

CITY OF WORCESTER

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Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:32 P.M.

Adjourned: 10:53 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE COUNCILORS

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



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Jenny Pacillo - District 1
Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2
George J. Russell - District 3
Luis A. Ojeda - District 4
Etel Haxhijaj - District 5

CITY CLERK

Nikolin Vangjeli

CITY MANAGER

Eric D. Batista

CITY AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND STAR SPANGLED BANNER

2. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor Nguyen.

3. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 3a. MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Molly McGovern, daughter of U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern and Lisa Murray McGovern, who passed away on April 23, 2025, at the age of 23.
- 3b. Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring May of 2025 as Native Plant Month in the City of Worcester. The Proclamation was presented to members of the Worcester Native Plant Initiative.

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 April 8, 2025.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Maria Montano, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #11c CC and spoke in favor of item #11d CC
2. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #9.13A CM, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #9.32A CM, and spoke in favor of item #10a CC
3. Keith Linhares, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #9.13A CM
4. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #9.13A CM
5. Charles Luster, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #11h CC
6. Echo Louissaint, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.3A CM and #9.35A CM
7. Hennessy Puello, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.3A CM and #9.35A CM
8. Christohper Lorenzo Morris, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.3A CM and #9.35A CM
9. Jailen Givins, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.3A CM and #9.35A CM
10. Aniyah Cyrus, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.3A CM and #9.35A CM
11. Alexi Rosa, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.3A CM and #9.35A CM
12. Kaylani Rodriguez, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.3A CM and #9.35A CM
13. John Edward Keough, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #6a CC
14. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #9.13A CM and spoke in favor of items #9.3A CM and #9.35A CM
15. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11e CC and #11h CC and spoke neither in favor of not opposed to item #11g CC
16. Keira Munns, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8n CC, #10a CC, and #10b CC
17. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to #9.32A CM, spoke in favor of item #9.10A CM, and spoke in opposition to item #9.13A CM
18. Eric Stratton, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #11c CC, #13f CC, and #9.13A CM and spoke in favor of item #13g CC
19. Fred Taylor, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #9.13A CM
20. Ashley Spring, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #9.13A CM
21. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13f CC and spoke in favor of item #8j CC
22. Ian (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke concerning and item not listed on the agenda
23. Kerin Valentine Goins, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8n CC
24. Dale Wickenheiser, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8n CC

6. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

6a. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 3 EATON PL.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 3 EATON PL.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to open hearings for items #6a CC and #6b CC. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

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

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

6b. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: BRIDGEPORT ST. and GRANITE ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: BRIDGEPORT ST. and GRANITE ST.

Hearing held and Order adopted (See Item #6a CC)

7. SUSPENSION OF RULES TO TAKE UP A COMMITTEE REPORT AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

7a. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell - As Chair of the City Council Standing Committee on Public Works and in accordance with Rule 33 (e) of the Rules of City Council, request City Council suspend its rules at its April 29, 2025 meeting to take up the Report of the Committee on Public Works Upon the Petition of Donald J. O'Neil on behalf of Anthony Bianco request the public sanitary sewer main located in Elton St. be extended easterly approximately 80 feet from its current terminus to provide public sanitary sewer service to the property situated at 9 and 13 Elton St. (MBL 17-38-23+24+25+26), as presented by the Petitioner and referred to the Standing Committee on Public Works as Item #8c on the January 14, 2025 City Council agenda, along with related items pending before the Committee.

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 (Nguyen absent).

Note: Refer to the "New Business Under Suspension" section of the agenda to view item #19a CC, which is the item reported out of the Standing Committee on Public Works that is referenced in this Order.

8. PETITIONS

8a. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Kathleen Hastings request sidewalk resurfacing on Burncoat Terrace.

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

- 8b.** Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Kathleen Hastings request sidewalk resurfacing on Barnard Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8a CC)
- 8c.** Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of James McCoy request sidewalk repair on the even side of Davidson Rd. that addresses a number of raised water or gas valves along the sidewalk.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8a CC)
- 8d.** Anthony Butkus request installation of temporary speed humps on Barclay St. at its intersection with Harrison St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8d CC through #8j CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 8e.** Aaron Glickman and Marc Resnick request installation of resident permit parking in front of the buildings located at the corner of 70 Winter St. and 85 Harding St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8d CC)
- 8f.** Nelly Perez request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on the odd side of Lewis St. from Princeton St. to the vicinity of 33 Lewis St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8d CC)
- 8g.** Dianne Marchand request installation of handicap parking space in front of 59 Windsor St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8d CC)
- 8h.** Larry Marinelli et al. request removal of resident permit parking on Home St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8d CC)
- 8i.** John Yanczewski request installation of "No Parking 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m." on Ward St. at the intersection of Dorchester St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8d CC)
- 8j.** Councilor Etel Haxhijaj on behalf of Catherine Holmes request installation of flashing yellow pedestrian crossing lights at the crosswalk across Mill St. in the vicinity of Ball St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8d CC)
- 8k.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: OXFORD ST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to set hearings on may 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for items #8k CC and #8l CC. Hearing set for May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
- 8l.** NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a pole location at: SUNDERLAND RD.
Hearing set for May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #8k CC)
- 8m.** Nicole Apostola filing two (2) Open Meeting Law Complaint Forms.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Law Department to prepare an answer and respond. Referred to the Law Department to Prepare an Answer and Respond

- 8n.** Karin Valentine Goins request City Council approve a Resolution declaring May 2025 as Bike Month in the City of Worcester.

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

9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Anthony Dell'aera to the Planning Board.

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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Kristen Livoti to the Historical Commission.

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

9.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

9.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the City of Worcester's employment initiatives for Summer 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the differential between the amount of money allocated to the city's employment opportunities for Summer 2025 and previous years. Further, request City Manager make efforts to fill any gaps in funding." (See Item #19b CC)."

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

9.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report of the Worcester Jobs Fund.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

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

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

9.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Engineering and Architectural Services Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

9.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Operations Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

9.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS

Parks Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the history and reasons for the merger between the Parks Department and the Department of Public Works.

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

9.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

9.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

9.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT
Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to how the U.S. Department of Justice's report on the Worcester Police Department differs from the account of the municipality.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to, “Request City Manager release to the City Council all the settlement agreements, investigative reports, depositions, and statements made under oath, by city employees relative to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report concerning the Worcester Police Department (WPD).” (See Item #19c CC).

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

Mayor Petty then moved for a roll call vote, “That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its rules to allow for an additional ten (10) minutes of speaking for Item #9.13A CM on the April 29, 2025, City Council agenda.” (See Item #19d CC).

Councilor Haxhiaj then moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief consider implementing a policy to mandate annual crisis intervention and de-escalation training with a focus on environmental factors (e.g. medical conditions, disabilities, minor status, trauma, etc.) in the Police Department.” (See Item #19e CC).

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend Councilor Haxhiaj’s motion, Item #19c CC: “Further, request the inclusion of any related policy changes, operational amendments and training resulting from said documentation.” (See Item #19c CC).

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the area of expertise held by the individuals who wrote the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report concerning the Worcester Police Department (WPD).” (See Item #19f CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report that details the changes that have been made in the Worcester Police Department (WPD) since the Police Department Racial Equity Audit and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report. Said report should provide timelines around any changes made and cross-reference recommendations made in both documents.” (See Item #19g CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning whether there are any communities who do not complete background checks with respect to complaints that are brought

forward.” (See Item #19h CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the Worcester Police Department (WPD) Co-response Model Pilot Program for alternative deployment options, where social workers from Community Healthlink (CHL) co-responded to high, acute, crisis related matters with WPD.” (See Item #19i CC).

Councilor King then moved to hold the item under privilege.

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

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

Mayor Petty then moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the Worcester Police Department (WPD)’s application to begin the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program.” (See Item #19j CC).

Mayor Petty then moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the nineteen (19) recommendations laid out in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report concerning the Worcester Police Department.” (See Item #19k CC).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Held Under Privilege – King

9.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT
Alexandra H. Kalkounis, 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 Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director

- 9.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director
- 9.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Services
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 9.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 9.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 9.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Rachel Monárrez, Superintendent
- 9.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Administration
Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Jan. 31, 2025.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee
- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2025 financial update, as of Feb. 28, 2025.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee
- 9.27 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
Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

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 an update about the deployment of 30 public dual-stream waste bins.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Sustainability Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Sustainability Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Russell.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing how the deployment of thirty (30) public dual-stream waste bins will be piloted, including information concerning the plans for advertising on those bins after a successful pilot program.” (See Item #191 CC).

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

B. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee. Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee

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 Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$50,000.00) from Massachusetts Port Authority's (MassPort) Community Charitable Giving and Community Relations Program, under the Summer Youth Employment Grant program.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.35A CM through #9.35D CM, 9.36A CM, 9.36B CM and 9.37A CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,650.00) from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation - Worcester Street Fund and Fletcher Tilton PC, for a Memorial Tree Planting on May Street.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$550.00) from Reliant Medical Group for a Memorial Tree Planting.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See item #10.35A CM)

- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$13,300.00) from the Department of Fire Services under the FY25 SAFE/Senior SAFE program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

9.36 FINANCE ITEMS
Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars And No Cents (\$36,875.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1055-610100, DPW Streets Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1055-699399, DPW Capital Outlay, for the purpose of paying for message signs.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00) be transferred from #CC1012-600100, Human Resources Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1012-601100, Human Resources Overtime, to provide funding for overtime costs through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

9.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that One Hundred Thirty Five Dollars And Seventy Four Cents (\$135.74) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Center #CC1007, Public Facilities Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #10.35A CM)

9.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

10. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 10a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility investigate additional traffic calming measures for the area on Mill St. in the vicinity of Binienda Beach.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #10a CC and #10b CC. Order adopted

- 10b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility investigate additional traffic calming measures that can be implemented in the vicinity of Logan Field.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

11. ORDERS

- 11a.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks place a sign at Blithewood Playground that lists other nearby playgrounds residents can use in advance of any closing of the playground. Said signage should also state when the playground will be closed for surface reconstruction and be installed well in advance of any closing. Further, request said surface reconstruction be expedited to the fullest extent possible. (Russell)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #11h CC.

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

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

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning repairs to the basketball courts at Crompton Park and Cousy Court.” (See Item #19m CC).

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks look to the National Recreational and Parks Association, for referential purposes, to consider devising a comprehensive response to the substance use crisis.” (See Item #19n CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning ordinances and policies other communities have regarding needles stemming from substance use in their public parks.” (See Item #19o CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the items. Order adopted

- 11b.** Request Standing Committee on Education hold a discussion relative to whether 51 and 61 Sever St. may be appropriate to use for school purposes. (King)

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

Held Under Privilege - Petty

- 11c.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the process used when randomly going through residents' trash for research. Said report should include information concerning how the residents' privacy is protected or violated. (Russell)

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11d.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a list of rental agreements for all city properties, including but not limited to churches renting Worcester Public Schools properties. Said list should include all revenues generated from such instances. (Russell)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Colorio, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning who decides which institutions are allowed to operate in the schools, as well as the criteria used to make those decisions.”

Councilor Colorio then moved to add her name as a sponsor of the item.

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning strategies used by Worcester Public Schools to ensure their facilities are properly maintained and assessed due to potential legality issues that could fall on the city.” (See Item #19p CC).

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

- 11e.** Request City Manager consider discontinuing the practice of the Department of Public Works and Parks and/or Department of Transportation and Mobility posting temporary, yellow, “No Parking” signage in neighborhoods where street sweeping will occur multiple days in advance of said street sweeping. Further, if signage is continued to be used, request City Manager provide a rough date of when street sweeping will occur. (Russell)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, 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 to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review and address a series of potholes along Goddard Memorial Dr. (Haxhiaj)

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

- 11g.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks resume allowing the option/opportunity for landlords, for a fee, to drop off items left behind by tenants at the “Bulk Waste Disposal Center.” (Bergman)

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11h.** Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report detailing the planned renovations around the playground at Elm Park. Said report should include information relative to the anticipated timeline for said renovations, why said renovations could not have been completed at an earlier date to allow for resident use during the summer months, and plans for notifications around future playground renovations. (Pacillo)

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11i.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased enforcement of the truck ban/weight restriction on Mount Ave. Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility work with GPS mapping companies such as Google Maps to reroute trucks away from Mount Ave. (Pacillo)

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

Councilor Pacillo then moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager work with the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) to reroute school busses away from Mount Ave.”

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

- 11j.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining the administration’s processes used when conducting departmental staffing analyses to define informed decision-making pertaining to departmental funding and reorganization strategies that are applied administratively. Said report should include a) what formula and/or rubrics are used; and b) how departmental efficacy regarding service provisions of city services are measured. Said report should be organized by department. (King)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

12. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending

13. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 13a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King on behalf of the Worcester Cultural Academy request installation of a Rapid Flashing Beacon with supplemental crosswalk spotlights at the existing crosswalk crossing Hamilton St. at Dupont St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt items #13a CC through #13c CC. Accepted and Adopted
- 13b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Austin St. and Crown St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #13a CC)
- 13c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of four (4) crosswalks at the intersection of Austin St. and Oxford St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #13a CC)
- 13d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey on behalf of Paul Jarvis request installation of a handicap parking space at 39 Granby Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #13d CC through #13n CC. Accepted
- 13e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Dennis Yapor request relocation of handicap parking space in front of 27 Arlington St. to the end of street: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #13d CC)
- 13f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Hope Perkins and Corinne Barnes request installation of a handicap parking space on the Mill Pond Rd. side of 576 Mill St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #13d CC)
- 13g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Robert Bilotta request installation of raised crosswalk and flashing crossing lights on Plantation St. at the intersection of Plantation St. and Montgomery Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #13d CC)
- 13h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of the residents of Greenwood Gardens and Edward Laliberty request the installation of a flashing crosswalk light on Greenwood St. in the vicinity of Greenwood Gardens, located between 327 and 341 Greenwood St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #13d CC)

13i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhij request establishment of a 20 MPH Safety Zone in the vicinity of the Guild of St. Agnes Child Care Center located at 248 Mill St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #13d CC)

13j. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen P. Quist request installation of metered parking in the vicinity of WPI on Garden St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #13d CC)

13k. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Margaret Reynolds request installation of "Stop For School Bus" signage at the intersection of Barnard Rd. and Burncoat St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #13d CC)

13l. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yixuan Wang request signage at the island at the intersection of Salisbury St. and Flagg St. be reviewed and updated: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #13d CC)

13m. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of one-way signage at the intersection of Austin St. and Oxford St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #13d CC)

13n. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to Parking Restrictions for Commercial Vehicles: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #13d CC)

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

14a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the unauthorized removal of trees from private property: recommend Communication be placed on file.

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

14b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Aquatics 2024 Review: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #14a CC)

- 14c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Special Event Permitting: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #14a CC)

15. TO BE ORDAINED

- 15a.** Amending Article III of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991, Relative to Extension of the Business, Limited-1.0 (BL-1.0) Zoning District in the Vicinity of Grafton Street, Near the Millbury Town-Line.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #15a CC through #15d CC, except for #15c CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 15b.** Amending Section Nine of Chapter Twelve of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Relative to a Standardized Addressing System for the Numbering of Properties and Provision for Penalties.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #15a CC)
- 15c.** Amending Section 79 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish School Zones.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with an update relative to the school zone signage audit." (See Item #19q CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to ordain the item. Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 15d.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish No Parking on a Portion of Coes Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #15a CC)

16. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 16a.** RESOLUTION of Councilor George J. Russell – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support requiring our private colleges and universities to invest 0.5% of their endowment annually into a community impact fund to be administered locally to help finance needed housing, economic, and community development projects. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman April 15, 2025)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

17. TABLED ITEMS

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

No action taken

- 17b.** RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

No action taken

- 17c.** ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Held Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)

No action taken

- 17d.** 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. (Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 24, 2022 and June 7, 2022 and Tabled - Petty June 14, 2022)

No action taken

- 17e.** 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. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Held Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

No action taken

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

No action taken

17g. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Held Under Privilege - Haxhijaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhijaj August 22, 2023)

No action taken

17h. 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

17i. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell and Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager install metal detector safety equipment at City Hall whenever open, similar to the equipment used at Polar Park, the Worcester District Court and other public places, on or before December 31, 2024. (Held Under Privilege - Russell September 24, 2024 and October 1, 2024 and Tabled - Russell October 8, 2024)

No action taken

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

No action taken

18. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the April 15, 2025 City Council meeting.

18a. ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager work with the appropriate utility company representatives to ensure the prevention of any further damage to the roads being negatively impacted by the National Grid conduit location work on Hemans St. – Item #15a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 18b.** ORDER of Councilor Jenny Pacillo – Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks consider creating additional pickleball court options at the tennis courts at Newton Square in Elm Park. – Item #15b CC Order adopted
- 18c.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing a timeline associated with renovating the tennis courts at Blithewood Park. – Item #15c CC Order adopted
- 18d.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing all Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreements currently in place between the city and its colleges and universities. – Item #15d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 18e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the pending state legislation relative to an act supporting debt-free higher education opportunities for all brought forth by Representative Natalie Higgins. – Item #15e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 18f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing discussions between the city and its colleges and universities relative to Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreements. – Item #15f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 18g.** RESOLUTION of Councilor George J. Russell – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support requiring our private colleges and universities to invest 0.5% of their endowment annually into a community impact fund to be administered locally to help finance needed housing, economic, and community development projects. – Item #15g CC Held Under Privilege

19. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the April 29, 2025 City Council meeting.

- 19a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Donald J. O'Neil on behalf of Anthony Bianco request the public sanitary sewer main located in Elton St. be extended easterly approximately 80 feet from its current terminus to provide public sanitary sewer service to the property situated at 9 and 13 Elton St. (MBL 17-38-23+24+25+26): recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

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

Mayor Petty 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 (Nguyen absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell for a second time, who moved for reconsideration on the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- 19b.** Motion King @ #9.3A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the differential between the amount of money allocated to the city’s employment opportunities for Summer 2025 and previous years. Further, request City Manager make efforts to fill any gaps in funding.

Order adopted (See Item #9.3A CM)

- 19c.** Motion Haxhiaj @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager release to the City Council all the settlement agreements, investigative reports, depositions, and statements made under oath, by city employees relative to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report concerning the Worcester Police Department (WPD).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request the inclusion of any related policy changes, operational amendments and training resulting from said documentation.”

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

- 19d.** Motion Petty @ #9.13A CM – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its rules to allow for an additional ten (10) minutes of speaking for Item #9.13A CM on the April 29, 2025, City Council agenda.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas - Haxhiaj, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nays - Bergman, Colorio) (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 19e.** Motion Haxhiaj @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager request Police Chief consider implementing a policy to mandate annual crisis intervention and de-escalation training with a focus on environmental factors (e.g. medical conditions, disabilities, minor status, trauma, etc.) in the Police Department.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 19f.** Motion King @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the area of expertise held by the individuals who wrote the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report concerning the Worcester Police Department (WPD).

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 19g.** Motion King @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report that details the changes that have been made in the Worcester Police Department (WPD) since the Police Department Racial Equity Audit and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report. Said report should provide timelines around any changes made and cross-reference recommendations made in both documents.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 19h.** Motion King @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning whether there are any communities who do not complete background checks with respect to complaints that are brought forward.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 19i.** Motion King @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the Worcester Police Department (WPD) Co-response Model Pilot Program for alternative deployment options, where social workers from Community Healthlink (CHL) co-responded to high, acute, crisis related matters with WPD.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19j.** Motion Petty @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the Worcester Police Department (WPD)’s application to begin the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19k.** Motion Petty @ #9.13A CM – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the nineteen (19) recommendations laid out in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Report concerning the Worcester Police Department.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19l.** Motion King @ #9.32A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing how the deployment of thirty (30) public dual-stream waste bins will be piloted, including information concerning the plans for advertising on those bins after a successful pilot program.
Order adopted (See Item #9.32A CM)
- 19m.** Motion King @ #11a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning repairs to the basketball courts at Crompton Park and Cousy Court.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 19n.** Motion King @ #11a CC – Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks look to the National Recreational and Parks Association, for referential purposes, to consider devising a comprehensive response to the substance use crisis.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 19o.** Motion Petty @ #11a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning ordinances and policies other communities have regarding needles stemming from substance use in their public parks.
Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)
- 19p.** Motion King @ #11d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning strategies used by Worcester Public Schools to ensure their facilities are properly maintained and assessed due to potential legality issues that could fall on the city.
Order adopted (See Item #11d CC)
- 19q.** Motion King @ #15c CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update relative to the school zone signage audit.
Order adopted (See Item #15c CC)

