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Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:36 P.M.

Recessed to Executive Session: 7:18 P.M.

Reconvened from Executive Session and Finance Committee: 11:34 P.M.

Recessed: 11:58 P.M.

Reconvened: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 5:10 P.M.

Adjourned: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:11 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

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Morris A. Bergman

Khrystian E. King

Satya B. Mitra

Gary Rosen

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, STAR SPANGLED BANNER, PROCLAMATIONS,
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

2. ROLL CALL

- 2a.** ROLL CALL - On June 2, 2026, when the meeting was convened, Vice Chairperson Councilor King called for a roll call. All present with Vice Chairperson Councilor King as the Chair, except for Mayor Petty, who was present and resumed duties as the Chair when the meeting reconvened from Executive Session and Finance Committee at 11:34 P.M.
- 2b.** ROLL CALL - On June 9, 2026, when the meeting was reconvened, Mayor Petty called for a second roll call. All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor Bilotta, who arrived at 6:40 P.M. Councilor King participated in the meeting remotely until his arrival in the Chamber at 5:23 P.M.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 5, 2026.

**Vice Chairperson Councilor King 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 (Petty absent)**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 4a. Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and recognized the following speakers:
1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to items #7a CC and #23g CC, as well as in favor of item #21f CC
 2. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #20a CC and #10q CC
 3. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10u CC, #10i CC and #9a CC
 4. Gordon Ward, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #20a CC and #10q CC
 5. Gregg Migridician, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #26i CC
 6. Joe Johnson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of an item not listed on the agenda
 7. Fred Taylor, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #20a CC and #10q CC
 8. No name given, no residence given, spoke in favor of items #20a CC and #10q CC
 9. Joelle Ward, Auburn resident, spoke in favor of items #20a CC and #10q CC
 10. Christopher Crawley, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #20a CC and #10q CC
 11. Wilson Lam, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to item #21c CC
 12. John Hamilton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #20a CC and #10q CC
 13. Chris Betancourt, Holden resident, spoke in favor of item #10a CC
 14. Nelly Medina, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #20a CC, #10q CC and #8a CC
 15. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke in favor of items #10i CC, #10q CC, #20a CC, and #8d CC, opposed to items #9a CC, #9f CC, #9g CC, and #5a CC and neither in favor or opposed to item #26i CC

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

- 5a.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty - As Chair of the City Council Standing Committee on Finance in accordance with Rule 33 (e) of the Rules of City Council, request City Council suspend its rules at its June 2, 2026 meeting to take up the Report of the Committee on Finance Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget, as presented by the City Manager and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance as # 9.39A CM on the May 5, 2026 City Council agenda, along with related budget items pending before the Committee.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent).

Note: Refer to the "New Business Under Suspension" section of the agenda to view actions associated with the items reported out of Finance Committee that are referenced in this Order, including Item #33f CC, which depicts the actions associated with the FY27 Operating Budget.

6. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 6a.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby convene in Executive Session at its Tuesday, June 2, 2026, meeting for the purpose of discussing the strategy with respect to litigation which if discussed in an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the City's position. The City Council will reconvene in open session.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King 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 (Petty absent)

7. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

- 7a.** Transmitting informational communication relative to the Hospital Guard of the Worcester Police Department. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

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

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

- 7b.** Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2026 Memorial Day Ceremonies. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, 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 (Bilotta absent)

- 7c.** Transmitting informational communication relative to to the proposed Purple Heart and Gold Star Memorials at Worcester Common. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

- 7d. Transmitting informational communication relative to the current status of the Worcester Police Station headquarters and its needed repairs. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

8. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part I

- 8a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report detailing a completed safety audit for the following issues: 1) Safety of the areas where children get dropped off and picked up during school hours – at all schools; 2) Safety of municipal streets where schools are located and children must access when arriving or departing the school building; 3) Which schools have crosswalks; 4) Which schools have blinking light crosswalk signs; 5) Which schools have 20 MPH signs posted; and 6) Which bus stops are not located at existing crosswalks. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt items #8a CC through #8z CC. Order adopted
- 8b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request Standing Committee on Education invite Worcester Public Schools' (WPS) Director of Safety to an upcoming meeting for the purpose of discussing school safety matters. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Referred to Education Committee (See Item #8a CC)
- 8c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update on a previously adopted order from August 27, 2024, which read, Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted order from September 12, 2023, which read, "Request City Manager complete a safety audit for the following issues: 1) Safety of the areas where children get dropped off and picked up during school hours – at all schools; 2) Safety of municipal streets where schools are located and children must access when arriving or departing the school building; 3) Which schools have crosswalks; 4) Which schools have blinking light crosswalk signs; and 5) Which schools have 20 MPH signs posted; and 6) Which bus stops are not located at existing crosswalks" Further, request City Manager work to inform families and children of how to cross the street in a safe and appropriate manner. Further, request City Manager create a public service announcement educating residence of the importance of clearing sidewalks in the winter months, especially in the vicinity of schools. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

- 8d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works work with the city's vendor Apex Engineering to create a database of the city's potholes, in an effort to ensure each pothole in the city is indexed and addressed in a Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound (SMART) manner. (Mitra) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the costs associated with snow removal in the city per lane mile. (Bergman) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report concerning the number of times brine has been used during winter weather events/snowstorms over the past five (5) years. (Bergman) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8g. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with an annual report on or before December 1 of each year that details preparations occurring within the department related to the upcoming winter weather and snowstorm season. Said report should include a breakdown of the department's available personnel and equipment. (Bergman) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8h. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the streets in the city that require the most repeat visits related to snowplowing and snow removal. Said report should include information related to how the department tracks such information, as well as how the snow removal inspectors and supervisors are retrained to ensure such duplicative work is minimized. (Bergman) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8i. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with an updated list of the local streets and sidewalks approved for resurfacing, broken down by district and pavement condition index (PCI). (Toomey) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

- 8j. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing upcoming and past actions/initiatives/investments associated with the city's Integrated Water Resources Plan, submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2019. Further, request said report include a weblink to the plan. (Toomey) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8k. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works work with appropriate representatives from Eversource to determine the company's long-range plans as they relate to replacing aging gas mains in the city. (Toomey) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8l. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning efforts being made to mitigate flooding concerns throughout the city, including any efforts being made at the intersection of Grand St. and Main St. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8m. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how much money has been allocated to the Department of Public Works in each of the last four (4) years related to unfilled positions. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8n. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works work with the City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of granting Department of Public Works employees the authority to issue tickets to property owners who do not shovel their sidewalks. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8o. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the Department of Transportation and Mobility's (DTM) budget allocation percentages for bike, pedestrian, and vehicular projects. (Toomey) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8p. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the requirements/warrants used to assess the appropriateness of installing mid-block crosswalks in the city, including whether there are requirements associated with crosswalk distance. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

- 8q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing flexible on-street parking options used by the City of Boston during Red Sox games at Fenway Park. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the Madison Properties capital fund and the company's lease of the Green Island Boulevard Garage. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management provide City Council with a report concerning 311 operations, including an analysis of the gap in time when 311 was inoperable. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8t.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the fiscal impact of implementing overtime hours in the Department of Emergency Communications and Management from 2023 to present. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8u.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning hazard mitigation trainings and exercises at CSX and its railyard. (Bilotta) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8v.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning grant funding available to the Worcester Police Department (WPD) for its Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and/or Jail Diversion Program. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8w.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report analyzing the current practices of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) related to the storage of rape kits. Said analysis should include the exploration and feasibility of maintaining archival storage space for the materials at various facilities owned by the city, including the properties at 51 Sever St. and 61 Sever St. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

- 8x. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report of a workplace safety audit of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) facilities. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8y. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the parking plan in place at the Worcester Police Department (WPD) building, located at 9-11 Lincoln St. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)
- 8z. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining any grievances filed against the city related to unhealthy working conditions at the Worcester Police Department (WPD) Headquarters, located at 9-11 Lincoln St. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #8a CC)

9. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part II

- 9a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report analyzing the projected cost and timeframe required to increase the maximum capacity of police officers to five hundred (500) officers. (Bergman) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt items #9a CC through #9i CC. Order adopted
- 9b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management explore the feasibility of accompanying ALERTWorcester enrollment information with the upcoming August 2026 real estate tax bills. Further, request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management work with Worcester Public Schools (WPS), local businesses, colleges, and universities to distribute ALERTWorcester enrollment information. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communication and Management work with the City Clerk and Board of Election Commissioners to explore the feasibility of distributing ALERTWorcester enrollment information at polling locations during the September and November elections. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management provide City Council with a six (6) month update relative to ALERTWorcester's enrollment numbers. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a six (6) month update relative to Worcester Police Department's (WPD) Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) accreditation process. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing creative solutions relative to retaining Worcester Police Department (WPD) officers. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9g. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing a six (6) month update, by August of 2026, relative to retention and turnover rates at the Worcester Police Department (WPD). (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9h. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing available language translation services utilized by the Worcester Fire Department (WFD) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)
- 9i. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT - Request City Manager request Chief Sustainability Officer and Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery create a summer program to educate the public on conservation practices relative to lakes and ponds in the city, including plants identification classes to identify native and invasive aquatic species and cleaning techniques to prevent the spread of invasive species. Further, request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools and local colleges to ensure participation from Worcester Public Schools students and college students. Further, request City Manager explore the feasibility of creating a paid summer job/internship position for Worcester Public Schools students and college students where they can get trained and lead aspects of said summer program. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

10. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - ORDERS - Part I

- 10a. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility collaborate to redesign the named street signs within the Crown Hill Local Historic District, in an effort to reduce clutter on street poles and create space for said signage in locations where significant individuals have made meaningful contributions. Further, request said collaboration include the potential for using street signs similar to those used by the Town of Rutland (see attached). (Ojeda) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10b. Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased speed and traffic enforcement in the vicinity of Burncoat St. and Clark St. Said enforcement should include, but not be limited to, cars running red lights and crosswalk violations. (Economou) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10c. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the revenues associated with each city owned parking garage/parking lot, deferred maintenance at each location and estimated costs to make necessary repairs. Further, if feasible, request City Manager consider selling any parking garage/parking lot the city owns that is underperforming financially. (Economou) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10d. Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased enforcement of the illegal use of dirt bikes throughout the Burncoat St. neighborhood, as well as increased speed enforcement in the area. (Mitra) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Mitra, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10e. Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased speed enforcement on Clover St. (Rivera) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works work with the appropriate representatives from National Grid to ensure pole light (number 5-80) in the vicinity of 30 Vincent Ave. is repaired. (Rivera) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10g.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased enforcement of the five (5) ton weight restriction/truck ban on Heard St. (Rivera) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10h.** Request City Manager consider increasing the efforts being made to raise awareness around residents signing up for the city's new AlertWorcester system. Said efforts should include a flyer to be mailed in the city's upcoming tax bills that highlight the importance of the program and provides residents multiple ways to sign up for the alerts, including but not limited to a QR code, as well as the placement of digital signage for the program at all city properties. (Mitra) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Mitra, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10i.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning what additional actions the city might take before the consideration of rent caps, such as seeking more rental assistance from the federal and state governments, in our ongoing efforts to reduce housing insecurity, increase the supply of quality affordable housing, prevent evictions and maintain property values. (Rosen) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Rosen, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10j.** Request City Manager work with the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District (BID), downtown business owners, residents, students, non-profits, the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) and the Worcester Police Department (WPD), among others, to establish a Downtown Neighborhood Association to advocate for increased vibrancy, retail growth, public safety, transportation, planning and zoning, and economic development in the commercial, cultural and social hub of the community. (Rosen) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Rosen, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10k.** Request City Manager inform City Council as to the move of GBH News' Worcester bureau, with one full-time reporter, from its location on Federal St. to the Worcester Public Library's Main Library at 3 Salem Square, in an effort to foster more community engagement and to host community events and public forums in partnership with the library. Said information should detail whether such rent-free opportunities for library space are available to other organizations, businesses and individuals, among others. (Rosen) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Rosen, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

- 10l.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the current plans for the preservation, restoration and redevelopment of the Worcester Memorial Auditorium. The "Aud," which was constructed in 1933 as a monument to honor the almost four hundred (400) local soldiers from Worcester who died in WWI, has been largely vacant since 1999. (Rosen) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Rosen, who spoke concerning the item.

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

- 10m.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased speed and traffic enforcement on Lansing Ave. between Grove St. and Holden St., especially during morning and afternoon rush hours, in the interest of public safety. (Economou) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10n.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility meet with MassDOT to discuss the implementation of appropriate traffic calming measures on Grove St., north of Holden St. to the Holden line. (Economou) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10o.** Request City Manager repair the fence located at the cul-de-sac at the end of Brooks St., which was hit by a vehicle and is now in disrepair. (Economou) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10p.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide periodic police presence at the cul-de-sac on Brooks St. to help curtail illegal activity occurring in the area. (Economou) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10q.** Request City Clerk conduct research related to historical commitments made by the Worcester City Council concerning the naming of parks and streets in the city after Arries Ann Ward, a woman born into slavery in North Carolina in 1862, who settled in Worcester, where she lived until her passing in 1959 at the age of ninety-seven (97). (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item: "Further, request said review also include the filing of an honorary street name designation for Arries Ann Ward on Laurel St., if that is the will of the family."

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, "Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery coordinate with appropriate stakeholders to ensure previous naming commitments associated with the city's parks and other landmarks are not forgotten." (See Item #33b CC).

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

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

- 10r.** Request City Manager survey the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District (BID) to determine whether there are a sufficient number of public restroom and handwashing facilities for residents, workers, visitors or homeless individuals in the downtown area, which is becoming a vibrant hub for art, culture, business, eateries, services and community. (Rosen) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Rosen, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item: "Further, request City Manager provide City Council with an updated report concerning any previous City Council orders filed relative to public restrooms."

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

- 10s.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility work with the City Solicitor to determine the feasibility of banning commercial vehicles on Hamilton St. between Commonwealth Ave. and Boston Ave. (Bilotta) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10t.** Request City Manager coordinate with the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) Administrator to facilitate infrastructure improvements, renovations, or the building of a new bus stop shelter at the Bus 6 stop outside of Worcester State University where Chandler St. and May St. split. (Petty) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10u.** 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). (Bilotta) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

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

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

- 10v.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility program the traffic lights at the intersection of Mountain St. East, Mountain St. West and West Boylston St. to have lead greens for left turns from Mountain St. East and Mountain St. West onto West Boylston St. (Economou) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10w.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report outlining the timeline for when safe street interventions (i.e. traffic calming measures, pedestrian safety measures and mobility safety measures) will be implemented on Lake Ave. and Belmont St. Said timeline should include all anticipated actions from 2026 to 2028. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

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

Held Under Privilege – King

- 10x.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works investigate and review the pitch of the sidewalks at the intersection of Thorndyke Rd. and Burncoat St., in the interest of public safety. (Economou) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10y.** Request City Manager work with Police Chief and representatives at Polar Park to ensure Washington St. is fully accessible to the residents of 120 Washington St. and open to local traffic. (Bilotta) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10z.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining the ownership, management and pricing of the Green Island Garage. Said report should include information concerning pricing, parking fee agreements and policies for residents of 120 Washington St. at the location. (Bilotta) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty then moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

11. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - ORDERS - Part II

- 11a.** In the interest of pursuing a bid for the opening round of the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament, request City Manager determine whether bids have been opened for such a tournament. Further, if such bids have been opened, request City Manager initiate pursuing a bid with the proper stakeholders. (King) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

12. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS

- 12a.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby recognize May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month in the City of Worcester and call upon all Americans to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and stand in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease. (Bilotta) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

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

- 12b.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support State Auditor Diana DiZoglio in her efforts to uphold Massachusetts Ballot Question 1, an authorization of the State Auditor to audit the General Court, which passed on November 5, 2024, with 71.57% of voters approving of the initiative. (Rivera) (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Rivera, who moved to amend the item to include, "Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Massachusetts for their immediate review and consideration."

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

13. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - COMMUNICATIONS

- 13a.** Kristi L. Turgeon, Clerk of the School Committee, transmitting a request for the City Council to authorize the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) and City of Worcester to extend an existing Parent Square contract for three (3) years, at a cost of \$350,078.80. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to take the item up collectively with item #13b CC.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to recuse himself from the item and left the room.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide City Council with a report detailing how extending the Parent Square and Custom Computers contracts impacts Worcester Public Schools' (WPS) net school spending, information relative to the support level required of the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), and cost differentials for each contract renewal compared to their previous contracts." (See Item #33u CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 0 Nays (King abstained) (Ojeda recused) (Bilotta absent)

- 13b.** Kristi L. Turgeon, Clerk of the School Committee, transmitting a request for the City Council to authorize the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) and City of Worcester to extend an existing Custom Computers (Infinite Campus) contract for three (3) years, not to exceed \$1,358,134.10. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 0 Nays (King abstained) (Ojeda recused) (Bilotta absent) (See Item #13a CC)

14. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 14a.** REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Amended Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of a zoning map amendment relative to Belmont Street / Plantation Street Corridor. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

15. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- 15a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a financial update concerning the schedule of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance relative to the Education general fund: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to accept items #15a CC through #15d CC. Accepted

- 15b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the extent and impact of federal funding on the City of Worcester and Worcester Public Schools: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #15a CC)

- 15c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** Upon the Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Education invite the Chief Financial Officer and Worcester Public Schools Chief Financial and Operations Officer to an upcoming meeting for the purpose of the administration providing a presentation relative to the WPS Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27): recommend Order be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #15a CC)

- 15d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** Upon the Order of Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request Standing Committee on Education meet jointly with the School Committee's Standing Committee on Finance and Operations for the purpose of reviewing matters pertaining to public education, the public libraries, arts, culture and higher education listed on their agenda: recommend Order be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #15a CC)

16. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE PUBLIC SAFETY

- 16a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the relaunch of ALERTWorcester: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to accept items #16a CC through #16g CC. Accepted

- 16b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a study and analysis of police response data from 2024 and 2025: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #16a CC)

- 16c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the MPAC accreditation: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted (See Item #16a CC)
- 16d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Worcester Police Department's drone report: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted (See Item #16a CC)
- 16e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the 2025 Annual Report on Crime Statistics: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted (See Item #16a CC)
- 16f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to retention and turnover rate at the Worcester Police Department: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted (See Item #16a CC)
- 16g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Axon Body Worn Camera (BWC) Assistant Trial Program: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted (See Item #16a CC)

17. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

- 17a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman request Mayfield St. from Parker St. to Chandler St. be officially renamed Doug Hannam Way: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent)
- 17b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Kati D'Arcy request Lovell St. from Columbus St. to Garland St. be given the honorary street name designation of Zella Nunez Way: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #17b CC and #17c CC. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 17c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Gary Rosen and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request Thorne St. from Wall St. to Plantation St. be given the honorary street name designation of Gordon Hargrove Way: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17b CC)
- 17d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Franco Girardi and Giuseppe Girardi request installation of a 100' guardrail at the dead end section of Pilgrim Ave., with no gaps where the guardrail is installed to ensure vehicles cannot drive through the barrier: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to install metal fencing and appropriate safety signage in the city's right of way located at the dead end of Pilgrim Ave., to ensure vehicles cannot drive through the gap between existing guardrails. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to accept and adopt items #17d CC though #17n CC. Accepted and Adopted
- 17e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk on Harrison St., between Harding St. and Green St., be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Janet Bertrand request sidewalk resurfacing on Timrod Dr.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request sidewalk resurfacing on Burncoat Ter.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Carlos Diaz request sidewalk resurfacing on Perry Ave.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Ann Marie Gribbons request street resurfacing on Rich St. from Tiverton Pkwy. to Tory Fort Ln.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)

- 17j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Janet Bertrand request Timrod Dr. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request Alvarado Ave. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of the residents of Laxell Ave. request Laxell Ave. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of the residents of Mellor Ave. request Mellor Ave. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Matthew Rabasco request Copley Rd. be resurfaced: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #17d CC)
- 17o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of sidewalks on North Parkway, from its intersection with Davidson Rd. to the Burncoat Park entrance: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to accept items #17o CC through #17s CC. Accepted
- 17p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Carlos Diaz request street resurfacing on Perry Ave.: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted (See Item #17o CC)
- 17q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request Perry Ave. be resurfaced: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)
Accepted (See Item #17o CC)

17r. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor John P. Fresolo request street resurfacing on College St.: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #17o CC)

17s. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the repaving of Paine St., in consideration of recent utility infrastructure work: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #17o CC)

18. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

18a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey request installation of a four-way stop sign where June St. intersects with Hadwen Rd. and Brownell St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinances associated with items #18a CC through #18d CC. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent)

18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Yanczewski request installation of "No Parking 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m." on Ward St. at the intersection of Dorchester St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)

18c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Patricia Ogbalu request installation of 15 minute parking signage in front of 90B Grand St. that accommodates for two (2) parking spaces: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)

18d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Magda L. Roman request installation of a handicap parking space on the odd side of Underwood St. adjacent to 452 Chandler St. (Amended November 19, 2025): recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)

19. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

19a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT Upon the Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment invite representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to attend a meeting to discuss best practices for treating the city's lakes and ponds: recommend Order be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to accept items #19a CC through #19d CC. Accepted

19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT Upon the Order of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj - Request Standing Committee on Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment hold a public discussion with the Senior Environmental Analyst for the purposes of reviewing a presentation relative to the most recent findings from the States of the Lakes documentation: recommend Order be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #19a CC)

19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting informational communication relative to the State of the Lakes: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #19a CC)

19d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting an informational communication concerning plans to remove invasive plant species in the city: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - King May 19, 2026)

Accepted (See Item #19a CC)

20. PETITIONS - Part I - a Petitioner may speak up to three (3) minutes the first time their petition appears on an agenda

20a. Gordon Ward et al. request the playground at Great Brook Valley be returned to its original name of "Arries Ann Ward Playground."

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item.

Chairperson Councilor Toomey recognized Councilor King who moved to, "Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery pause on any efforts to rename the playground located in Great Brook Valley any name other than "Arries Ann Ward Playground." (See Item #33a CC).

Chairperson Councilor Toomey recognized the City Manager and City Clerk, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Chairperson Councilor Toomey moved for a call vote to collectively refer the item to both the Parks and Recreation Commission and Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)

20b. Mark A. Borenstein request the Off-Street Accessory Parking Requirements set forth in Article IV, Table 4.4 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance be amended by eliminating the separate off-street parking requirements for "single, two or three family dwelling" and "multi-family dwelling" uses and creating one new category entitled, "single, two, three family or multi-family dwelling" uses, and requiring one (1) parking space per dwelling unit for such uses.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer the item to the Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board

20c. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of Ciaran Douglas request installation of sidewalks on Davidson Rd. along Burncoat Park.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer items #20c CC though #20i CC, and #20x CC and #20y CC, to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

20d. Nishan Papazian request installation of bollards at 8 Olde Millbury St. on the Arwick Ave. side of the property in the grassy areas around the sidewalk.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #20c CC)

20e. Councilor John P. Fresolo request street resurfacing on Epworth St.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #20c CC)

20f. Councilor Jose A. Rivera request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 15 Coombs Rd.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #20c CC)

20g. Councilor Jose A. Rivera request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 5 Coombs Rd.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #20c CC)

20h. Councilor John P. Fresolo request street resurfacing on Puritan Ave.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #20c CC)

- 20i.** Brian Dutremble request the city institute a ban on lift kits for city-owned trucks.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #20c CC)
- 20j.** Councilor Tony Economou request the bus stop between Chino Ave. and 12 Boylston St. be removed.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer items #20j CC through #20z CC, except items #20x and #20y CC, to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 20k.** Joshua Calvi request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage at the intersection of Bristol St. and Burncoat St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20l.** Hannah Klapper request installation of speed humps on Nutmeg Dr.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20m.** Kim Ashe request installation of a green right arrow on Stafford St. at its intersection with James St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20n.** Dennis Molinari and Bryan Marks request installation of speed humps at 8 Windsor St. and 22 Windsor St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20o.** Dennis Molinari and Bryan Marks request installation of speed humps on Channing St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20p.** Francel Hollins et al. request removal of "No Parking Anytime" signage on Providence St. from Dorchester St. to South St. with installation of resident permit parking on the even side in its place.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20q.** Mallorie Niro et al. request installation of a handicap parking space at 72 Richland St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20r.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of speed humps on Paine St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20s.** Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 29 Everton Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20t.** Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Delmont Ave. and Bedford Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20u.** Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Farrar Ave. and Bedford Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)

- 20v.** Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of speed humps on Loxwood St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20w.** Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Molly Beauvis request installation of 25 MPH speed limit signage on Mower St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)
- 20x.** Daniel James Bradley request street resurfacing in front of 31 Laconia Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #20c CC)
- 20y.** Daniel James Bradley request sidewalk repair in front of 29 Laconia Rd. to 31 Laconia Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #20c CC)
- 20z.** Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of speed humps on Corrine St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #20j CC)

21. PETITIONS - Part II

- 21a.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of speed humps on Adams St.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer items #21a CC though #21e CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 21b.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a dead-end sign at the entrance of East Park Terrace.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #21a CC)
- 21c.** Councilor Jose A. Rivera request installation of two (2) speed humps on Minthorne St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #21a CC)
- 21d.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of speed humps on McKinley Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #21a CC)
- 21e.** Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of the residents of Westport Rd. request installation of "Go Slow, Children Playing" signage in the vicinity of 10 Westport Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #21a CC)
- 21f.** Fred Nathan request City Council request City Manager provide more details and information related to how grants will be used when items are brought before the City Council, including whether the grant monies will be allocated to the general fund.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to City Manager

22. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

22.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Ryan Hacker to the Off-Street Parking Board.

**Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to place the item on file.
Placed on file**

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the reappointment of Dara Pazooki to the Off-Street Parking Board.

**Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to place the item on file.
Placed on file**

22.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

22.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

- A. Recommend adoption of amendments to the Salary Ordinance to ensure alignment with changes adopted in the FY27 Budget.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Petty

- B. Recommend adoption of amendment to bring the Salary Ordinance into full alignment with the model wage package adopted in the FY 2027 Budget

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Petty

22.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

22.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer

22.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Division of Human Rights and Accessibility

Patricia M. LaFore, Director

22.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

- 22.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner
- 22.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
Operations Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner
- 22.10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY**
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner
- 22.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**
Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to 2026 speed hump installations.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 22.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT**
Martin Dyer, Fire Chief
- 22.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT**
Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief
- 22.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner
- 22.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**
Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the municipality's authority to make repairs on private ways.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee
- 22.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Administration
Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner
- 22.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Building and Zoning Division
David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

22.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division

Lee R. Hall, Director

22.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration

Seema Dixit, Commissioner

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Worcester Senior Center.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026 and moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee

22.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Elder Affairs

Amy Vogel Waters, Director

22.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Veterans Services

Alex R. Arriaga, Interim Veterans Services Director

22.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Youth Opportunities

Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director

22.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jason L. Homer, Executive Director

22.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Election Commission Division

Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

22.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Brian Allen, Superintendent

22.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Administration

Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the financial update for the period ending March 31, 2026.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, 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 financial update for the period ending April 30, 2026.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

22.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Assessing Division

Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

22.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

22.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

22.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

22.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

22.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

22.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

22.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

22.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) from ICF International, Inc.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #22.35A CM through #22.35E CM, #22.36A CM through #22.36F CM and #22.37A CM through #22.37D CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend adoption of a series of resolutions to file, accept, and expend seventeen grants for up to Four Million Three Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$4,318,878.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and the MassHire Department of Career Services.
Seventeen (17) Resolutions adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)
- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00) from The College of the Holy Cross to support Recreation Worcester Programming.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)
- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$100.00) from Kenneth Levine.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)
- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation of Thirty-One free tickets to the Worcester Railers games on April 18 and 19 that were claimed by City of Worcester employees.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

22.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that the Fiscal Year 2026 spending limit for Fund #FD368, Recycling Drop Off Center, be increased to a total of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$250,000.00).
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)
- B. Recommend the Fiscal Year 2026 spending limit for Fund #FD386, Housing Development & Rehabilitation Revolving Fund, be increased to a total of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00).
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)
- C. Recommend that Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5,973.50) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1044-610100, Fire Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1044-699399, Fire Capital Outlay.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

- D. Recommend that Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$215,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1015, Public Safety Injured on Duty, to various fringe benefit cost centers to provide funding for additional claims through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

- E. Recommend that Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$18,800.00) be transferred from GFT-1138, Community Fund/Gate Fees, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1081-699399, Transportation & Mobility Capital Outlay, for the purchase and installation of flashing pedestrian signage on Shrewsbury Street.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

- F. Recommend approval of Fiscal Year 2026 year end transfers to make adjustments to municipal accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

22.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Two Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars and No Cents (\$2,319.00) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Public Works cost centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Twenty-Three Thousand Eighty-Six Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$23,086.45) be authorized from FY2026 Cost Center #CC1004, Economic Development Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Seven Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$765.18) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1046, Public Health Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

- D. Recommend that Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$497.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1023, Department of Health & Human Services Salaries, for the payment of a prior year salary increase.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22.35A CM)

22.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

22.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

23. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part I

- 23a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation Fire Apparatus Antitrust Litigation (MDL No. 3179). (Toomey)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt items #23a CC through #23z CC. Order adopted
- 23b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Fire Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the Worcester Fire Department's (WFD) Diversity Officer position. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report concerning the Worcester Fire Department's (WFD) overtime budget allocations, including the impact of the department's four-person engine staffing policy on said budget allocations. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report detailing areas in the city that have high concerns related to pests and rodents. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager review the feasibility of conducting a morale survey of the Department of Inspectional Services. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Superintendent of Public Schools provide City Council with a report concerning the delivery of their Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget book, in an effort to increase the amount of time the City Council has to review said book. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager invite the city's State Delegation to tour the back-of-house facilities of the DCU Center. Further, request City Manager meet with the city's State Delegation to advocate for the city before the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) for capital improvement investments for the DCU Center. (Economou)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)

- 23h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief of Public Facilities develop a facilities maintenance prioritization plan for ordinary, preventative and urgent maintenance issues at facilities managed by the city. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief of Public Facilities provide City Council with a report concerning the transition plan for the programs at the Fanning Building, located at 24 Chatham St., including the Transition Services Department. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager review the conditions of the Worcester Police Department facilities to determine whether any code issues or violations exist at the location. Further, request said report be provided to City Council prior to final consideration of the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery provide City Council with a report detailing the areas in the city where tree planting locations have failed. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Director of Cable Services work with the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery to create a video for posting on the city's website and various social media platforms that educates the public on the spotted lanternfly. Said video should include best practices associated with exterminating their eggs, as well as the process in place to report spotted lanternfly sightings, in an effort to mitigate the impact the invasive insect species has on the environment. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery provide City Council with a report detailing park facilities restoration and maintenance plans. Said report should include but not be limited to facilities such as Greenwood Park and public restrooms. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery provide City Council with a report detailing rectangular fields in the city and/or fields located at Worcester Public Schools that are unused. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)

- 23o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Executive Director of the Public Library provide City Council with a report listing all awards granted to the Worcester Public Library and its leadership, as well as any municipal awards to any Worcester Public Library employees over the past two (2) years. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Executive Director of the Public Library provide City Council with a report detailing any reported workplace safety grievances concerning the Worcester Public Library. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Executive Director of the Public Library provide City Council with a report concerning whether any survey has been conducted regarding the morale of the Worcester Public Library staff. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide City Council with a report outlining the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) calculations associated net school spending, including the minimum legal amount Worcester Public Schools (WPS) must spend on public education, as calculated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) through the Chapter 70 formula. Said report should include by how much the city fell short of net school spending thresholds in Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24), Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) and Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer ensure City Council is provided numbers and specific details related to any rental agreement, including parking agreements, associated with the Worcester Public Schools (WPS), prior to any vote of such an agreement. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23t.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Superintendent of Public Schools provide City Council with a report concerning the differences in per pupil cost for students in the Worcester Alternative School against students in the Central Mass. Collaborative School. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)
- 23u.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline for creating a master plan to allocate funding that addresses the various infrastructure needs of the city's schools. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)

23v. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Human Resources Officer provide City Council with an updated report relative to how the city balances its expenses associated with employee parking. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)

23w. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Equity Officer provide City Council with an updated report concerning the status of equity audits associated with the various departments of the city. Further, request said report also include information related to the implementation of recommendations associated with the Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation of the Worcester Police Department (WPD). (King)

Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)

23x. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Equity Officer provide City Council with an updated report concerning the methods used to collect and analyze data for both the departmental equity audits, as well as the recommendations associated with the Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation of the Worcester Police Department (WPD). (King)

Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)

23y. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Equity Officer provide City Council with an updated report concerning the status of the various Boards and Commissions related to the Executive Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)

23z. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer investigate ways to eliminate barriers for information sharing as it relates to cybersecurity. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #23a CC)

24. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part II

24a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the Law Department's efficiency when responding to public records requests. (King)

**Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt items #24a CC through #24w CC.
Order adopted**

24b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report relative to the costs associated with the Town of Holden lawsuit. Further, request said report include a delineation of the payments provided to each law firm associated with the case. (King)

Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)

- 24c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city's contract with Discover Central Massachusetts (DCMA) prior to the final confirmation of the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the effectiveness and economic/fiscal impact of the marketing campaigns associated with Discover Central Massachusetts (DMCA). Said report should include measurables/outcomes/outputs, as well as the city's oversight over the contract/funding and/or operations of DMCA. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer increase marketing efforts to promote various attractions in the city, including Mechanic Halls, Polar Park, Hanover Theatre, the Worcester Art Museum, local colleges and more, in an effort to attract more people to coming to the city. (Mitra)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer arrange presentations related to the Elder Home Repair Program for patrons of the Worcester Senior Center to provide further information to residents about the program. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager continue to work with the State's Delegation to find ways to obtain additional funding/financial assistance for the Day Resource Center. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report, by the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting, concerning the current number of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) permits that have been awarded in the city. (Toomey)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer work with the Director of the MassHire Workforce Investment Board and the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce to create initiatives that provide more employment opportunities for adults with disabilities. (Bilotta)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with an analysis related to the impact the CSX contract/project has had on the city. (Rosen)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)

- 24k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer develop a strategic marketing plan for small business opportunities in the city. (King)
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Clerk advertise the Monday, August 17, 2026 Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations meeting at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a review of the city's charter.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Clerk work with the City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report detailing other cities that have made changes to their charters. Said report should include the process used by other cities to make such changes, as well as any relevant historical context associated with charter review ballot questions.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Clerk work with the City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report detailing a timeline associated with making charter amendments, the process used to approve charter amendment recommendations brought forth by a charter review commission, the role of City Council pertaining to charter amendments, and charter review commission member eligibility requirements. Further, request said report include the current version of the city's charter.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install a supplemental Stop Sign on the left side of Chrome St. at its intersection with Orient St.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install "No Parking Anytime" signage to reinforce the statutory parking restriction 20 feet from a stop sign/intersection at the intersection of Chrome St. and Orient St.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility paint a stop bar on Chrome St. at its intersection with Orient St.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage at the intersection of Vernon St. and Richland St.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)

- 24s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage on Vernon St. at the top of Hillside St.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24t.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install an MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage at the intersection of Hawthorne St. and Main St.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24u.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility improve the safety and access of the crosswalk on Hamilton St. at Almont Ave. by installing MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24v.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility improve the safety and access of the crosswalk on Lincoln St. on Gorham St. by installing MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)
- 24w.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility pursue the design and construction of safety improvements at the intersection of Belmont St. and Stanton St. consistent with the Vision Zero Safety Action plan, pending funding.
Order adopted (See Item #24a CC)

25. CHAIRMAN'S RESOLUTION

- 25a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support/commend the work done by the Executive Office of Economic Development. (King)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to adopt the item. Resolution adopted

26. ORDERS

- 26a.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services take any steps necessary to have the owner of the long-abandoned industrial railroad cars and flatcars behind Walmart, located at 25 Tobias Boland Way, remove the decaying, rusty and decrepit freight cars, once part of the old industrial rail network serving the southern part of the city. (Rosen)
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Rosen, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 26b.** Request City Manager request City Solicitor work with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to review the feasibility of creating a door-to-door “peddlers” license to minimize the number of door-to-door disruptions faced by the city’s residents and to ensure public safety for the city’s seniors. (Economou)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 26c.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works work with the City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report concerning the reported sewage backup into a residence at 254 Greenwood St. following work performed by the city to address a blocked sewer line. Said report should include a timeline of the incident, the city’s procedures for responding to sewer blockages and conducting line flushing near occupied residences, whether any preventative or resident notification measures are currently required prior to such work, the process used to investigate and evaluate resident claims for property damage associated with sewer backups, and whether any changes to city policy, training, public communication, claims review, or sewer infrastructure maintenance practices are recommended to better protect residents and property owners in similar circumstances. (Fresolo)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

- 26d.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with an update concerning the current pothole repair operations and plan to address the citywide backlog of potholes, which remains a concern for residents as the city enters the month of June. Said report should include whether dedicated pothole repair crews are currently assigned solely to this work, the number of crews deployed each day or week, the number of potholes reported and repaired in 2026 to date, and the average response time for pothole repair requests. (Fresolo)

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

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

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

26e. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery provide City Council with a report concerning response times for resident tree inspection requests submitted through Worcester 311. Said report should include the number of tree inspection requests submitted annually, the amount of time between submission of a request and inspection of a tree, the number of trees currently awaiting trimming or removal after being determined to require such work, and the amount of time between inspection and such work being performed. (Fresolo)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report include information related to efforts made to work with private contractors to inspect, remove and trim trees in the city.”

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 King for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report include the process used by the city to remove trees.”

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

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

- 26f.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update regarding the implementation of paid police details using CSX funding designated for the Grafton Hill Area to address resident concerns of excessive speed and other traffic violations on Lake Ave. and other streets in the Grafton Hill Area. Said update should identify the cost of paid police details per shift and per week, and when said police details will begin. (Fresolo)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing an update concerning a previously adopted order on June 10, 2025 requesting the City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s approach regarding appropriations for the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund.” (See Item #33v CC).

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

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

- 26g.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with an update concerning the implementation of traffic changes to restore access from Acton St. to Rice Square. (Fresolo)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

- 26h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works include language in contracts with companies chosen to complete sidewalk and/or street repairs that ensures all work that begins in one season be completed in the same season. (Economou)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Economou, 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

- 26i.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the saturation point for speed humps. Said report should include information related to the current process used to select speed hump locations, criteria related to appropriate and inappropriate uses of/locations for speed humps, the impact speed humps have had on traffic, speed and neighborhood safety in the city, and how the installation of speed humps on certain streets has affected other neighboring streets. (Economou)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 26j.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a status update concerning the purchasing a of boat for the purposes of police patrols on the Flint Pond section of Lake Quinsigamond. (Fresolo)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, 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 request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the ownership of the boat(s) that patrol Lake Quinsigamond, including whether any boats are owned by the state and/or the Town of Shrewsbury.” (See Item #33w CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report include information related to whether the Worcester Police Department (WPD) intends to patrol any other water bodies in the city.”

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said report include feedback from neighbors, neighborhood groups, and/or the Worcester Police Department (WPD) regarding the success of implementing water body police patrols.”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a third time, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing whether the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation’s (DCR) and/or the Worcester Police Department (WPD) has the capacity to patrol the city’s water bodies.”

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

- 26k.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning recommendations for ordinances pertaining to the regulation of scooters, unicycles, electric bikes, etc. (Toomey)

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to amend the item to include, “, bylaws, trail restrictions, or enforcement policies.”

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

27. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY AUDITOR

- 27a.** Transmitting an informational communication of a notification from the Worcester Retirement System (WRS) to the City Council to provide a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to its retirees of 3% of the COLA base effective July 1, 2026.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

28. COMMUNICATIONS

- 28a.** Kristi L. Turgeon, Clerk of the School Committee, transmitting a request for the City Council to authorize the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) and City of Worcester to enter into a five-year lease agreement to replace 6,000 Chromebooks in accordance with the district's technology replacement schedule.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to recuse himself from the item and left the room.

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

29. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 29a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Alondra Pichardo Rosario request installation of a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Vernon St. and Richland St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to accept and adopt items #29a CC through #29h CC. Accepted and Adopted

- 29b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of a crosswalk that includes pedestrian walking signage with blinking lights on May St. at its intersection with Silver St. and Kingsbury St. to increase the safety of students walking to Woodland/Claremont Academy: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted (See Item #29a CC)

- 29c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Solaperto on behalf of WCUW Community Radio request installation of flashing light system at the crosswalk at the corner of Hawthorne St. and Main St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted (See Item #29a CC)

- 29d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a crosswalk on Lincoln St. at its intersection with Sturgis St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #29a CC)
- 29e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou request installation of crosswalks on Chalmers Rd., at the midway point, to provide park access for Duffy Field: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #29a CC)
- 29f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed limit signage on Burncoat St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #29a CC)
- 29g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed limit signage on Salisbury St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #29a CC)
- 29h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera request installation of speed feedback/dynamic speed display signage on Chandler St. in the vicinity of Rockwood Field and Worcester Dual Language Magnet School, located at 525 Chandler St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted (See Item #29a CC)
- 29i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Rahela Hussaini request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 118 Eastern Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved to accept items #29i CC through #29u CC. Accepted
- 29j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Richard Foster request review of resident permit parking zone on Mt. Carmel Way to either extend the resident permit parking to 22 Mt. Carmel Way or remove said parking restriction: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor John P. Fresolo request establishment of a Residential Permit Parking zone on the south side of Crowningshield Rd. from Everton Ave. to Batavia St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)

- 29l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Paula Janowski request installation of three (3) way stop sign signage at the intersection of Bjorklund Ave. and Stonegate Ln.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jeffrey Warren request installation of an additional stop sign at the intersection of Chrome St. and Orient St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Nick Joyce request installation of a permanent, reboundable crosswalk sign at the existing crosswalk on Vernon St. at the top of Hillside St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen B. Harris request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Chester St. and Holden St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen B. Harris request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Parkton St. and Holden St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of flashing pedestrian crosswalk signage at the intersection of Almont Ave. and Hamilton St., including signage on the grass median: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of flashing pedestrian crosswalk signage at the intersection of Lincoln St. and Gorham St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a traffic signal on Belmont St./ Route 9 at the intersection of Belmont St./Route 9 and Stanton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)
- 29t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Adam Och request installation of speed limit signage in the vicinity of 425 Lake Ave. North: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)

- 29u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joseph Corazzini request installation of solar powered speed radar signs on Salisbury St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #29i CC)

30. TO BE ORDAINED

- 30a.** Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group EM – Executive Management for the Medical Director Position.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group X - Human Services, Law Enforcement and Public for the Medical Director Position.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved for a roll call vote to Ordain items #30a CC and #30b CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 30b.** Amending Chapter 12, Section 18 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 relative to Replacing Disturbed Portions of Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #30a CC)

31. TABLED ITEMS

- 31a.** 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

- 31b.** 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

- 31c.** 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

- 31d.** 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

31e. 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

31f. 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

32. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the May 19, 2026 City Council meeting.

32a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report concerning any options the city may have related to increasing public safety on Viele Ave. that are not associated with converting the road from a private road to a public road, including the potential of removing various obstructions in the road and connecting the disconnected portions of the road. – Item #24a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

32b. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its Rule 54 Midnight Curfew. – Item #24b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

33. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting.

33a. Motion King @ #20a CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery pause on any efforts to rename the playground located in Great Brook Valley any name other than “Arries Ann Ward Playground.”

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #20a CC)

33b. Motion Bergman @ #10q CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery coordinate with appropriate stakeholders to ensure previous naming commitments associated with the city’s parks and other landmarks are not forgotten.

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

33c. Motion Petty – Suspension of Rules – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby amend its meeting schedule to cancel its June 9, 2026 City Council meeting and make its June 16, 2026 City Council meeting a joint agenda.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

33d. SUPPLEMENTAL: COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to answers to questions raised during the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget hearings.

Mayor Petty read the item on June 9, 2026, and moved for a roll call vote to take the item up collectively with item #33e CC. Motion approved on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Items Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege – King

*Note: In accordance with Rule 33 Subsection (c) of the Rules of City Council, this item was introduced on June 9, 2026 and required the adoption of a two-thirds vote to be heard by City Council.

33e. SUPPLEMENTAL: COMMUNICATION of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication relative to historical efforts to honor the life and legacy of Arries Ann Ward.

Held Under Privilege – King (See Item #33d CC).

*Note: In accordance with Rule 33 Subsection (c) of the Rules of City Council, this item was introduced on June 9, 2026 and required the adoption of a two-thirds vote to be heard by City Council.

- 33f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take up items #33f CC through #33s CC collectively.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Items Under Privilege.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Economou, who moved, “That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby amend its meeting schedule to convene its June 16, 2026, meeting at 4 p.m.” (See Item #33t CC).
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mitra, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rivera, who moved to add his name as a sponsor of item #33t CC.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Economou for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt item #33t CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – King, Ojeda) (Bilotta absent).
Held Under Privilege – King
- 33g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend the adoption of a Loan Order in the amount of Forty Three Million Four Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No Cents (\$43,468,416.00) to pay for costs associated with projects and equipment, as approved in the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Loan Order.
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33i. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** - Request City Manager request Chief Sustainability Officer provide City Council with a report detailing the locations of WooBins throughout the city. (Bergman)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)

- 33j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Sustainability Officer provide City Council with a report detailing the enhancement or augmentation of training for builders relative to the Specialized Stretch Code. (King)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Chief Sustainability Officer provide City Council with a report detailing the costs associated with cool pockets, heat islands, and misting locations throughout the City. Further, said report include information regarding any potential grant opportunities available for such a purpose. (King)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager establish improved best practices for working with the City Council to evaluate municipal processes, in an effort to expedite said processes effectively and efficiently. (Mitra)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Clerk provide City Council with an updated report related to the process required to provide City Council the authority to hire and oversee its own staff, similar to the authority provided to the Mayor regarding the Mayor's Office staff. (King)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the process required to ensure the staff of the City Council Office have access to a city vehicle for the purpose of conducting city business. (King)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining each of the grant-funded positions within the Department of Health and Human Services. (King)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the increased funding associated with the Department of Health and Human Services budget, including the different funding sources for the department, such as grants and tax levies. (King)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the different funding resources for each department in the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget. (King)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)

- 33r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services provide City Council with a report concerning the number of overdoses that have occurred in the city. (Ojeda)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33s.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report regarding the steps the city needs to take to initiate a Central Massachusetts substance use disorder and mental health fund. Such fund should be a pooled, intermunicipal fund requiring proportional financial contributions from Worcester and surrounding cities and towns in Central Massachusetts to support coordinated, long-term solutions to the crisis (e.g., housing, treatment, mobile outreach, public health infrastructure), in the city of Worcester and surrounding areas. Further, request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning whether any legal or legislative pathways such as a home rule petition or state enabling legislation is necessary to implement the fund. (Toomey)
Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #33f CC)
- 33t.** Motion Economou @ #33f CC – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby amend its meeting schedule to convene its June 16, 2026, meeting at 4 p.m.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Economou, who introduced the item.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – King, Ojeda) (Bilotta absent) (See Item #33f CC)
- 33u.** Motion King @ #13a CC – Request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide City Council with a report detailing how extending the Parent Square and Custom Computers contracts impacts Worcester Public Schools’ (WPS) net school spending, information relative to the support level required of the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), and cost differentials for each contract renewal compared to their previous contracts.
Order adopted (See Item #13a CC)
- 33v.** Motion King @ #26f CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing an update concerning a previously adopted order on June 10, 2025 requesting the City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s approach regarding appropriations for the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund.
Order adopted (See Item #26f CC)
- 33w.** Motion King @ #26j CC – request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the ownership of the boat(s) that patrol Lake Quinsigamond, including whether any boats are owned by the state and/or the Town of Shrewsbury.
Order adopted (See Item #26j CC)

