosswalks in the vicinity of the Worcester Wire Works building at 70 James St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8q. Rakesh Bhaskar et al. request review of the traffic signal at 70 James St. to allow for instant change to the walk signal when pushing the pedestrian button or for said traffic signal to be changed to stop sign with flashing light.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8r. Rakesh Bhaskar et al. request installation of No Parking Anytime zone and pavement markings 30 ft. in advance of crosswalks of traffic signals at 70 James St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8s. Matthew N. Noe request the pedestrian crossing signal timing at the intersection of Front St. and Foster St. be reconfigured to be at least 45 seconds, ideally up to 60 seconds.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8t. Luca Nova Webb request installation of flashing crosswalk signage on Lancaster St. at the Worcester Art Museum (55 Salisbury St.) crosswalk.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8u. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps on Hooper St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8v. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 226 Coburn Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8w. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Maia Dolphin-Krute request installation of speed humps on Greenfield St., either just after Dunkirk Ave. or Camden Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)

- 8x. Beverly Bailey request installation of speed humps on the public portion of Potomska St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8y. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Parkton Ave. and Chester St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 8z. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request “One Way” signage on Burncoat St. in the vicinity of Triangle St. and Mountain St. East be reviewed and updated for clarity.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)

9. PETITIONS - Part III

- 9a. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of a high-intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) at the median in the vicinity of 570 Lincoln St. and 591 Boylston St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 9b. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of temporary speed humps on Thornton Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 9c. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request Leeds St. be reviewed for speed calming measures, including “No Parking Anytime” signage on one side of the street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 9d. Joseph Corazzini, on behalf of Clark University, request installation of crosswalk on Woodland St. at the intersection of Charlotte St. and Woodland St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 9e. Donna A. Pellerin request installation of speed limit signage on Granite St. in the vicinity of the intersection of Granite St. and Cliff St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #71 CC)
- 9f. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: GRANITE ST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set hearing for September 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for the item. Hearing set for September 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 9g. David Webb request City Council request City Manager consider implementing a plan to provide transcription services for all public meetings including City Council and Boards and Commissions.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

10. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

10.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointments of Jennifer Griffin Gaul and Dona Romain to the Worcester Arts Council.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file.
Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Joseph Sacco to the Election Commission.

**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.**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied
on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 11 Nays.**

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Jack Newton to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file.
Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

10.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend the appointment of Ismael Rivera to the Community Development Advisory Committee.

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

- B. Recommend the appointment of Stephen McCauley to the Green Worcester Advisory Committee.

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

10.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

10.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Recommend adoption of an amendment to GRO, Part II, Article 3, §17 related to Planning Board membership.

**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**

- B.** Transmitting informational communication relative to MBTA Communities Compliance and Economic Feasibility Analysis for Inclusionary Zoning.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - King

- C.** Recommend approval of an amendment to the Tax Increment Exemption Agreement Relative to 340 Main Street.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- D.** Recommend adoption of the designation of an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Program Zone and Approval of a UCH-TIF Plan for 34-46 Lakeside Avenue.

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

10.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Eric D. Batista, City Manager

10.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Division of Human Rights and Accessibility

Victor Perez, Interim Director

10.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Administration Division

Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Recommend approval of temporary repairs on Rydberg Terrace.**

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

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing how temporary repairs of private streets will be budgeted for in future years.” (See Item #26a CC).

Mayor Petty moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the history of why the City Council discontinued the practice of approving temporary repairs on private streets, including any concerns around damage to the private roads during weather events.” (See Item #26b CC).

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

- B. Recommend adoption of an Order to advertise an Ordinance for Pavement Restoration.**

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

10.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Engineering and Architectural Services Division

Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

10.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Operations Division

Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner

10.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Parks Division

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner

10.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a survey of public opinion on speed limit reduction proposals.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication concerning enforcement statistics for residential permit parking violations.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

10.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the status of building the new South Division Fire Station.

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

10.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to community policing foot patrols.

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

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

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

- B.** Transmitting informational communication relative to internal police detail spending.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - King

- C.** Transmitting informational communication relative to 2024 Pedestrian Crashes on Lake Avenue, Lincoln Street, and Shrewsbury Street.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to, “Request City Manager work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to provide City Council with a report detailing a way the city can develop a more robust speed hump program, similar to the program instituted in Boston.” (See Item #26c CC).

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the various types of speed humps that the city plans to use at part of its future speed calming measures, including the data behind using permanent and/or temporary speed humps.” (See Item #26d CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager ensure all planned speed humps installs are completed by November 1, 2024.” (See Item #26e CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- D.** Transmitting informational communication relative to ShotSpotter and Resource Router programs.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - King

10.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Director

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the the City's transition from Smart911 to RapidSOS.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Mero-Carlson absent)

10.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor

- A. Recommend adoption of an accepting conveyance of a parcel of land from Becker College.

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to a declaration of a state of emergency.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

10.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

David Horne, Interim Commissioner

10.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

10.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division

Lee R. Hall, Director

10.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration

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

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a Worcester Community Food Assessment report.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the Director with Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Director with Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with an action plan for how the city plans to support and prioritize aiding residents experiencing food insecurity." (See Item #26f CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

10.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Public Health

Soloe M. Dennis, MS, MEP, Director

10.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Elder Affairs

Amy Vogel Waters, Director

10.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Veterans Services

Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director

10.23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Youth Services

Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director

10.24 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jason L. Homer, Executive Director

10.25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Election Commission Division

Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

10.26 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Rachel Monarrez, Superintendent

- A. Recommend approval of an easement to National Grid for property situated on the northwesterly side of Huntley Street and the southerly side of Midland Street.

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

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

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

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

10.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Treasury and Collections Division
Timothy J. McGourthy, Acting Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 financial update, as of June 30, 2024.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

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

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

10.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES
James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

- A. Recommend adoption of an Order of Conveyance of Easement for Verizon New England, Inc.

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

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

10.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

10.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

- A. Recommend that Five Million Eight Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars And Seventy Nine Cents (\$5,859,509.79) be transferred between various capital projects to provide funding for anticipated project expenses.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #10.34A CM, #10.35A CM through #10.35K CM, #10.36A CM through #10.36C CM and #10.37A CM through #10.37D CM. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

10.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept and expend a grant in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$60,000.00) from UMASS to support the Recreation Worcester Summer Program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- B. Recommend adoption of resolutions to file, accept, and expend One Million One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$1,156,181.18) for the purposes of advancing, promoting, and protecting public health in Worcester and the Central Massachusetts region.

Four (4) Resolutions adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept and expend a grant in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the United Way of Central MA, under the Summer Strong Grant, to support the Recreation Worcester Summer Program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept and expend a grant in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$15,000.00) from the United Way of Central MA, to support the Recreation Worcester program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$500.00) from Wyman Gordon for public education.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- F.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars And Seventy One Cents (\$13,299.71) from the Department of Fire Services under the SAFE/Senior SAFE program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)
- G.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in an amount up to Two Million Dollars And No Cents (\$2,000,000.00) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)
- H.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$100,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) under the Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (MLCGP) program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)
- I.** Resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars And Fifty Cents (\$2,596,887.50) from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)
- J.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in an amount up to Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$226,600.00) from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, as received by the Worcester Arts Council (WAC) for its 2024 grant cycle.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)
- K.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars and No Cents (\$87,415.00) from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Law Enforcement Equipment and Technology Grant
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

10.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Thirty Eight Dollars And Eleven Cents (\$226,038.11) be transferred from Fund #FD311-PG10069, Cable Educational Access, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC5203-PG10069, GMC Educational Cable Access Fund, which represents the Fiscal Year 2025 Cable PEG program allocation.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- B. Recommend that Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars And No Cents (\$9,130.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1020-610100, Inspectional Services Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1020-699399, Inspectional Services Capital Outlay, to fund the purchase of a Portable Octane Analyzer for the Weights & Measures Division.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

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

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

10.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Dollars And Seventy Six Cents (\$45,734.76) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Public Works & Parks Cost Centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- B. Recommend that Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Thirty Four Cents (\$11,428.34) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Public Works and Parks cost centers, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- C. Recommend that Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Nine Dollars And Forty Five Cents (\$27,909.45) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1038, Police Department Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

- D. Recommend that Four Hundred Forty Dollars And One Cent (\$440.01) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1016, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.34A CM)

10.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

10.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the administration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

11. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 11a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
Request Standing Committee on Education hold a discussion with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and appropriate members of the Worcester Public Schools relative to ensuring data and education is provided to students within the school department concerning opioids and overdose prevention strategies.

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

- 11b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services hold a discussion with representatives from the city's zoning taskforce and community stakeholders relative to preventative strategies around evictions as it relates to homelessness in the city.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 11c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used in other municipalities relative to tracking the time of speakers at public meetings. Said report should include any existing technology in the Worcester City Council Chamber.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #11c CC through #11u CC, except for #11d CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 11d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
That the Rules of City Council of the City of Worcester be and are hereby amended to amend Rule 21 to read as follows: Rule 21. No Speaking for More Than Five Minutes. After being recognized by the chair no councilor shall speak for more than five (5) minutes at a time nor more than ten (10) minutes total on any agenda item, or a group of calendar items taken collectively, at any City Council or Standing Committee on Finance meeting. The chair may grant additional time to any councilor if comments made by the city manager or other individuals in response to questions have taken an unusual amount of time. The chair shall make note of the time each member is recognized. Whenever any member substantially exceeds five minutes during their first time speaking on an item, the chair may rule that the member is being allocated his or her second five minutes and the member shall be deemed to have waived his or her right to speak twice on an item.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege - King
- 11e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Council ensure the chairperson of each meeting consider reading Rule 35 after introducing each council order to determine whether any City Councilor wishing to speak on the item wishes to oppose the item, or to request clarification of the item, or to offer an amendment to the item or to amend the motion of referral. Further, request City Council ensure no other form of debate be had on such a council order.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used in other municipalities relative to how City Councilors use personal privilege to hold an item, including the timeframe for when such a hold is processed.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)

- 11g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning how many items were held using personal privilege prior to each City Council meeting in 2023, as well as and how many items were held by personal privilege during each meeting during the same timeframe.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Clerk work with the Chief Information Officer to review technology and strategies available for alerting residents when a City Councilor provides advanced notice of their intent to hold an item under personal privilege.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with the definition of the term “personalities,” as described in Robert’s Rules of Order.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Clerk make available a Spanish translation of the Rules of the City Council on the city’s website once the rules are finalized.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Clerk work with the City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report clarifying Rule 11 as it relates to denying petitions, as well as challenges to the denial of said petitions through the City Clerk’s Office and the Law Department.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer expedite a zoning review as it relates to ensuring the building of multifamily housing in the city.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services coordinate meetings with City Councilors in each City Council district to discuss overdose data with members of the community.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Director of Emergency Communications and Management provide City Council with a report concerning the status of emergency funds, inclusive of funds used during past emergency situations.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)

- 11o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with an update concerning 2 Gage St.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report concerning the various statuses that can be assigned to workorders created in the city's Customer Services Request System (CSRS), including information concerning exceptions, the types of complaints tracked, and the departments that can be involved in an assigned task.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report detailing the timelines associated with follow-up on the different types of violations tracked by the department.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Director of Inspectional Services consider separating the Landlord and Tenant Responsibilities guide, to aid in ensuring both parties understand their rights and responsibilities as they relate to inspections.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the city's water main system, how it relates to fire protection and the process relevant to mitigate areas of concern.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11t.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager communicate with appropriate college and university administrators regarding the feasibility of receiving donations to replace firefighter turn out gear.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)
- 11u.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the status of existing firefighter turn out gear.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11c CC)

12. ORDERS - Part I

- 12a. Request City Manager provide City Council with a plan to execute temporary repairs on private streets that have properly petitioned the city in accordance with Chapter 302 of the Acts of 1984. Said repairs would not exceed the sum of six (6) dollars per linear foot, as per Chapter 302 of the Acts of 1984, and should be completed during Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). (Russell, King)

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

- 12b. In light of the over \$6,000.00 expense of one vending machine, request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the rationale of continuing the policy of not allowing merchants to recoup the credit card fees incurred when residents buy trash bags with a credit card. (Russell)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to hear the item collectively with items #12y CC and #12z CC.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell and 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 amend the item: "Further, request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning attempts being made to mitigate financial hardships in the community through reducing the price of yellow trash bags."

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

- 12c. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the plans relative to which trees are to be removed/planted on Endicott St. and Bigelow St., to ensure said information is shared in a more transparent manner. (King)

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

- 12d. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the parking plan set to add/adjust parking near Crompton Park that includes diagrams depicting the changes to parking in the area. (King)

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

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

- 12e.** Request City Manager post a link to the Human Rights Commission’s “Conclusions from Neighborhood Meeting Initiative” document on their page of the city’s website to ensure the public has access to the document. Further, request the data from said report be updated and provided to the City Council (see attached). (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager explore engaging in a new analysis of neighborhood meetings.”

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

- 12f.** Request City Manager install cameras on Newton Hill in an effort to address neighborhood concerns relative to nuisance issues in the area. (Haxhiaj, Pacillo)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item and refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Order adopted and referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 12g.** Request Mayor invite Worcester’s native son Stephen Nedoroscik to an upcoming City Council meeting to be recognized and appropriately feted for his world class performance in bringing two bronze medals, including assisting the United States Men’s Gymnastics Team obtain its first medal since 2008, back to a proud city from the 2024 Olympics in Paris. (Toomey)

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

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

- 12h.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of creating an Office of Housing Stability that includes an assessment of different models used throughout the nation and in surrounding cities and towns. (Haxhiaj, Nguyen)

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

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

- 12i.** Request Standing Committee on Public Works hold a meeting to draft a policy relative to the creation of “Honorary Street Names.” Said policy should include, but not be limited to: 1) what or who should be eligible for honorary street names; 2) whether the policy should be limited to Worcester residents/past Worcester residents; 3) whether business names should be included; 4) causes that would justify passage of an honorary street name title; and 5) whether passage should be limited to a certain number of years, decades or centuries that the entity gained notoriety. Further, request City Manager request City Solicitor and Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide guidance and recommendations of best practices used in other Municipalities, at said meeting to aid the Committee in drafting the Honorary Street policy. (Russell)

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

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

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

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

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

- 12j.** Request City Manager review Greenwood St. for the purpose of installing additional crosswalks and speed limit signage, as well as ensuring the ideal locations for all existing crosswalks. (Russell)

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

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

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

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

- 12k.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the private streets Scandinavia Ave., Sherer Trail and Forkey Ave. for any potential emergency measures that can be implemented to make the streets more drivable. (Haxhiaj)

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

- 12l.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted order from September 12, 2023, which read, “Request City Manager complete a safety audit for the following issues: 1) Safety of the areas where children get dropped off and picked up during school hours – at all schools; 2) Safety of municipal streets where schools are located and children must access when arriving or departing the school building; 3) Which schools have crosswalks; 4) Which schools have blinking light crosswalk signs; and 5) Which schools have 20 MPH signs posted.” (King)

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

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

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

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

Councilor Russell then moved to, “Request City Manager prioritize creating funding that ensures the construction of sidewalks near schools can be completed at no cost to the abutters.” (See Item #26g CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager work to inform families and children of how to cross the street in a safe and appropriate manner.”

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item and refer the item to Education Committee as amended. Order adopted and referred to Education Committee as amended on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 12m.** Request City Manager consider establishing a “Mid-block Pedestrian Crossing Pilot Program,” (see attached) in locations with high pedestrian traffic and where vulnerable road safety is at an elevated risk. Said pilot program should include collaboration with Mass DOT where appropriate. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning common areas where pedestrian jaywalking occurs. (King)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey

- 12n.** Request City Manager consider establishing “Pedestrian Focused Overlay Zones,” (see attached) by changing traffic pattern regulations in a way that focuses on pedestrians and vulnerable road users alike. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing an ordinance that will provide multiple and direct routes in the city by establishing, “Street Connectivity Minimums.” Said projects should include collaboration with Mass DOT where appropriate. (King)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey

- 12o.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted order from November 14, 2023, which read, “In an effort to reprioritize and reduce pedestrian crash potential, the City Manager be and is hereby requested to provide City Council with feedback concerning the feasibility of attaining HAWK signals/flashing beacons, enhanced lighting, and improved pairing at crosswalks. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report verifying the following crosswalk visibility enhancements and the dangers associated with 3D crosswalks, including information gained from the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (M U T C D) . (R e f e r e n c e s : 1) <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/crosswalk-visibility-enhancements> ; a n d 2) <https://ctt2.center/2019/05/23/signal-spotlights-3d-crosswalks-mutcd-update/>). Further, request City Manager review the feasibility of beginning a pilot program to install HAWK signals/flashing beacons, enhanced lighting, and improved pairing at crosswalks within each city district, at locations to be determined by each district City Councilor.” (King)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Toomey

- 12p.** Request City Manager identify the individuals who came to the aide of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) Officer who was pinned between his cruiser and another car while responding to an emergency for the purpose of recognizing their courageousness in assisting law enforcement in a time of need. (King)

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

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

- 12q.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the number of bodywork spas in the city, their allowable hours of operation, and the city's involvement in how they are regulated. Further, request City Manager include in said report the feasibility and appropriateness of regulating said bodywork spas with a city ordinance. (Mero-Carlson)

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen)

- 12r.** Request City Manager consider purchasing additional speed awareness monitors to install in high pedestrian volume areas, as well as areas that have seen increased accidents and fatalities. (Mero-Carlson)

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

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

- 12s.** Request City Manager consider purchasing additional solar powered flashing LED school speed limit signage to be installed at all city schools. (Mero-Carlson)

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

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

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

- 12t.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of installing additional speed humps in areas determined to have increased risk of speeding. Said report should include a timeline for installing said speed humps. (Mero-Carlson)

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

- 12u.** Request City Manager review the bricks along the sidewalks and crosswalks throughout the length of Shrewsbury St. and make repairs as needed. (Mero-Carlson)

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

- 12v.** Request City Manager paint lines along Hamilton St. and Shrewsbury St. at its cross streets to ensure cars do not park within twenty (20) feet from the intersections curbs. (Mero-Carlson)

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

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

- 12w.** Request City Manager request Fire and Police Chief provide City Council with a report relative to the number of potential public safety employees who could (or are scheduled to) retire from their services within the next two (2) years. Further, request said report detail the departments' current staffing, including total budgeted positions, how many of those positions are not staffed, IOD, or on military leave. Further, request said report include staffing numbers in all gateway cities in Massachusetts, and the ratio of staff to each community's population. Further, request said report detail the status of hiring new employees in both the Police Department and Fire Department and efforts to increase the number of applicants who reflect the population of Worcester. (Toomey)

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

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

- 12x.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how WPI purchasing Hampton Inn & Suites at 65 Prescott St. and the Courtyard Marriott at 72 Grove St. for student housing will impact the city. Further, request City Manager include in said report a history of the Gateway Park project and any agreements the city has with the hotels in the project and Gateway Park. (Petty)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #13e CC and #13k CC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 12y.** Request City Manager immediately discontinue the procedure of rejecting trash bags that are believed to be overweight or have similar violations. By leaving the sometimes stinky, full bags on the street and not picking them up, the city is not helping its neighborhoods' quality of life. (Russell)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12b CC)

- 12z.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a detailed report as to the costs associated with weighing trash bags, including staff hours. Said report should include whether there are cost savings or extra expenses to dispose of any non-conforming bags. (Russell)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12b CC)

13. ORDERS - Part II

- 13a.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted order from January 17, 2023, which read, “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.” (Haxhiaj)

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

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

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

- 13b.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the location of all the fire hydrants in the city. Said report should also include the condition of said fire hydrants, as well as the timeline for repairing and replacing any fire hydrants in poor condition. (Toomey)

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

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

- 13c.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing a Strategic Traffic Enforcement and Education Plan to better ensure speed and traffic regulations are followed in the city. (Petty)

Mayor Petty read the item and spoke concerning the item.

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

- 13d.** Request City Manager request City Solicitor establish, pursuant to law/regulation, a method to document Charter/Spectrum's quality of service, including signal quality, response to consumer complaints, and billing practices. (Bergman)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously filed Order from May 28, 2024, which read, "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." (See Item #26h CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Pacillo, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously filed Order from May 28, 2024, which read, "Request City Manager work with the appropriate representatives from Charter Spectrum to provide City Council with information concerning the process used to return/reimburse senior discounts that were illegally withheld from the company." (See Item #26i CC).

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

- 13e.** Request City Manager request City Solicitor and Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report concerning any Gateway Park agreements which include WPI, any PILOT agreements with WPI and any legal strategies/recourse that could minimize colleges/universities from removing real property from the tax rolls. (Bergman)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #12x CC)

- 13f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report as to the timing of installing speed humps during the past year, as well as any explanations for any delays. (Bergman)

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

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

- 13g.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of creating a civic academy in the city, which would expose residents to the city's various departments and educate them on the services they provide. (Pacillo)

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

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

- 13h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services work to create a Worcester Rodent Action Plan (WRAP), similar the plan created in Boston, which aims to improve the quality of life of the city's residents through mitigating the rodent population in the city. (Pacillo, Colorio)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Pacillo

- 13i.** Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with an update and timetable for restorations to Elm Park, including its water tables and removal of weeds, as was previously requested on October 5, 2021, February 1, 2022, August 9, 2022, December 20, 2022, March 28, 2023, July 18, 2023 and January 30, 2024. (Bergman)

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

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

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

- 13j.** That the City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 90 Section 18, does hereby vote to rescind the posted 35 mph special speed regulation for Belmont St. and return the public way to the statutory speed limit, under M.G.L Chapter 90 Section 17. (Mero-Carlson)

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

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

- 13k.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the ramifications WPI taking two (2) hotels off the tax rolls will have on the city's travel and tourism efforts. Further, request City Manager include in said report what conditions would allow the city to tax a college property. (Mero-Carlson)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #12x CC)

14. RESOLUTION

- 14a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support expediting the adoption of the 25-mile-per-hour citywide statutory speed limit and designation of 20-mph Safety Zones policies as immediate actions to address the safety of all road users; Further, that the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the inclusion of traffic calming and other Complete Streets safety improvements as part of all the city's roadway projects, to increase the safety and accessibility of the city's public ways for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. (Haxhiaj)

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Colorio

15. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY CLERK

- 15a. Transmitting an informational communication detailing all petitions denied for inclusion on the City Council agenda over the last two (2) years that includes rationale for said denial(s).

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen

16. COMMUNICATIONS

- 16a. Stephen Herzog, Senior Environmental Project Manager of VHB, transmitting for CSX Transportation, Inc. its 2024 Yearly Operational Plan (YOP).

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

- 16b. Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Public Par(king): Worcester's Past, Present, and Future of Parking."

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

- 16c. Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Feeding the Meter: Public Parking Usage in Worcester."

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

- 16d. Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Toward Safer Streets: Identifying Risk Factors for Non-Motorists in Worcester."

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

17. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 17a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of a Resolution to Designate 2 Ionic Avenue as a Certified Project under the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) and approve a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement: recommend adoption of the accompanying Resolution.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #17a CC and #17b CC. Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 17b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend Adoption of a Resolution to Designate 204 Main Street as a Certified Project under the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) and approve a Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreement: recommend adoption of the accompanying Resolution.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (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 transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Quality of Life Team: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #18a CC and #18b CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an Opioid Overdose Strategic Plan: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (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 quarterly use of the WPD small Unmanned Aircraft System: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #19a CC through #19e CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to processes following natural disasters: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to data around complaints received by the Inspectional Services Department, the percentage of those complaints that have been followed up on, percentages associated with enforcement of violations and any other pertinent information: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the City's response to a fire at the Washington Heights Apartment Complex: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to efforts being made to obtain PFAS-free firefighter turn out gear: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

20. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

20a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Monica DiPietro et al. request installation of three-way stop signage at the intersection of Piehl Ave. and Abby St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance for a stop sign facing Abby St.

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

21. TO BE ORDAINED - PART I

21a. Amending Chapter Five Section Twenty-Six of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Relative To Sewer User Charge (FY 2025).

Amending Chapter Seven Section Sixteen of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Relative to Water Rates Use Charges (FY 2025).

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #21a CC through #21z CC. Two (2) ordinances ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

21b. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group D – Stores and Purchasing relative to the Buyer Position.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)

21c. Amending Section 70 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Prohibiting Left Turns Onto Ward Street From Richland Street And From Dorchester Street From 2pm-3pm School Days.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)

- 21d.** Amending Section 68 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Establish A One-Way Designation Of A Portion Of Jackson Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21e.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On Portions Of Francis Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21f.** Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For A Stop Sign On Richards Street At Cambridge Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21g.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #5 Perkins Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21h.** Amending Section 46 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Establish A Commercial Loading Zone On A Portion Of Bellevue Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21i.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of The Westerly Side Of Boynton Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21j.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking In Front Of #246 Fairmont Avenue.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21k.** Amending Section 68 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Establish A One-Way Designation On A Portion Of Caroline Street During School Hours.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21l.** Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For A Stop Sign On Camden Avenue At Greenfield Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21m.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Penn Avenue at Harrison Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21n.** Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For A Stop Sign On Carlisle Street At Lovell Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21o.** Amending Section 46 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Establish A Commercial Loading Zone On A Portion Of Millbury Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)

- 21p.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking On Cheever Street Adjacent To #11 Woodward Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21q.** Amending Sections 40 And 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Remove Residential Permit Parking And Provide Handicap Parking On A Portion Of Esther Street Adjacent To #54 Upsala Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21r.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking On New Vista Lane Near #173 Tacoma Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21s.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking Across From #132 Endicott Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21t.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Establish One-Hour Parking On A Portion Of Murray Avenue.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21u.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking On Vinson Street Adjacent To #80 Stanton Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21v.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking Across From #36 Granby Road.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21w.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #90 Ward Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21x.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On Portions Of Ivernia Road.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21y.** Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For Stop Signs At The Intersection Of Franklin Street, Norfolk Street And Suffolk Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21z.** Amending Sections 42 And 43 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Relocate A Handicap Parking Space And Amend The Winter Parking Ban On Berkeley Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)

22. TO BE ORDAINED - PART II

- 22a. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking Across From #8 Ashmont Avenue.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #22a CC through #21z CC, minus #22s CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 22b. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking On A Portion Of East Worcester Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22c. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #14 Ingalls Street.
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 Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #364 West Boylston Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22e. An Ordinance Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On Portions Of Grand Street And Illinois Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22f. Amending Section 45 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Relocate A Passenger Load Zone From Fruit Street To Cedar Street.
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 Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Dixon Avenue.
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 Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Goldthwaite Avenue.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22i. Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For A Stop Sign On Fourth Street At Mill Street.
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 Establish One-Hour Parking On A Portion Of Shrewsbury Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22k. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #27 Richards Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22l. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #61 Haven Lane.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

- 22m.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Fourth Street Near #5-7.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22n.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Parking On A Portion Of Fourth Street Near #35-37.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22o.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Establish 30-Minute Parking On A Portion Of Main Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22p.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking Across From #130 Endicott Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22q.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Remove Handicap Parking In Front Of #41 Somerset Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22r.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #4 Courtland Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22s.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit Parking on a Portion of Liscomb Street..
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.
- Tabled Under Privilege - Petty**
- 22t.** Amending Section 33 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Prohibit Right Turn On Red From Federal Street Onto Main Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22u.** Amending Section 43 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Establish A Winter Parking Ban On A Portion Of Shelby Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22v.** Amending Sections 42 And 45 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Establish Handicap Parking And Passenger Load Zones On A Portion Of West Boylston Drive.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22w.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking Across From #9 Blaine Avenue.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)
- 22x.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of Logan Field On Mill Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22y. Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of 42 Fruit Street.

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

22z. Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For Stop Signs At The Intersection of Burncoat Street, Tyson Road And Hartwell Street.

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

23. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

23a. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend adoption of the proposed amendments to the City's ordinances related to the appointment of constables. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen July 16, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Nguyen, who moved to recommit the item to the City Manager. – Not Put.

Councilor Nguyen then moved to, “Request City Manager create an accessible and transparent complaint process for the purpose of rescinding licenses of constables who violate state statutes.” (See Item #26j CC).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilor Russell then moved to place Councilor Nguyen’s motion on file. (See Item #26i CC).

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

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

Councilor Pacillo then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s jurisdiction as it relates to the oversight of constables in the city.” (See Item #26k CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Russell).

23b. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the current practices used in the city relative to dealing with problem properties. (Tabled Under Privilege - King July 16, 2024)

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to recommit the item. Recommitted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

23c. ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the "Create 508" program under the Worcester Cultural Development Division, specifically any existing partnerships, affiliations or events hosted with non-city affiliated groups. (Tabled Under Privilege - Nguyen July 16, 2024)

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

23d. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager declare a public health and safety emergency for vulnerable road users (pedestrians, bicyclists, people on wheelchairs) in light of the two (2) pedestrian crashes that killed a child and severely injured another less than one (1) week apart. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman July 16, 2024)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Haxhiaj's motion to file the item. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (Haxhiaj, King abstained)

23e. ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager consider combining the Major Taylor Museum and the Major Taylor Statue to one (1) location. (Tabled Under Privilege - King July 16, 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent).

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 Haxhiaj 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 - Haxhiaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhiaj 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

25. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the July 16, 2024 City Council meeting.

25a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the rules around how candidates are vetted for the city's boards and commissions, as well as best practices used for vetting candidates in other municipalities. – Item #20a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

25b. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer negotiate with the Menkiti Group and 204 Main Street Partners LLC to ensure one more rental property unit at their 204 Main St. and 5 George St. housing project be accessible to folks with disabilities and be listed at 60% AMI. – Item #20b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

25c. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the last three (3) 110 Periodic Inspections occurring at Washington Heights, including information relative to when such inspections occurred. – Item #20c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays

25d. ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how many pedestrian accidents have occurred on Lincoln St., Lake Ave. and Shrewsbury St. – Item #20d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 25e.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility close the survey regarding establishing safer speeds in Worcester to allow for both data around said survey to be analyzed as well as a vote concerning adopting a citywide statutory speed limit of 25 mph and the establishment of Safety zones with 20 mph speed limits to be taken. – Item #20e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25f.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the impact declaring pedestrian crashes associated with vulnerable road users would have relative to the authority of the City Manager and City Council on the issue. – Item #20f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a quarterly report concerning the city’s intergovernmental relations and engagements, including information relative to legislation that could impact city issues and budgetary items. – Item #20g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25h.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether the purview of any issues is taken away from City Council if a public health and safety emergency is declared. – Item #20h CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25i.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning any limitations the city has concerning traffic regulations on state labeled highways. – Item #20i CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25j.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the status of the infrastructure around the city’s bridges. – Item #20j CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25k.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any barriers associated with completing actions regarding the Ernest A. Johnson Tunnel resulting from Winn Development ownership and/or land/air rights. – Item # 20k CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 1 Nay
- 25l.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report detailing any city policy, ordinance, regulation or permitting process that requires the city to replace any type of surface it removes for street and sidewalk repaving/resurfacing with the same such surface. – Item #20l CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 25m.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager consider phasing in the use of bricks on Germain St., given potential funding challenges. – Item #20m CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25n.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with the history of its repaving/resurfacing process to determine any policy in place to ensure similar surfaces are always used when the replacement occurs. – Item #20n CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25o.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager ensure the Major Taylor Statue and Major Taylor Museum make mention that the other location is in existence and can be visited. – Item #20o CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25p.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager concurrently engage in any work possible to secure other options for tenants at the Lincoln St. Stop & Shop. – Item #20p CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 25q.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing major roadwork done on streets such as Hamilton St., Grafton St., Chandler St. and Mill St. and whether any ordinances were/should be ordained to address those changes. – Item #20q CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

26. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the August 27, 2024 City Council meeting.

- 26a.** Motion Russell @ #10.7A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing how temporary repairs of private streets will be budgeted for in future years.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.7A CM)
- 26b.** Motion Petty @ #10.7A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the history of why the City Council discontinued the practice of approving temporary repairs on private streets, including any concerns around damage to the private roads during weather events.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.7A CM)
- 26c.** Motion Mero-Carlson @ #10.13C CM – Request City Manager work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to provide City Council with a report detailing a way the city can develop a more robust speed hump program, similar to the program instituted in Boston.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.13C CM)

26d. Motion King @ #10.13C CM – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the various types of speed humps that the city plans to use at part of its future speed calming measures, including the data behind using permanent and/or temporary speed humps.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.13C CM)

26e. Motion King @ #10.13C CM – Request City Manager ensure all planned speed humps installs are completed by November 1, 2024.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.13C CM)

26f. Motion King @ #10.19A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with an action plan for how the city plans to support and prioritize aiding residents experiencing food insecurity.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10.19A CM)

26g. Motion Russell @ #12l CC – Request City Manager prioritize creating funding that ensures the construction of sidewalks near schools can be completed at no cost to the abutters.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12l CC)

26h. Motion King @ #13d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously filed Order from May 28, 2024, which read, “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.”

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13d CC)

26i. Motion Pacillo @ #13d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously filed Order from May 28, 2024, which read, “Request City Manager work with the appropriate representatives from Charter Spectrum to provide City Council with information concerning the process used to return/reimburse senior discounts that were illegally withheld from the company.”

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13d CC)

26j. Motion Nguyen @ #23a CC – Request City Manager create an accessible and transparent complaint process for the purpose of rescinding licenses of constables who violate state statutes.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Nguyen, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to place the item on file.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Russell’s motion to place the item on file.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Pacillo) (See Item #23a CC)

26k. Motion Pacillo @ #23a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s jurisdiction as it relates to the oversight of constables in the city.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #23a CC)