

CITY OF WORCESTER

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
5:00 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairperson Kathleen M Toomey

Councilor Satya B Mitra



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1. Virtual Attendee Call-In Information/Important Notice to Residents

- a. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in-person and remote participation at all City Council and Standing Committee meetings. To partake in the meeting, you may attend the meeting in-person within the meeting location, follow the below link to join via Zoom or dial the direct line as indicated. If you join a Zoom meeting by dialing in with a phone number, you can raise your hand by dialing *9.

E c o n o m i c D e v e l o p m e n t C o m m i t t e e Z o o m L i n k :
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- b. Important Notice: Residents are advised of an ongoing scam involving the impersonation of city officials and departments. Scammers are fraudulently requesting payments be made for planning and zoning permits, as well as City Council petitions. All official emails regarding your petition will come exclusively from an @worcesterma.gov email address (such as clerk@worcesterma.gov), or via physical mail on the City of Worcester's official letterhead. Any legitimate hearing letter will always include your specific application details, along with the scheduled hearing date, time, and location. The City of Worcester will never request payments via wire transfer.

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Order - That the City Council Standing Committee of Economic Development hereby approves the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting on September 16, 2026.

3. Zone Change Hearing Items

- a. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of George Markopoulos on behalf of 95 Vernon Street LLC request the zoning map be amended by establishing the Adaptive Re-use Overlay District (AROD) to wholly encompass the property at 95 Vernon St.
13c CC September 22, 2026
- b. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Timothy J. McMahon, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Worcester, request to amend the zoning map by establishing the Adaptive Re-use Overlay District (AROD) to wholly encompass the property at 25 West Chester St.
13a CC September 22, 2026
- c. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommending the zoning map be amended by extending the RG-5 (Residence, General) zoning district and Adaptive Re-use Overlay District (AROD) to wholly encompass the property at 128 Providence St.
13b CC September 22, 2026
- d. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of George Markopoulos on behalf of 321 Greenwood Street LLC request to amend the City of Worcester Zoning Map, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning designation of the portion of 321 Green Wood St. (MBL: 29-043-00003) that is currently within the Manufacturing, Limited (ML-0.5) zoning district to the Business, Limited (BL-1.0) zoning district as shown on the map attached.
16a CC July 21, 2026
- e. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Related to Driveways, Pavement, and Permits.
14b CC September 9, 2025
In Committee June 25, 2026 - Held

4. Miscellaneous Item

- a. Order of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta - Request Standing Committee on Economic Development hold a public discussion relative to adjusting the city's Zoning Book to amend Section 5 of the city's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to increase the Payment in Lieu of constructing affordable housing from three (3) percent to five (5) percent of the total construction value of all building permits for the development, including trade permits (see attached for current ordinance).

10u CC June 2, 2026