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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:31 P.M.

Recessed to Executive Session: 7:28 P.M.

Reconvened in Open Session: 9:14 P.M.

Adjourned: 11:00 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE COUNCILORS

Morris A. Bergman

Donna M. Colorio

Khrystian E. King

Thu Nguyen

Kathleen M. Toomey



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DISTRICT COUNCILORS

Jenny Pacillo - District 1

Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2

George J. Russell - District 3

Luis A. Ojeda - District 4

Etel Haxhijaj - District 5

CITY CLERK

Nikolin Vangjeli

CITY MANAGER

Eric D. Batista

CITY AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair. Councilor Nguyen participated in the meeting remotely.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a.** MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Francis Carroll, who passed away on October 29, 2024. Mr. Carroll was a business and civic leader in the city.
- 4b.** Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring November 17, 2024 as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in the city. The Proclamation was presented to Karin Valentine Goins, who spoke concerning the item.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 15, 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 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 6a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers:

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to items #18t CC and #18u CC
2. Oliver Chadwick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11a CC
3. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11a CC
4. Bob Bazinet, Grafton resident, spoke in favor of item #11h CC
5. Phyllis Pollack, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9.7D CM
6. John Mysliwicz, Worcester resident, spoke in of item #8n CC and spoke in opposition to an item not listed on the agenda
7. Debra Tao, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8s CC
8. Andy Serrato, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #18t CC and #18u CC
9. Natalie Turner, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8x CC and #11a CC
10. Paul Popinchalk, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9.7D CM
11. Evelyn Herwitz, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9.7D CM
12. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11a CC, #11d CC, #11h CC, #18t CC, #18u CC, and #20a
13. Ted Conna, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.7D CM and #11a CC
14. Marie Sweet, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11a CC
15. Evan Corrigan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8h CC, #8s CC, and #18p CC
16. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #18c CC
17. Tony Economou, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #18k CC, #18t CC, and #18u CC
18. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #18r CC and #18s CC

7. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 7a. That the City Council convene in Executive Session at the Tuesday, November 12, 2024 meeting for the purpose of discussing the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto, as the last item of business of the regular City Council meeting and the City Council will not reconvene in open session. (Tabled Under Privilege - Petty October 15, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to amend the item to state that the City Council would reconvene in Open Session.

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

8. PETITIONS

- 8a. Daniel Ricciardi, on behalf of the College of the Holy Cross, request the discontinuance of the use of a portion of a public street known as Butler St. and the removal of said portion of the public street from the City of Worcester Official Map.

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

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

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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)

- 8b. Dean Schneyer request the distance between Julien Ave. and Woodcliffe Ave. be connected to form a public road.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Planning Board. Referred to the Planning Board on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)

- 8c. Kathy Hagan request street resurfacing on Moreland St. from 277 Moreland St. to 281 Moreland St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #8c CC through #8i CC collectively.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to recuse himself from items #8e CC, #8f CC and #8g CC and left the room.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer items #8c CC through #8i CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)

- 8d. Peter Kurt et al. request installation of sidewalk along West Chester St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #8c CC)

- 8e. John-Paul L'Esperance et al. request private way temporary repairs on Bishop Ave.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman recused) (See Item #8c CC)

- 8f. John-Paul L'Esperance et al. request private way temporary repairs on Baker St.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman recused)
(See Item #8c CC)
- 8g. John-Paul L'Esperance et al. request private way temporary repairs on Catalpa St. from Bishop Ave. to Montague St.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman recused)
(See Item #8c CC)
- 8h. Evan C. Corrigan request replacement of streetlights on West Mountain St. at the intersections of Frontage Rd. and Brooks St. due to the limited invisibility when viewing at an angle (see attached map).
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)
(See Item #8c CC)
- 8i. Martha M. Dolan request sidewalk in front of 387 May St. be repaved.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)
(See Item #8c CC)
- 8j. Douglas Dossantos request installation of speed humps at the corner of Lakeview St. and Alvarado Ave.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #8j CC through #8w CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8k. Yogenia Charry request installation of speed humps on Manor St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8l. Yogenia Charry request installation of speed humps on Hartshorn Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8m. Edgar Cruz request removal of handicap parking space in front of 40 King St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8n. Annette Mysliwicz and Elvira DiLiddo request extension of residential permit parking on Dominion Rd. to include properties at 16, 18, 20 and 22 Dominion Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8o. Paul DePalo request installation of speed humps on Underwood St. between Hartshorn Ave. and May St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8p. Raymond Eliason request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 8 Shepard St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)

- 8q.** Margarita Panet and Orlando Lopez request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage in the vicinity of the driveway at 48 Windham St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8r.** Giselle Grenier request installation of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon Light at the crosswalk on Hamilton St. at Harrington Way.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8s.** Evan Corrigan, on behalf of Julie Ann Lamacchia, request installation of solar-powered, flashing crosswalk indicators at the crosswalk on Burncoat St. at its intersection with Arbutus Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8t.** Mayor Joseph M. Petty request installation of "No Parking from Here to Corner" signage on the corner of West St. and Bowdoin St., allowing at least a 5 foot allowance for buses to turn.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8u.** Mateo Caicedo Burgos request removal of handicap parking space in front of 34 Newbury St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8v.** Eric Doan request installation of speed humps on Bay State Rd. starting from Hillsboro Rd. down to Clark St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8w.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of two (2) crosswalks across both sides of Jacques Ave. at its intersection with Dale St., in an effort to protect students crossing the street to and from Chandler Elementary Community School.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8j CC)
- 8x.** Brian Bickford request installation of lighting at the Beaver Brook Dog Park on Mann St., operating from dusk until the park closes.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8y.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: CIRCUIT AVE. EAST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set hearings on November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for items #8y CC through #8cc CC. Hearing set for November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 8z.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: JACKSON ST.
Hearing set for November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8y CC)
- 8aa.** NATIONAL GRID for a solely-owned pole at: TACOMA ST.
Hearing set for November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8y CC)
- 8bb.** NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole at: BARROWS RD.
Hearing set for November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8y CC)
- 8cc.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: SOUTHBRIDGE ST. and COLTON ST.
Hearing set for November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8y CC)
- 8dd.** Brian Mulhearn request City Council request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a determination of the Rules of City Council to define if Rule 11 applies to agenda items brought under Rule 2.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the following: A) What matters are not under the purview of the City Council; B) What the appeal process is for the public and City Councilors relative to City Clerk and Chair rulings; and C) What discretion does the Chair of the City Council have relative to Rule 2 and Rule 11.” (See Item #22a CC).
- Mayor Petty 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.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved for reconsideration on the item. Reconsideration approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Solicitor and Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to the City Solicitor and Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Emmilie Roach to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place items #9.1A CM through #9.1D CM 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 Daniel Schnoebelen to the Human Rights Commission.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.1A CM)

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Shannon Campaniello to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.1A CM)

- D. Transmitting informational communication relative to the reappointments of Steve Corridori and Sarah Faucher to the Elder Affairs Commission.

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.1A CM)

9.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend the reappointment of Ted Conna to the Green Worcester Advisory Committee.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointments for items #9.2A CM and #9.2B CM. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend the appointment of Lauren Morocco to the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.

Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.2A CM)

9.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

- A. Recommend authorization to file the proposed legislation to increase the maximum age of eligibility to be certified for original appointment as a police officer in the City of Worcester at 39 years of age.

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

9.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

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

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

9.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Administration Division
Robert Moylan, P.E., Interim Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on Elm Park.

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the status of the municipality's bridge infrastructure.

Mayor Petty read the item and 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

- C. Recommend approval of an increase in rates of privately owned equipment for snow and ice operations.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report clarifying the necessity of additional snow equipment in order to maintain four (4) foot clearances for bike lanes." (See Item #22b CC).

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.

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

- D.** Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the Urban Forest Master Plan.

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 refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay – King) (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to dually refer the item to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee. Motion denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Haxhiaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo) (Nays – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Russell, Toomey, Petty)

9.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
Robert Moylan, P.E., Interim Commissioner

9.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS
Operations Division
Robert Moylan, P.E., Interim Commissioner

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

9.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication addressing traffic safety on Shrewsbury Street.

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

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

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

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

Councilor Mero-Carlson then moved to, “Request City Manager consider publishing social media content related to educational traffic safety on the City of Worcester’s The Buzz.” (See Item #22c CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, 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

9.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

9.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Summer Impact Program.

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

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

Councilor Ojeda then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of community engagements the Police Department conducts in a twenty-four (24) hour period." (See Item #22d CC).

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

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

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

9.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Director

9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor

9.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

David Horne, Interim Commissioner

9.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

9.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division

Lee R. Hall, Director

9.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration

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

- 9.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Public Health
Soloe M. Dennis, MS, MEP, Director
- 9.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 9.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director
- 9.23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Services
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 9.24 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 9.25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 9.26 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Rachel Monárrez, Superintendent
- A. Recommend authorization for the Worcester Public Schools Administration to enter into a lease agreement for the replacement of Chromebooks, MacBooks, and iPads.
- Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who recused himself from the item and left the room.**
- 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 (Ojeda recused).**
- 9.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor
- 9.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Budget Office Division
Erin E. Taylor, Director

9.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

9.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Timothy J. McGourthy, Acting Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Sept. 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 Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter Five of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Concerning Sewer Discharge and Connection Permits

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

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to 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 rolls, any signed community benefit agreements associated with new projects on these properties and what changes, if any, were made to PILOT contributions.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson

9.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

9.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Smart Energy Advice Program.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee. Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to an online survey on the residential drop-off center.

Mayor Petty read the item and 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

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the feasibility of using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to advance environmental sustainability goals.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhiaj

9.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

9.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

9.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$75,000.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, under the State Opioid Response - Prevention in Early Childhood Grant Program.

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

- B. Recommend the adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$700,000.00) from the Executive Office of Human Services under the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative grant.

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

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of One Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$1,000.00) from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester to support sports fields in the City of Worcester.

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

- D.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Seventy Dollars And No Cents (\$70,.00) from the Friends of North Andover Senior Center to support the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Green Hill Park.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- E.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$400,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the ESOL for Employment (EA Shelter) Program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- F.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$550.00) from Mr. Benjamin Rajotte for the purchase of one memorial tree at Elm Park.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- G.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars And No Cents (\$550.00) from Ms. Alicia Ferdinand for the purchase of one memorial tree at Elm Park.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- H.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Three Dollars And Seventy Nine Cents (\$59,863.79) from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, under the FFY2025 Municipal Road Safety Grant.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- I.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$3,000.00) from the Digital Federal Credit Union to support the Worcester Police Department's programs for children and families.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- J.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$5,000.00) from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, under the FFY24-25 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- K.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a 2009 Chevy Tahoe with an estimated value of Eight Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$8,000.00) for the Worcester Police Department.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- L.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend an earmark in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$750,000.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation under the Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022 Economic Development Bill.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- M.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$2,500.00) from Rockland Trust Bank for the Annual Festival of Lights.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- N.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$85,000.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Green Hill Park.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- O.** Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$50,000.00) from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation & Recreation to support the Tree Planting program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A.** Recommend that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$200,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1033-610100, Law Court Judgments, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1009-610100, Law Department Ordinary Maintenance, to provide additional funding for outside counsel.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)
- B.** Recommend that Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$10,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1020-600100, Inspectional Services Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1020-601100, Inspectional Services Overtime, to provide funding for departmental operating costs.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars And No Cents (\$6,650.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1014-610100, Emergency Communications Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Account #CC1017-699301, Emergency Communications Capital Outlay, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

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

- D. Recommend that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$200,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1017-600100, Emergency Communications Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1017-601100, Emergency Communications Overtime, to cover anticipated expenditures through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025.

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

9.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seventy Eight Dollars and Eighty Four Cents (\$113,178.84) 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 #9.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars And No Cents (\$685.00) 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 #9.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$3,323.02) be authorized from Cost Center #CC1031, Department of Innovation and Technology Ordinary Maintenance, to provide funding for the payment of prior year invoices.

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

- D. Recommend that Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Seven Cents (\$25,632.07) 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 #9.35A CM)

- E. Recommend that Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Six Dollars And Twenty Nine Cents (\$8,366.29) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1009, Law 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 #9.35A CM)

- F. Recommend that Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty One Dollars And Fifty Three Cents (\$58,131.53) 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 #9.35A CM)

9.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Recommend adoption of an order to transfer City-owned 51 and 61 Sever St. from the Department of Public Facilities to the Office of the City Manager for disposition purposes and authorizing the conveyance of properties.

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

Tabled Under Privilege - King

10. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 10a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of any pending state legislation that could aid the city in its Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Program obligations.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #10a CC and #10b CC.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 10b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Manager consider reviewing the city's budget to determine a funding source that would allow the city's Summer Impact Program to be extended to occur from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)

11. ORDERS

- 11a.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a draft recommendation and report regarding amending the zoning code Article IV, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to restrict new automobile fueling station land uses and special permits in all Zoning districts. Said report should include: A) a list of ordinances enacted in other cities and towns restricting land use for new gas station construction; B) an inventory of existing gas stations in the City and distribution by City Council Districts and environmental justice census tracts; C) the number of special permits issued and denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals in the last five years and locations for said applications; D) a list of electric vehicle (EV) charger locations in the city; E) synthesis of exiting research of the adverse health, safety, property values, and other impacts of new gas station uses on or adjacent to Worcester neighborhoods; and F) an analysis of if, and how, constructing new gas stations aligns with the goals of the Green Worcester Plan, the Worcester Now|Next, and the City Manager's Strategic plans. (Haxhiaj)

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 11b.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks expedite work being completed to convert the first 41 feet of Evergreen Ln. to a public road for the purpose of installing a surface drainage system to prohibit water going down Evergreen Ln. from Massasoit Rd. (Colorio)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)

- 11c.** Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks trim back the low-hanging branches on June St. (Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, 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 (Toomey absent)**
- 11d.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the intersection of South Ludlow St. and Clover St. for additional speed calming measures. (Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)**
- 11e.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with the list of locations to be considered for the installation of speed humps. (Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, 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 (Toomey absent)**
- 11f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study at Canterbury St., Grand St., and Walpole St. near Sauriol Square to determine whether Grand St. and Walpole St. can be made two-way streets. (Ojeda)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda, 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 (Toomey absent)**
- 11g.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works review and repair numerous potholes on Mason St. from Pemberton St. to May St. (Ojeda)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda, 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 (Toomey absent)**
- 11h.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the creation of a new monument or adding to existing monuments the names of those Worcester veterans whose deaths in the service of their country during military actions do not otherwise qualify for official recognition. (Bergman)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, Councilor Pacillo, and 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)**

12. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY CLERK

- 12a. Transmitting an informational communication regarding the filling of two (2) vacancies on the Library Board of Directors.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept the item. Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)

13. COMMUNICATION

- 13a. Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Mass. Exodus from Civil Service: Examining Worcester's Proposal to Exempt Police Leaders Amidst Statewide Shifts."

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

Tabled Under Privilege - King

14. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 14a. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Teresa Inangelo request Samoset Rd. be made public.

Mayor Petty read the item and 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)

15. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

- 15a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting the city's Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Program's Financial Reporting and Disclosures as of June 30, 2023 audited by KMS Actuaries, LLC: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #15a CC through #15l CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)

- 15b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting the city's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2023 audited by the Certified Public Accountant firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)

- 15c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication relative to the city-wide overtime for the nine (9) months ended March 31, 2023 with a projection for the 4th quarter: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)

- 15d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to assessments of state buildings as they relate to real estate taxes: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)
- 15e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of August 31, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)
- 15f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of July 31, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)
- 15g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 financial update, as of June 30, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)
- 15h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 financial update, as of May 31, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)
- 15i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 financial update, as of April 30, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)
- 15j. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 financial update, as of March 31, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)
- 15k. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 financial update, as of February 29, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)

- 15l. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 financial update, as of January 31, 2024: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent) (See Item #15a CC)

16. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

- 16a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Aaron Sturges request installation of a catch basin or a form of suitable drainage system to accommodate excessive storm water at 43 Creswell Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

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

17. TO BE ORDAINED

- 17a.** Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group X Human Services, Law Enforcement and Public Health regarding the Community Health Coordinator Position.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #17a CC and #17b CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)

17b. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996, Relative to Members of Local 495, NAGE.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group F – Inspection regarding Multiple Positions.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group K – Library regarding Multiple Positions.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group N – Police regarding Multiple Positions.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group O – Engineering and Allied regarding Multiple Positions.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group Q – Trade Inspection regarding Multiple Positions.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group R – Laborer And Craftsman regarding Multiple Positions.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group SA – Security regarding Multiple Positions.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group S – Custodial regarding Multiple Positions.

Nine (9) Ordinances ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Toomey absent)

18. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

18a. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an opinion regarding a proposed charter amendment to grant the City Council authority to move, edit, and/or eliminate any line item/funding listed in the annual proposed City Budget. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 15, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

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

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

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 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

18b. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a process to establish a charter review commission. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 15, 2024 and Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 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 Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

18c. PETITION of Tom Marino request City Council request City Manager order his administration to fully comply with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 66, known as the Massachusetts Public Records Law. (Tabled Under Privilege - Pacillo October 22, 2024)

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

18d. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: COMMERCIAL ST. at 50 FOSTER ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: COMMERCIAL ST. at 50 FOSTER ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Mayor Petty read items #18d CC through #18g CC except for #18e CC and moved for a roll call vote to open the hearing. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

Hearing no speakers, Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to close the hearing. 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 item. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

18e. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: HARLEM ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: HARLEM ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to grant the petitioner Leave to Withdraw. Leave to Withdraw on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

18f. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: MILLBROOK ST. and MILTON ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: MILLBROOK ST. and MILTON ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18d CC)

- 18g.** Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. for a jointly-owned pole location at: BROOKS ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. for a jointly-owned pole location at: BROOKS ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18d CC)

- 18h.** PETITION of Mark A. Borenstein request the discontinuance of certain portions of Garland St. and Veterans Ave. as depicted on the attached plans and as follows: 1) Discontinuance of the southerly portion of Veterans Ave.; 2) Discontinuance of the westerly and southerly portion of Garland St. and; 3) The abandonment of the City's property rights in the discontinued portions of Veterans Ave. and Garland St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

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

- 18i.** PETITION of Ayodele Talabi request Armory St. be resurfaced. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #18i CC and #18k CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 18j.** PETITION of Ayodele Talabi request Grand St. be resurfaced. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18i CC)

- 18k.** PETITION of Tony Economou on behalf of Louise Clarke request sidewalk and driveway apron repair in front of 389 May St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18i CC)

- 18l.** PETITION of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of a flashing pedestrian crosswalk signal across Plantation St. at Robin Rd. for access to Holmes Field. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #18l CC through #18p CC, except item #18o CC, to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 18m.** PETITION of Bruce Brooks request installation of speed humps on Carlisle St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18l CC)

- 18n.** PETITION of Thomas Ayers et al. request installation of speed humps in front of the left side of the property located at 35 Colby Ave. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18l CC)
- 18o.** PETITION of Robert Bilotta request installation of permanent speed hump on Channing St. in the vicinity of 53 Channing St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to place the item on file.
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Mero-Carlson's motion to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 18p.** PETITION of Evan C. Corrigan request installation of speed radar on the westbound downhill side of Fales St. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18l CC)
- 18q.** PETITION of Jennifer Yenni Desroches request information concerning leaf pickup and drop-off be added to the 311 website and app. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
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
- 18r.** PETITION of David Webb request City Council request City Manager request City Solicitor draft documentation required to amend the City Charter to require a review process to ensure the ongoing competency and efficacy of the Worcester Law Department. Further, request said review process to take into account lawsuits against the city, constituent complaints and constitutional concerns raised by the public. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call to place items #18r CC and #18s CC on file. Motion denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Colorio, Mero-Carlson, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Haxhijaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell).
Mayor Petty 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 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Colorio, Haxhijaj, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell) (Nays – Bergman, Mero-Carlson, Toomey, Petty)

- 18s.** PETITION of David Webb request City Council request City Manager request City Solicitor draft documentation required to amend the City Charter to require employees of the law department have a basic comprehension and familiarity with constitutional law. Further, request said amendment include language requiring any employee who does not have a basic comprehension and familiarity with constitutional law submit papers or other legal documents as proof. Failure to submit such authenticated documents shall make the candidate ineligible for employment in the law department. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Colorio, Haxhij, King, Nguyen, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell) (Nays – Bergman, Mero-Carlson, Toomey, Petty) (See Item #18r CC)
- 18t.** PETITION of Tony Economou on behalf of Embrace Worcester Business request City Council request City Manager create and hire a Small Business Ombudsperson to work with, guide and help small businesses, new and existing, with permitting or any other city-related business questions and issues. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
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
- 18u.** PETITION of Tony Economou request on behalf of Embrace Worcester Business request City Council request City Manager hold meetings with contractors of any road construction project and liaisons from any of the affected businesses to discuss access considerations prior to construction beginning. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
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
- 18v.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility explore traffic calming measures for Delmont Ave. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #18v CC through #18z CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 18w.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review stop signs at the intersection of Delmont Ave. and Bedford Ave. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 23, 2024)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18v CC)
- 18x.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased traffic enforcement on Delmont Ave. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18v CC)

- 18y.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility discuss the potential for the inclusion of safety improvements at the crosswalk near 1281 Pleasant St. as part of the upcoming MassDOT Pleasant St. project. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18v CC)

- 18z.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility investigate the potential for installation of a sidewalk on North Pkwy. connecting residences to the northwest with the Burncoat Park entrance pathway to the southeast of Davidson Rd. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18v CC)

19. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE - PART II

- 19a.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review one-way and turn restriction signage on Fruit St. and install any additional signage needed to address safety or traffic pattern concerns. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

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

- 19b.** ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted item from June 25, 2024, which read as follows: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a final list of sidewalks approved for resurfacing by City Council, with updated cost projections, to ensure District Councilors are able to make their backlog of selections, including FY23, FY24, FY25 and FY26. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 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 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 19c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Justice L. Real request installation of five (5) crosswalks on the driveways of Burncoat High School and Burncoat Middle School: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

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

- 19d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Carol Parker et al. request installation of "Not a Thru Street" signage at the Frederickson Ave. street sign: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)

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

- 19e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Hector Diaz request installation of handicap parking space across from 68 Everard St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #19e CC through #19aa CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 19f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Michael Simakauskas request removal of a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 29 Shamrock St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Charles Divris request the length of the handicap parking space in front of 81-83 Whitmarsh St. be reduced.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of speed humps on Trenton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Delia Vega request installation of speed humps on Greenfield St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Brighton Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Effie Barond et al. request installation of permanent speed humps on Boston Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Peter Magerowski request installation of speed humps at 92 Lynnwood Ln.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)

- 19m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Eric Brandt request installation of speed bumps on Delmont Ave. between Grafton St. and Bedford Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Erin Michelotti request installation of pedestrian signage with lights near 1281 Pleasant St. to connect the bus stops.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jully Khattar request installation of crosswalk on North Pkwy at the entrance of Burncoat Park (70 North Pkwy): recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jully Khattar request installation of flashing crosswalk signage on North Pkwy at the entrance of Burncoat Park (70 North Pkwy): recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Dickson Mensah request installation of parking zones in front of 428, 430 and 432 Harding St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Courtney Ordway et al. request installation of resident permit parking on Nebraska St. in the vicinity of 8 Camassa Ter. and 6 Muskego St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of resident permit parking in front of 8 Camassa Terrace: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Zaida Gomez request installation of resident permit parking on both sides of Edward St. from Laurel St. to Elliott St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)

- 19u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Maria Castillo request installation of residential parking on Chapin St. from Dorchester St. to South St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Naiskys Hechavarria request installation of resident permit parking on Doane St. from from Providence St. to end of Doane St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19w.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Athena Callender request installation of resident permit parking on both sides of the street from 32 Woodbine St. to 10 Woodbine St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19x.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Robert Prytko request installation of Left Turn signal at the intersection of Salisbury St. and Grove St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19y.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Maria Santos request installation of One Way signage in front of 42 Fruit St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19z.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Kristian Albarracin request existing "End of School Zone" signage in front of 165 Belmont St. be relocated to in front of 161 Belmont St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19aa.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sherri Way request removal of handicap parking space across 20 Kosta St.: recommend Petition be given Leave to Withdraw. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19e CC)
- 19bb.** AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter Two Section Twenty-Seven of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Concerning Fees to be Charged to the Worcester Housing Authority. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell October 22, 2024)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain the item. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

20. TABLED ITEMS

- 20a.** 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

- 20b.** 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

- 20c.** 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

- 20d.** 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

- 20e.** 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

20f. 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

20g. 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

20h. 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

20i. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell and Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager install metal detector safety equipment at City Hall whenever open, similar to the equipment used at Polar Park, the Worcester District Court and other public places, on or before December 31, 2024. (Tabled Under Privilege - Russell September 24, 2024 and October 1, 2024 and Tabled - Russell October 8, 2024)

No action taken

21. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION - Items brought forth under suspension at the October 22, 2024 City Council meeting.

21a. ORDER of Councilor Thu Nguyen – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its rules to allow for individuals to speak during Public Participation concerning an item not listed on the agenda. – Item #18a Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays

22. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION - Items brought forth under suspension at the November 12, 2024 City Council meeting.

22a. Motion Haxhiaj @ #9dd CC – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the following: A) What matters are not under the purview of the City Council; B) What the appeal process is for the public and City Councilors relative to City Clerk and Chair rulings; and C) What discretion does the Chair of the City Council have relative to Rule 2 and Rule 11.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9dd CC)

- 22b.** Motion King @ #9.7C CM – “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report clarifying the necessity of additional snow equipment in order to maintain four (4) foot clearances for bike lanes.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.7C CM)
- 22c.** Motion Mero-Carlson @ #9.11A CM - Request City Manager consider publishing social media content related to educational traffic safety on the City of Worcester’s The Buzz.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.11A CM)
- 22d.** Motion Ojeda @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of community engagements the Police Department conducts in a twenty-four (24) hour period.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 22e.** Motion Haxhiaj – Suspension of Rules – Request City Manager and Mayor make statements on behalf of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and City Council relative to ensuring that the city will go above and beyond to support its immigrant and refugee communities, as well as ensuring that no member of WPD will work with federal administration to conduct any raids to deport people who are not breaking any laws.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who introduced the item.
- Mayor Petty 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 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Colorio, Toomey absent)**