

**CITY OF WORCESTER
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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:36 P.M.

Recessed: 8:22 P.M.

Reconvened: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 12:06 A.M.

Adjourned: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 12:18 A.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE COUNCILORS

Morris A. Bergman

Khrystian E. King

Satya B. Mitra

Gary Rosen

Kathleen M. Toomey



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DISTRICT COUNCILORS

Tony Economou - District 1

Robert A. Bilotta - District 2

John P. Fresolo - District 3

Luis A. Ojeda - District 4

Jose A. Rivera - District 5

CITY CLERK

Nikolin Vangjeli

CITY MANAGER

Eric D. Batista

CITY AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL - All present with Vice Chairperson Councilor King as the Chair, except for Mayor Petty.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5a.** Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 28, 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)

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 6a. Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and recognized the following Speakers:
1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #9.35A CM, #9.35C CM, #9.36C CM, and #10m CC
 2. Melinda Martin, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 3. John Lamacchia, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7c CC and #7d CC
 4. Janice St. Amand, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #19a CC
 5. Jason Quintal, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 6. Fardowso Mohamud, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 7. Wilson Lam, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #7o CC
 8. Peter Stanley, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #19a CC
 9. Margot Crawford, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 10. John Comeau, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #19a CC
 11. Delaney Lawson, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 12. Dongke Yu, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 13. Colton Chassie, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 14. Ashley Spring, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12v CC and spoke in opposition to item #14b CC
 15. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke in opposition to items #9.1B CM, #11a CC, and #19a CC
 16. Lewis Darden, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
 17. Miriam (no last name provided), Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
 18. Ruby Pezanetti, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #7b CC
 19. Shacoria Baldwin, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
 20. Jun Yan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 21. Anne Bureau, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #12v CC and #17a CC
 22. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12v CC and spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 23. Duke Duncan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #19a CC
 24. Echo Louissaint Collins, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12v CC
 25. Kelly Forss, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #19a CC
 26. Jorjette Tyndale, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17a CC
 27. Eric Stratton, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #12b CC, #12d CC, and #12f CC

7. PETITIONS

- 7a. Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Paula McDonald request the street tree in front of 61 Garrison Ave. be removed, in the interest of property preservation.
- Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery. Referred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)

- 7b. Stephen J. Kerrigan on behalf of Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Inc. request the zoning map of the city, as referenced in Article III of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, be amended to wholly encompass the properties at 600 and 604 Lincoln St. in the Business, Limited 1.0 (BL-1.0) zoning district.
Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
- 7c. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request sidewalk resurfacing on Boyd St. from Huntington Ave. to Scrimgeour Rd.
Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7c CC through #7k CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
- 7d. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request construction of sidewalks at all gaps on Boyd St. from Huntington Ave. to Scrimgeour Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #7c CC)
- 7e. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request sidewalk resurfacing on Hastings Ave.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #7c CC)
- 7f. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request construction of sidewalks at all gaps on Hastings Ave.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #7c CC)
- 7g. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk on Chrome St. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #7c CC)
- 7h. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk from 264 Shrewsbury St. to 278 Shrewsbury St. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #7c CC)
- 7i. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk on Sherburne Ave. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #7c CC)
- 7j. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of traffic bollards at 173 Grove St., to the north and south of driveway to prevent illegal parking and improve driver, cyclist and pedestrian visibility.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #7c CC)

- 7k. Councilor Satya B. Mitra request installation of “No Littering” signage on North St. along the property line of Rural Cemetery and Crematory, located at 180 Grove St.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #7c CC)
- 7l. Benette Pierre request installation of resident permit parking on Plantation St. from Bleeker St. to Dartmouth St.
Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7l CC through #7z CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
- 7m. David Jaffe request installation of traffic calming measures within the Montvale Historic District neighborhood.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #7l CC)
- 7n. William Nguyen request installation of a stop sign on Beaver St. at its intersection with Oliver St. and Florence St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #7l CC)
- 7o. William Nguyen request installation of speed humps on Beaver St. in the vicinity of its intersection with Oliver St. and Florence St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #7l CC)
- 7p. Jodi Rymer request installation of permanent "No Parking Anytime" signage on Burncoat St. along the bike lane.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #7l CC)
- 7q. Chad A. Dawkins on behalf of Jesse Burkett Little League request installation of "No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Sunday to Saturday" signage on Chandler St. from 542 Chandler St. to the Worcester State University north entrance.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #7l CC)
- 7r. Chad A. Dawkins on behalf of Jesse Burkett Little League request installation of two (2) hour parking 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on Chandler St. from 542 Chandler St. to the Worcester State University north entrance.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #7l CC)
- 7s. Chad A. Dawkins on behalf of Jesse Burkett Little League request the parking spaces located on Chandler St. in the vicinity of Coughlin Field, from 542 Chandler St. to the Worcester State University north entrance, be repainted as diagonal parking spaces.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #7l CC)

- 7t. John R. Yanczewski request installation of speed limit signage on Ward St. between Endicott St. and passageway to I-290.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #7l CC)
- 7u. John R. Yanczewski request installation of "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday" signage on Ward St. between Richland St. and Dorchester St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #7l CC)
- 7v. Tina Langill request the protected pedestrian crossing time at the intersection of Main St., Pleasant St. and Front St. be extended.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #7l CC)
- 7w. Carli Leong request installation of a crosswalk with flashing beacons on Southbridge St. at Washburn St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #7l CC)
- 7x. Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey on behalf of Catherine Flagg request Fales St. at its intersection with Leeds St. be reviewed for speed calming measures, including the potential for the installation of speed humps and additional stop signs.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #7l CC)
- 7y. Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Lois Bourget request increased enforcement of the truck ban/weight restriction on Mount Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #7l CC)
- 7z. Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Lois Bourget request installation of additional truck ban/weight restriction-related signage on Mount Ave. warning truck drivers the road is not appropriate for tractor trailers.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #7l CC)

8. PETITIONS - Part II

- 8a. Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of speed humps on Allston Ave.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #8a CC through #8g CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)

- 8b. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Heather Flavin request installation of 25 mph speed limit signage on May St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #8a CC)

- 8c. Councilor Tony Economou request installation of “No Left Turn” signage on Grove St. for access to Lansing Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #8a CC)
- 8d. Councilor Tony Economou request installation of “No Left Turn” signage on Holden St. for access to Lansing Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #8a CC)
- 8e. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of twenty (20) ft. “No Parking Here to Corner” signage along Hamilton St., at its intersections with Commonwealth Ave., Middlesex Ave. and Boston Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #8a CC)
- 8f. Steve Edwards request Gage St. be made a one-way street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #8a CC)
- 8g. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Joseph DiGregorio request increased speed enforcement on Hope Ave., in the vicinity of the exit ramp off I-290.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
(See Item #8a CC)

9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Kristen Gutierrez Livoti to the Community Preservation Committee.
Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place items #9.1A CM through #9.1C CM on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Michael Ekene Nwogbo to Constable.
Placed on file on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #9.1A CM)
- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Michael Baker to the Historical Commission as an alternate.
Placed on file on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #9.1A CM)

9.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend appointment of Carlos Rosende to the Planning Board as an alternate member.
Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointments associated with items #9.2A CM through #9.2C CM on file. Confirmed on file on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
- B. Recommend appointment of Enxhi (Angie) Muharremi to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Confirmed on file on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #9.2A CM)
- C. Recommend appointment of Sherri Pitcher as Chair of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority.
Confirmed on file on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See item #9.2A CM)

9.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

9.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Recommend adoption of resolutions to file and accept entitlement funding under the City of Worcester's Fiscal Year 2027/Program Year 52 Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Program, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the City Clerk, who read the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)

9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer

9.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Division of Human Rights and Accessibility

Patricia M. LaFore, Director

9.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

9.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering and Architectural Services Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

9.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Operations Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

9.10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner

9.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

9.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

9.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Hospital Guard of the Worcester Police Department.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved to hold items #9.13A CM, #9.19A CM and #9.19B CM, #9.31A CM, #10a CC through #10z CC, #11a CC through #11i CC, #12a CC through #12z CC, except #12e CC, #13a CC and #13b CC, #14a CC and #14b CC, #15a CC and #15b CC, #16a CC, #17a CC through #17d CC, #18a CC through #18g CC, #19b CC through #19t CC, #20a CC through #20d CC and #21a CC through #22d CC to be the First Items of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting. Held to be the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting.

9.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor

9.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner

9.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

9.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Housing and Health Inspections Division

Lee R. Hall, Director

9.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration

Seema Dixit, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2026 Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Held to be the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the proposed Purple Heart and Gold Star Memorials at Worcester Common.

Held to be the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 9.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 9.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Alex R. Arriaga, Interim Veterans Services Director
- 9.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Opportunities
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 9.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 9.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 9.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Brian Allen, Superintendent
- 9.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Administration
Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer
- 9.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor
- 9.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Budget Office Division
Erin E. Taylor, Director
- 9.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Purchasing Division
Christopher Gagliastro, Director
- 9.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Treasury and Collections Division
Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

9.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES
James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the current status of the Worcester Police Station headquarters and its needed repairs.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

9.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE
John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

9.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY
Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

9.34 FINANCE ITEMS
Capital Transfers

9.35 FINANCE ITEMS
Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,800,000) from the United States Department of Transportation.
Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.35A CM through #9.35F CM, #9.36A CM through #9.36D CM and #9.37A CM through #9.37C CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)
- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file and accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$100.00) from Christine Tierney in support of the Worcester Senior Center.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)
- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$324,000.00) from the Gavin Foundation.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)
- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file and accept with gratitude a donation of One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,650.00) for Memorial Trees on May Street from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

- E. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file and accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Twenty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$15,024.00) from the Profesta Foundation.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)
- F. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Massachusetts Middle District Attorney's Office.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$51,750.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1004-610100, Economic Development Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1004-699399, Economic Development Capital Outlay.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)
- B. Recommend that Five Thousand Four Hundred (\$5,400.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1048-610100, Veterans Services Ordinary Maintenance, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1046-610100, Division of Public Health Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of invoices.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)
- C. Recommend that One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,600,000.00) be transferred between various Off-Street Parking Board funds to provide sufficient funding for parking related expenses through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)
- D. Recommend City Council's approval of Fiscal Year 2026 year-end transfers to make adjustment to municipal accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Two Hundred Seventy Dollars and No Cents (\$270.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1017, Emergency Communications Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that One Hundred Seven Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$107.27) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1057, DPW Fleet Management Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$3,925.12) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1044, Fire Salaries, for the payment of prior year salaries.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #9.35A CM)

9.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Recommend adoption of an order to accept with gratitude a donation of up to 250 free lunches from Alma Gaucha Restaurant for Police and Fire Department personnel on duty on Memorial Day, May 25, 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)

10. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part I

- 10a.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 10b.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 10c.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 10d.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 10e.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10f.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10g.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10h.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10i.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10j.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 10k.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10l.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10m.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10n.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10o.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10p.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 10q.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10r.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10s.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10t.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10u.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10v.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10w.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 10x.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10y.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 10z.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

11. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS - Part II

- 11a.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 11b.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 11c.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 11d.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 11e.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 11f.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 11g.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 11h.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 11i.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

12. ORDERS

- 12a.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12b.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12c.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12d.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12e.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of extending the ten (10) and twenty (20) year payment plan options for residents who finance with the city during private street conversions to also include a thirty-five (35) year payment plan option. (Mitra)
Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #19a CC)
- 12f.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased speed enforcement on Clover St. (Rivera)
Held to be the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 12g.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12h.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12i.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12j.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12k.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12l.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 12m.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12n.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12o.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12p.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12q.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12r.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12s.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 12t.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12u.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12v.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12w.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12x.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12y.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 12z.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

13. ORDERS - Part II

- 13a. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 13b. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

14. RESOLUTIONS

- 14a. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 14b. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- 15a. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 15b. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

16. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 16a. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

17. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- 17a. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 17b. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 17c. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 17d. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- 18a. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 18b.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 18c.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 18d.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 18e.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 18f.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 18g.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

19. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

- 19a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Amended Petition of Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of Janice and Mark St. Amand request Viele Ave., from 660' north of Darling St. to Lorenz St., and Darling St., 303' east to Pierce Ave. be converted public roads: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King read the item and moved for a roll call vote to take the item up collectively with item #12e CC. Motion approved on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent).

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

Councilor Mitra then moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee.

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to amend item #12e: “Further, request said report include information concerning the difference in payments individuals would pay over ten (10), twenty (20) and thirty-five (35) year payment plans.”

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

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

Chairperson Councilor Toomey recognized the City Manager and Assistant Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, “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.” (See Item #24a CC).

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rosen.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Mitra, Councilor Toomey, Councilor Economou, Councilor Bergman and Councilor Fresolo for second times, who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Mitra’s motion to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Motion denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 5 Nays (Yeas – Economou, King, Mitra, Rivera, Toomey) (Nays – Bergman, Bilotta, Fresolo, Ojeda, Rosen) (Petty absent).

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #12e CC and #24a CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent).

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item. Order denied on a roll call vote of 2 Yeas and 8 Nays (Yeas – Economou, Mitra) (Nays – Bergman, Bilotta, Fresolo, King, Ojeda, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey) (Petty absent).

**Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item.
Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 0 Yeas and 10 Nays (Petty absent)**

- 19b.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19c.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19d.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19e.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19f.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19g.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 19h.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19i.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19j.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19k.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19l.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19m.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19n.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19o.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

- 19p.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19q.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19r.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19s.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 19t.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

20. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 20a.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)
- 20b.** 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

20c. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

20d. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

21. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

21a. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

21b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT Upon the Order of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj - 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

21c. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

21d. 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 the First Item of Business at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #9.13A CM)

22. TABLED ITEMS

22a. 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

22b. 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

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

No action taken

22d. 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

22e. 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

22f. 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

23. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the May 5, 2026 City Council meeting.

- 23a.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager invite representatives from Roberto Clemente Foundation, including his son, to any official renaming ceremonies associated with the field to be named in his honor. Further, request invitations also be provided to middle school student athletes and coaches, as well as the Puerto Rican and Latino communities. – Item #13a CC Order adopted
- 23b.** ORDER of Councilor Tony Economou – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works require all utility companies to utilize infrared patching technology to repair trench work in the city prior to receiving approved permits for opening the roads for construction. – Item #13b CC Order adopted
- 23c.** ORDER of Councilor Gary Rosen – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works consider bringing back more community-involved events related to National Public Works Week. – Item #13c CC Order adopted

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

- 24a.** Motion King @ #19a CC – 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.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent) (See Item #19a CC)
- 24b.** Motion King – Suspension of Rules – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its Rule 54 Midnight Curfew.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Petty absent)