

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:33 P.M.
Adjourned: 11:45 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

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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, except for Councilor Nguyen.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

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 September 9, 2025.

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #8.3A CM through #8.3C CM, #9b CC, and spoke in favor of items #9e CC through 9m CC
2. Andrew Marsh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC
3. Dr. Bennett Vogt, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC
4. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #13b CC
5. Sankar (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of #13a CC
6. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9k CC and #13b CC
7. (No name given), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC
8. Maydee Morales, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC
9. Feanna Jattan-Singh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #13b CC
10. Sue Mailman, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11b CC and #13b CC
11. Margot Barnet, Worcester resident, spoke in favor if item #13b CC
12. Dr. Alicia Ding, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #13b CC
13. Carol Catino, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13a CC and #13b CC
14. Steve Hart, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #11m CC
15. Frances Anthes, Worcester resident, spoke in favor or items #13a CC and #13b CC
16. Mauro DePasquale, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9e CC through #9m CC
17. John Edward Keough, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #9j CC
18. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #9b CC, #9c CC, #9j CC and #15b CC
19. David Coyne, Worcester resident, spoke in support of item #13b CC
20. Ashley Spring, Palm Harbor, FL resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC and spoke in opposition to item #11f CC
21. Javier Luengo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC
22. Natalie Turner, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7b CC and #13b CC
23. Eric Stratton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC
24. Danielle Killay, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC
25. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke in favor of items #9f CC through #9 l CC, #11a CC through #11e CC, and #13b CC, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #8.32B CM and #11z CC, and spoke in opposition to items #9a CC through #9c CC
26. Kirsten Frazier, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11a CC through #11l CC and #13a CC and #13b CC, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #11z CC, and spoke in opposition to item #11m CC
27. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #11m CC and spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #13b CC
28. Sheila Brenner, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #13b CC
29. Jillian Phillips, North Brookfield, MA resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC
30. Jillian Maldonado, Worcester resident, spoke concerning and item not listed on the agenda

7. PETITIONS

- 7a. Curtis Alexander request installation of sewer drains on Nixon Ave., in the vicinity of 11 Nixon Ave.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board
- 7b. Natalie Turner request installation of sidewalk on the odd side of Parker St. from Winfield St. to Mayfield St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7b CC through #7f CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee
- 7c. Thomas Kontos request sidewalk resurfacing on Fairhaven Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7b CC)
- 7d. Orieta Kristo request the grass area in front of 292 Park Ave. be removed and replaced with concrete.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7b CC)
- 7e. Charles Rizk et al. request sidewalk resurfacing at 5 Rittenhouse Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7b CC)
- 7f. Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda on behalf of Vanessa Bumpus request Elm St. from Chestnut St. to Linden St. be given the honorary street name of "William Wallace Way."
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7b CC)
- 7g. Sean Lovely on behalf of the tenants of the Webster Square Towers (1050-1060 Main St.) request angled lines be painted on Main St. in the vicinity of the Webster Square Towers to discourage motorists from blocking the driveway of the property.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7g CC through #7v CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 7h. Katherine O'Leary request installation of a speed monitoring sign on Lovell St. going uphill towards May St., in the vicinity of the rotary.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7i. Katherine O'Leary request installation of temporary speed humps on Lovell St. going up hill toward May St. in the vicinity of the rotary.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7j. Alexandra Cormier request installation of a dedicated left-turn-only signal at the intersection of Park Ave. and Lovell St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7k. Nicole Aubin St. Germain request installation of a flashing pedestrian crossing signal at the crosswalk in the vicinity of Holmes Field, located at 201 Plantation St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)

- 7l. Mincho Dominov request removal of handicap parking space in front of 16 Dayton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7m. Paul Lizotte request the permanent snow ban on Hamilton St. from Harrington Way to Coburn Ave. be removed or be modified to only encompass being in effect from Harrington Way to Middlesex Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7n. Stephen Smith et al. request installation of speed humps on Cowden St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7o. William Hoag and Kayla Melvin request installation of two (2) or three (3) handicap parking spaces or a drop-off zone in front of 339 Main St. in the zone that is proximate north or south of the bus stop/fire hydrant near the wrought iron-gate.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7p. Harold Boucher request installation of speed humps on the straight section of Olean St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7q. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Diane Driscoll request installation of speed humps on Shaffner St. in the vicinity of 7 or 9 Shaffner St., as well as in the vicinity of 30 or 32 Shaffner St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7r. Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of speed humps on Hitchcock Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7s. Matthew C. Morse et al. request installation of a crosswalk in the vicinity of 974 Main St. at its intersection with Beaver St. and Richards St. for an efficient place for students at the Goddard School of Science to cross the street towards Clark University.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7t. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Brooks St. between Malden St. and Mountain St. West.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7u. Emma Duprey request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on one of the two sides of Norwood St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7v. Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Carl Freedman request installation of speed humps on Varney St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7g CC)
- 7w. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 103 CANTERBURY ST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to set a hearing for items #7w CC through #7y CC for October 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for October 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
- 7x. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 63 WILLIAMSBERG DR.
Hearing set for October 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #7w CC)

- 7y. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: DANA AVE.
Hearing set for October 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #7w CC)

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

8.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Marissa Robertson to the Community Preservation Committee.

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

8.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend the reappointments of Mary Leovich and Patricia Austin to the Green Worcester Advisory Committee.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the reappointments. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

8.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

- A.** Recommend adoption of salary amendment to increase hourly rates for Snow Customer Service Representative in line with salary increases for Local 170 personnel.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #8.3B CM.

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 recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson and Councilor Haxhiaj, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s efforts to provide GPS tracking to all its snow operation vehicles, wherein residents can track the status of routes being taken by said vehicles using a digital map. Further, request said report include the legality and safety to snow removal drivers relative to implementing such a GPS system.” (See Item #21e CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the percentage of snow operations staffing that is filled by city employees.” (See Item #21f CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the operational strategies used when treating problematic areas in the city during winter weather events. Said report should include information concerning strategies the city uses to ensure areas that are getting pre-treated and sanded are determined equitably.” (See Item #21g CC).

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinances. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- B. Recommend adoption of salary amendments to increase the hourly rates for Snow Inspector, Snow Supervisor, and Winter Operations Coordinator, when assigned, in line with salary increases for Local 495 personnel.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.3A CM)
- C. Recommend adoption of salary amendments to increase the salary grades for Deputy City Solicitor and Deputy City Solicitor of Litigation.
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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

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

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to minimum off-street parking requirements.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board

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

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

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

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

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

8.10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETARY
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner

8.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Vernon Connected Study.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. – Not Put.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

8.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

- A. Recommend adoption of an order authorizing acceptance of a deed for real property on Southbridge Street in connection with the South Division Fire Station.

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)

8.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

8.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

- A. Recommend adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Director of Emergency Management, City Manager and Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Haxhiaj.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

8.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor

8.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner

8.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

8.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division

Lee R. Hall, Director

8.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration

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

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the pros and cons of discontinuing the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee

8.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Elder Affairs

Amy Vogel Waters, Director

8.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Veterans Services

Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director

8.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Youth Services

Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director

8.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jason L. Homer, Executive Director

8.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Election Commission Division

Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

8.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Brian Allen, Superintendent

8.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Administration

Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer

8.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Assessing Division

Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

8.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the financial update for the period ending July 31, 2025.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report quantifying a potential assessment or evaluation of the benefits the city believes it will receive relative to funds generated from the Fair Share Amendment.” (See Item #21h CC).

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

8.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

8.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

8.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

8.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the Electric Vehicle On-Street Charging Stations project.

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.

Councilor Russell then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the locations and zones to be created relative to the Electric Vehicle On-Street Charging Stations project. Further, request said report include a pros and cons analysis for the said locations." (See Item #21i CC).

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

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to on the Zero Waste Program.

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

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to 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

8.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

8.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

8.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Four Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$438,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #8.35A, #8.36A CM through #8.36C CM, and #8.37A CM through #8.37D CM collectively.

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 city's ability and plans to create qualitative data that tracks the diversion of mental health calls to mental health resources against calls resulting in detainment, incarceration, etc." (See Item #21j CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the items. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

8.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$75,654.00) be transferred from Fund #FD314, Reserve for Appropriation Premium on Loans, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1062, Treasury Ordinary Maintenance, to fund the costs associated with the issuance of the \$30,364,339 BAN dated September 18, 2025.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that One Hundred Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars and Forty Seven Cents (\$151,608.47) be transferred between various CDBG grant accounts to provide sufficient funding for additional grant eligible activities.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)

- C. Recommend an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 table of organization for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)

8.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that One Hundred Eighty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$180.40) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1016, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion 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 #8.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Seven Cents (\$20,294.07) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Public Works and Parks cost centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Nine Thousand Eighty Eight Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents (\$9,088.78) be authorized from Fiscal Year FY26 Cost Center #CC1049, HHS Youth Opportunities Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)

- D. Recommend that One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$1,643.51) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1008, Department of Sustainability and Resilience Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #8.35A CM)

8.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

8.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

9. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part I

- 9a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing a list of all languages spoken within the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) and the fifty (50) available real-time language translations to the Worcester Police Department (WPD) through Body-Worn Camera (BWC) software, Axon Performance. Further, request City Manager request Police Chief work with Axon Performance to request additional languages be made available to WPD, contingent on the increased amounts of languages spoken within WPS compared to the already available fifty (50) languages to WPD.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #9a CC through #9z CC collectively.

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 detailing the extent to which artificial intelligence (AI) is utilized by the software, Axon Performance, relative to the real-time language translations available to the Worcester Police Department (WPD)." (See Item #21k).

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the recommendations brought forth by the Human Rights Commission relative to the Police Department's language capacity, including information concerning the degree to which their recommendations have been accepted and implemented." (See Item #21l CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the items. Order adopted

- 9b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the annual costs relative to ShotSpotter, ShotSpotter Connect, and Resource Router since the first contract was initiated in 2014.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the number of arrests and/or detainments made as a result to gun violence in the city and which arrests and/or detainments were made with assistance from ShotSpotter activation calls. Further, request said report include details relative to the types of treatments administered by Worcester Police Department (WPD) on scene at said calls.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Fire Chief schedule multiple civil service recruitment events at different locations across the city for the purpose of reaching more candidates to recruit for the Worcester Fire Department (WFD). Further, request said events include notification to City Council when civil service events are scheduled, including the districts where said meetings will be held.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of allowing residents to make voluntary contributions and donations to public access TV.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager consider expediting appointments to the Cable Advisory Committee to allow for increased discussion of the Charter Communications/Spectrum contract negotiations.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9g. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the timelines associated with easements granted to Charter Communications/Spectrum.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9h. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the billing process associated with Charter Communications/Spectrum, in an effort to ensure public access fees are being billed and allocated properly and to the correct sources.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9i. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager explore different financial sources to fund WCCA TV, including the feasibility of using City Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and other internet service revenues.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9j. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager consider allowing for representation from WCCA TV as part of the negotiation team when negotiating the upcoming Charter Communications/Spectrum contract.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of facilitating refunds from Charter Communications/Spectrum to senior residents who were qualified for the Senior Citizen Discount program but did not receive said discount, or alternatively a donation to a municipal program such as the Worcester Senior Center.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the most recent audit conducted on Charter Communications/Spectrum.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning State Senate Bill S.2556 “An Act to modernize funding for community media programming”.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review previous private contracting work done in the vicinity of 586 Salisbury St. and work with said private contractor to make repairs at the location as necessary.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a site visit to Haviland St. for the purpose of reviewing trip hazards on the sidewalk to make any emergency repairs at the location as needed.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a site visit to South Ludlow St. for the purpose of reviewing all trip hazards on the sidewalk to make any emergency repairs at the location as needed.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a site visit to Burncoat Terrace for the purpose of reviewing all trip hazards on the sidewalk to make any emergency repairs at the location as needed.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a site visit to Barnard Rd. for the purpose of reviewing all trip hazards on the sidewalk to make any emergency repairs at the location as needed.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9s. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a site visit to Davidson Rd. for the purpose of reviewing all trip hazards on the sidewalk to make any emergency repairs at the location as needed.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9t. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks work with Eversource to correct the pipe location that is currently sticking out in the middle of the sidewalk on Davidson Rd.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9u. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a site visit to Willard Ave. for the purpose of reviewing all trip hazards in the street and on the sidewalk to make any emergency repairs at the location as needed.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9v. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a site visit to Airlie St. for the purpose of reviewing all trip hazards on the sidewalk to make any emergency repairs at the location as needed.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9w. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a site visit to Morgan St. for the purpose of reviewing hazards in the street to make any emergency repairs as needed.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9x. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager work with the Quality of Life Team to conduct a site visit to Ingalls St. and interact with the residents and other people in the area to provide assistance to those who may need it.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9y. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report detailing an updated and accurate list within the next thirty (30) days concerning selected streets that were chosen by City Council and have not been completed, including the amount of funds allotted to each of those projects, for the last five (5) years. Further, request said report be organized by district.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9z. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager and City Clerk consider providing a mailer to all newly registered voters in the city detailing the city's trash programs and Worcester 311 services.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

10. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part II

- 10a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report detailing the utility company repair policy.

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

- 10b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility retrofit existing traffic signal at Chandler St. and Mill St. intersection with Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) push buttons, pending funding.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

- 10c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install new ADA compliant crosswalks at the intersection of Dorchester St. and Ward St. including signage, pavement markings and ADA compliant ramps, pending funding.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

- 10d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility audit the existing parking signs on Vernon St.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

- 10e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct traffic study on Vernon St. for traffic calming solutions.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

- 10f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased traffic enforcement at the intersection of June St., Hadwen St. and Brownell St.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

11. ORDERS - Part I

- 11a.** Request City Manager consider creating a transformative procurement approach that meaningfully supports local, diverse, and emerging businesses. (King, Haxhij)

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11b.** Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer conduct a comprehensive Supplier Diversity Audit within the next ninety (90) days with the following specific requirements: 1) Ensuring that the scope of the audit include a comprehensive review of all Requests for Proposals (RFP's) and Requests for Responses (RFR's); 2) no bid contracts under \$10,000.00; 3) departmental purchasing patterns; and 4) current participation of Veteran-Owned Businesses (VBE), Emerging Small Businesses (ESB), Women-Owned Businesses (WBE), Minority-Owned Businesses (MWBE), and LGBTQ+ Businesses (LGBTBE). (King)

Order adopted (See Item #11a CC)

- 11c.** Request City Manager with City Council with a report regarding the feasibility of developing a Sheltered Market Pilot Program one-hundred and twenty (120) days after the completion of any Supplier Diversity Audit that targets procurement strategies focusing on local jobs, Veteran-Owned Businesses (VBE), Emerging Small Businesses (ESB), Women-Owned Businesses (WBE), Minority-Owned Businesses (MWBE), and LGBTQ+ Businesses (LGBTBE). (King)

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report regarding the feasibility of including any recommendations pertaining to such from the Supplier Diversity Audit."

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen, Toomey absent)

- 11d.** Request City Manager explore the feasibility of not seeking any additional appropriations to conduct any Supplier Diversity Audit or Shelter Market Pilot Program, and instead, ensure said programs only utilize existing Executive Office of Economic Development resources. (King)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the items. Order adopted

- 11e.** Request City Manager include as part of any Supplier Diversity Audit a proposed implementation strategy that streamlines certification processes, expands outreach to diverse suppliers, creates transparent contract awarding mechanisms and implements a sheltered market approach if feasible. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #11e CC)

- 11f.** Request Standing Committee on Public Works hold a meeting to solicit input from the public regarding Zero Waste proposals and potential changes to city's current trash and recycling program. Further, request said meeting also include a discussion relative to the results of the Department of Public Works researching the contents of the city's residents' trash. (Russell)

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

- 11g.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with a report detailing all planned street projects in District 4, including all sidewalk repairs, lighting improvements, and full resurfacings of streets. (Ojeda)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the items. Order adopted

- 11h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks provide City Council with an equity audit of all Department of Public Works projects, including lighting improvements, road safety initiatives, sidewalk repairs, and other infrastructure investments, broken down by district. (Ojeda)

Order adopted (See Item #11g CC)

- 11i.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a list of all the approved park-related projects in District 4 that are pending and/or awaiting funding. Said report should include information relative to anticipated timelines for beginning and completing said projects and whether contractors or subcontractors have been selected to work on said projects. (Ojeda)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11j.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any subsidized units whose affordability status ends in 2026. Further, request said report include any efforts being made to encourage those property owners to utilize Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars to preserve their property's affordability status. (Haxhiaj)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to amend her item: "Further, request City Manager ensure communication is sent to all property owners expected to lose affordability status and subsidized deed restriction housing properties when said affordability status expires."

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

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

- 11k.** Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the number of residential fires that have occurred in the city from January 2023 to present, organized by the date of the incident, the type of structure where the fire occurred, and the number of residents displaced from the event. Further, request said report include a summary of the staffing structure of the city's fire education and prevention programs, as well as the curriculum offered through said programs. (Haxhiaj)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to amend the item: "Further, request said report include information relative to how rental insurance is included in any fire education and prevention training."

Councilor Haxhiaj then moved to amend item #11l CC: "Further, request said report include information concerning the status of said discussions."

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

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

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

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

- 11l.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the municipally operated Emergency Fund that was established in 2022 to provide relief for emergency and disaster survivors. (Haxhiaj)

Order adopted as amended (See Item #11k CC)

11m. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of creating a Drones as First Responders (DFR) Program (see attached for article regarding DFR programs), in an effort to provide police and first responders with rapid, real-time intelligence, enhance officer safety, and increase opportunities for de-escalation. (Toomey)

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report include information justifying the implementation of such a program, including information concerning the number of drones that would be used in such a program, costs associated with implementing and maintaining such a program, whether there is a subscription fee associated with implementing such a program, and whether the city’s current drones do not fulfill the needs of the city.”

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 Mero-Carlson and Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey and Councilor King for second times, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

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)

- 11n.** Request City Manager consider making an announcement via AlertWorcester prior to any pesticide spraying occurring in the city, including any spraying associated with mosquito control. (Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio and Councilor Pacillo, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager consider keeping a list of all the beekeepers in the city to ensure they are notified and cared for whenever pesticide spraying for insects such as mosquitos occurs.” (See Item #21m CC).**
- Mayor Petty moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**
- 11o.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any updates associated with initiatives to aid and support the city's homeless population. (Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**
- 11p.** Request City Manager request Chief Executive Officer review the feasibility of creating additional housing solutions for seniors, including intergenerational living and homeshare opportunities. (Colorio)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, 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**
- 11q.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic study on Pleasant St. from Highland St. and South Flagg St. to determine appropriate speed calming measures that can be implemented and installed on the street. (Petty)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted
- 11r.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing a timeline of all sidewalk surfacing repairs around City Hall, located at 455 Main St. (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**

- 11s.** Request City Manager work with the Police Chief and Superintendent of Public Schools to utilize the new, extra parking at Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St., to create a designated parking area on campus for families waiting to pick up students. (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.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11t.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning developing a quarterly activation plan and timelines to identify and address gaps in services for the homeless population in our neighborhoods and business districts including mental health service provisions, current status of women's shelters, and a report of the current shelter capacity. (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.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the work being done by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) at the former Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) service center and current homeless shelter, located at 611 Main St. Said report should also include future plans for the location to ensure said location receives proper upkeep." (See Item #21n CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11u.** Request City Manager conduct a feasibility study for establishing a municipal ID program modeled after those in New Haven, CT, and Providence, RI, as well as the recently passed ordinance in Boston (see attached for Boston ordinance). (King)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, "Request City Manager include in any report relative to the feasibility of implementing a municipal ID ordinance information concerning all agencies that current assist in helping individuals get traditional IDs." (See Item #21o CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11v.** Request Standing Committee on Economic Development invite representatives from the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) to present to the Committee an overview of their investments and management processes at the Worcester Regional Airport to date. Said presentation should also include how the Worcester Regional Airport will be included in the recently announced Massport Strategic Planning Effort. (Petty, Mero-Carlson)

Mayor Petty read the item.

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)

- 11w.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the area around 500 Burncoat St. for the installation of speed calming measures, including speed humps. (Bergman)

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

- 11x.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks inspect all veteran memorials prior to Veterans Day and, if needed, perform any necessary repairs at each location prior to that date. (Bergman)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 11y.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks review the portion of King Philip Rd. where water gets backed up and perform any necessary repairs at the location. (Pacillo)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo, who moved to amend the item to include the words “65 King Philip Rd. to 85 King Philip Rd.”

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

- 11z.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used to ensure the city’s noise ordinance is effectively enforced, including but not limited to situations where property owners play loud music at late hours. (Pacillo)

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

12. ORDERS - Part II

- 12a. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the rules and regulations relative to the use of generators on public ways. (Mero-Carlson)

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.

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 moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the scope and responsibility of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Department of Inspectional Services relative to enforcing the city's noise ordinance, the process relative to enforcing said ordinance, any potential budgetary implications, and the degrees of necessary law enforcement." (See Item #21p CC).

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing noise ordinance complaints relative to Saint Joan of Arc Church, located at 570 Lincoln St. Further, request said report also include the number of calls made concerning the location, what the responses have been to said calls, and best practices pertaining to addressing citizen complaints while balancing the usage at the location." (See Item #21q CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

13. RESOLUTIONS

- 13a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby urge UMass Chan Medical School to reinstate contributions to the Housestaffs' Health Benefit Fund and collectively bargain to agree on an equitable contract that assists House staff in their ability to live in the city and encourages medical students to rank UMass as a place to complete their residency, a requirement of labor harmony. (King)

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

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

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

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

13b. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby oppose the pursuit, exploration, or entering into a 287(g) Task Force Model agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or any other agreement or arrangement that gives federal immigration powers to Worcester officials. (King, Haxhiaj)

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

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

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 Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

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

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

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

Councilor Toomey then moved to, “Request City Manager work with the Police Chief and City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report concerning how the city was introduced to information relative to a 287(g) Task Force Model with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the city’s intent to never enter into such an agreement.” (See Item #21r CC).

Councilor Toomey then withdrew her motion to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution 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).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to reconsider the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Nguyen absent)

14. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending

15. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- 15a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Police Body Camera Report: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #15a CC through #15e CC. Accepted
- 15b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the ShotSpotter Contract: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15a CC)
- 15c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a comparison of 2023 and 2024 police details: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15a CC)
- 15d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to PFAS-free gear acquired by the Fire Department: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15a CC)
- 15e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report detailing the demographics pertaining to the recruits of the recent WFD Fire Academy: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #15a CC)

16. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Part I

- 16a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request Gardner St. from Main St. to Hollis St. be given the honorary street name of “William S. Coleman III Way.”: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #16a CC through #16d CC. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 16b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of the Worcester Black History Project request Winfield St. from Park Ave. to Mason St. be given the Honorary Street Name designation of Bethany Veney Way: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #16a CC)

- 16c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Donald J. O'Neil, on behalf of Suhan Thapa, request extension of sanitary and surface sewer mains in Marmion Ave. from their current terminus northerly a distance of approximately 127 feet for the sanitary main and 117 feet for the surface sewer main to the service the property located at 0 Marmion Ave. at the expense of the owner of said property: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #16a CC)
- 16d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Charles Black, President of Kendall Homes, Inc., request sewer system extension on Myrick Ave. approximately 253 feet from last existing manhole cover: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #16a CC)
- 16e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request sidewalk resurfacing on Neptune Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty moved to accept and adopt items #16e CC through #16z CC. Accepted and Adopted
- 16f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Clayton A. Norling request installation of curb in front of 586 Salisbury St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Angelo Dagnello request sidewalk repair in front of 159 King Philip Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paula Rosenblum et al. request sidewalk resurfacing on Haviland St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Steven Caligaris II request the sidewalk on Colonial Rd. be reviewed and assessed for repair: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16j. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Paul Belton request the end of the two (2) driveways at 471 and 473 Mill St. be repaired: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)

- 16k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Paul Belton request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 117 South Ludlow St. and 125 South Ludlow St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Robert Bilotta request installation of ADA curb ramps and raised crosswalk in the vicinity of 16 Laurel St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the grass strip on the sidewalk of Caprera Rd., in the vicinity of 37 Granby Rd., be widened for the purpose of planting a tree at the location: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Kathleen Hastings request sidewalk resurfacing on Burncoat Terrace: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Kathleen Hastings request sidewalk resurfacing on Barnard Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of 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: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Kevin Shea request sidewalk resurfacing on Willard Ave.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request Brattle St. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Brian Dutremble request Wamsutta Ave. sidewalks be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)

- 16t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Maria Kaplanes request sidewalk repair in front of 15 Coombs Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request sidewalk resurfacing on Oxford St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Austin Tepsic request sidewalk resurfacing on Herbert Ln. between Hadwen Ln. and Hadwen Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16w.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Martha M. Dolan request sidewalk in front of 387 May St. be repaved: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16x.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Tony Economou on behalf of Louise Clarke request sidewalk and driveway apron repair in front of 389 May St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16y.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Jenny Savage request Manor St. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)
- 16z.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of James Hachey request Morgan St. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #16e CC)

17. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Part II

- 17a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Alyssa Jollimore request resurfacing of Ludlow St. between Stafford St. and Main St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty moved to accept and adopt items #17a CC through #17i CC. Accepted and Adopted
- 17b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Tiffany Owusu request street resurfacing for Sagamore Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17a CC)

- 17c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Mark Jacques request Hapgood Rd. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Mark Jacques request Romola Rd. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Kevin Shea request the entire length of Willard Ave. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Steven Antinelli request Beaconsfield Rd. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Andrew Ngo request installation of guardrail along Bittersweet Blvd. adjacent to 58 Sophia Dr.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to install six (6) inch bollards within the grass strip adjacent to 58 Sophia Dr.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of "No Littering" signage that includes the littering fee costs along Lincoln St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Amy Pagan request installation of "No Littering" signage on Shelby St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17a CC)
- 17j. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Sarabeth Jerome request sidewalk between 18 and 48 Airlie St. be resurfaced: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #17j CC through #17u CC. Accepted
- 17k. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Order of Councilor George J. Russell – Request Standing Committee on Public Works host a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, as well as other appropriate department heads associated with Worcester 311 to review the city's current snow operations. Said discussion should include what, if anything, needs to be done to improve said operations: recommend Order be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)

- 17l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the responsibilities of the Department of Public Works & Parks and the Department of Transportation and Mobility: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)
- 17m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Street and Sidewalk Construction Progress Report for July 2025: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)
- 17n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Quarterly Report on Keep Worcester Clean and Clean City Initiatives: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)
- 17o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update about the deployment of 30 public dual-stream waste bins: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)
- 17p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the municipality's Pavement Management Program: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)
- 17q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to pothole repairs and litter issues throughout the City: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)
- 17r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Charles Divris request the curb in front of 82 and 86 Whitmarsh Ave. be replaced: recommend Petition be given leave to withdraw.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)
- 17s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Ina Zdruli request Dayton St. be resurfaced: recommend Petition be given leave to withdraw.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)
- 17t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Anabelle Rios request street resurfacing in the vicinity of 45 Sigel St.: recommend Petition be given leave to withdraw.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)

- 17u. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Otto Marchena request installation of a guardrail in front of 586 Grafton St.: recommend Petition be given leave to withdraw.
Accepted (See Item #17j CC)

18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 18a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend Ordinance to Establish All-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Granite Street and Loxwood Street/Holcombe Street: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinances associated with items #18a CC through #18c CC. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent)
- 18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend Ordinance to Establish All-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Elm Street and Sever Street: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #18a CC)
- 18c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend Ordinance to Establish All-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Providence Street and Holcombe Street: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #18a CC)
- 18d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage at the corner of Greenbriar Ln. and Richmond Ave. to prevent cars from parking too closely to the intersection: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and Adopted
- 18e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King on behalf of Tedi Altif request installation of a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 3-5 Fourth Street: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #18e CC through #18p CC. Accepted
- 18f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Janet Shea request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 20 Strathmore Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)

- 18g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Krystal Rodriguez and Hector Gomez request installation of three (3) handicap parking spaces on Theodore Tonna St. and Green St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)
- 18h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request installation of two (2) handicap parking spaces on Franklin St. across from the Jean McDonough Arts Center (JMAC), located at 20 Franklin St., and adjacent to City Hall, located at 455 Main St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)
- 18i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request existing handicap parking spaces in front of Baystate Savings Bank, located at 28 Franklin St., be reviewed to ensure vans with a lift or fold-out ramp can use said spaces: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)
- 18j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request two (2) existing handicap parking spaces on Front St. adjacent to the Worcester Common be reviewed for safety concerns, as each of these spaces have curb-cuts to nowhere with no crosswalks that get blocked when people are parked in these spaces: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)
- 18k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj request installation of three (3) additional handicap parking spaces across from City Hall, located at 455 Main St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)
- 18l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Linda Plotczyk request installation of audible pedestrian crossing signal at Chandler St. and Mill St. intersection: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)
- 18m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Yanczewski request crosswalks be painted at the intersection of Dorchester St. and Ward St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)
- 18n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Cleofe Ortiz et al. request parking be made available in front of 23-27 Vernon St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #18e CC)

18o. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Kim Dipersia request removal of stop signage located at the intersection of Pioneer Rd. and Westborough St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #18e CC)

18p. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Reese Jane Freeman et al. request removal of left-turn restriction sign on Forest St. and Otsego Rd. to provide drivers with an alternative route: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #18e CC)

19. TABLED ITEMS

19a. 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

19b. 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

19c. 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

19d. 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

- 19e. 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
- 19f. 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. (Held Under Privilege - Haxhiaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhiaj August 22, 2023)
No action taken
- 19g. 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
- 19h. 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
- 19i. 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
- 19j. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication**
relative to how the U.S. Department of Justice's report on the Worcester Police Department differs from the account of the municipality. (Held Under Privilege - King April 29, 2025 and May 6, 2025 and Tabled - King May 13, 2025)
No action taken

20. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the September 16, 2025 City Council meeting.

20a. ORDER of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility include the years street and sidewalk construction projects were selected for funding by City Council in all Construction Progress Reports moving forward. – Item #11a CC Order adopted

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

21a. Motion Haxhiaj @ #6a CC – That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on September 30, 2025, to occur thirty (30) minutes beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes.

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

21b. Motion Russell @ #6a CC – That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on September 30, 2025, to occur ten (10) minutes beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #6a CC)

21c. Motion Haxhiaj @ #6a CC – That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on September 30, 2025, to occur ten (10) minutes beyond the forty (40) minutes previously allotted to Public Participation.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Nguyen absent) (See Item #6a CC)

21d. Motion Petty @ #6a CC – That the City Council does hereby suspend its rule to allow for a public speaker to speak concerning an item not listed on the agenda.

Order adopted (See Item #6a CC)

21e. Motion King @ #8.3A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city's efforts to provide GPS tracking to all its snow operation vehicles, wherein residents can track the status of routes being taken by said vehicles using a digital map. Further, request said report include the legality and safety to snow removal drivers relative to implementing such a GPS system.

Order adopted (See Item #8.3A CM)

21f. Motion King @ #8.3A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the percentage of snow operations staffing that is filled by city employees.

Order adopted (See Item #8.3A CM)

21g. Motion King @ #8.3A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the operational strategies used when treating problematic areas in the city during winter weather events. Said report should include information concerning strategies the city uses to ensure areas that are getting pre-treated and sanded are determined equitably.

Order adopted (See Item #8.3A CM)

- 21h.** Motion King @ #8.28A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report quantifying a potential assessment or evaluation of the benefits the city believes it will receive relative to funds generated from the Fair Share Amendment.
Order adopted (See Item #8.28A CM)
- 21i.** Motion Russell @ #8.32A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the locations and zones to be created relative to the Electric Vehicle On-Street Charging Stations project. Further, request said report include a pros and cons analysis for the said locations.
Order adopted (See Item #8.32A CM)
- 21j.** Motion King @ #8.35A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s ability and plans to create qualitative data that tracks the diversion of mental health calls to mental health resources against calls resulting in detainment, incarceration, etc.
Order adopted (See Item #8.35A CM)
- 21k.** Motion King @ #9a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the extent to which artificial intelligence (AI) is utilized by the software, Axon Performance, relative to the real-time language translations available to the Worcester Police Department (WPD).
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 21l.** Motion King @ #9a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the recommendations brought forth by the Human Rights Commission relative to the Police Department’s language capacity, including information concerning the degree to which their recommendations have been accepted and implemented.
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 21m.** Motion King @ #11n CC – Request City Manager consider keeping a list of all the beekeepers in the city to ensure they are notified and cared for whenever pesticide spraying for insects such as mosquitos occurs.
Order adopted (See Item 11n CC)
- 21n.** Motion King @ #11t CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the work being done by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) at the former Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) service center and current homeless shelter, located at 611 Main St. Said report should also include future plans for the location to ensure said location receives proper upkeep.
Order adopted (See Item #11t CC)
- 21o.** Motion Toomey @ #11u CC – Request City Manager include in any report relative to the feasibility of implementing a municipal ID ordinance information concerning all agencies that current assist in helping individuals get traditional IDs.
Order adopted (See Item #11u CC)

21p. Motion King @ #12a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the scope and responsibility of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Department of Inspectional Services relative to enforcing the city’s noise ordinance, the process relative to enforcing said ordinance, any potential budgetary implications, and the degrees of necessary law enforcement.

Order adopted (See Item #12a CC)

21q. Motion King @ #12a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing noise ordinance complaints relative to Saint Joan of Arc Church, located at 570 Lincoln St. Further, request said report also include the number of calls made concerning the location, what the responses have been to said calls, and best practices pertaining to addressing citizen complaints while balancing the usage at the location.

Order adopted (See Item 12a CC)

21r. Motion Toomey @ #13b CC – Request City Manager work with the Police Chief and City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report concerning how the city was introduced to information relative to a 287(g) Task Force Model with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the city’s intent to never enter into such an agreement.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas - Haxhiaj, King, Mero-Carlson, Ojeda, Pacillo, Russell, Toomey, Petty) (Nay - Bergman, Colorio) (Nguyen absent) (See Item #13b CC)

21s. Motion King – Suspension of Rules – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report publishing the city’s next steps as it relates to the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Order adopted