

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:33 P.M.
Adjourned: 9:07 P.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 AND STAR SPANGLED BANNER

2. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair.

3. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 3a.** Mayor Petty read a Proclamation recognizing The Oasis at Dodge Park for earning the Caring.com Caring Super Star 2026 award for best Residential Care and Memory Care. The Proclamation was presented to Micha Shalev and Ben Herlinger.
- 3b.** Mayor Petty presented a KEY TO THE CITY to Hiroshi Kanamoto, Yoshinori Ohmura, and Yayoi Tsuchido on behalf of Nihon Hidankyo and read a Proclamation declaring May 5, 2026 as Nuclear Non-Proliferation Day in the City of Worcester. Mayor Petty recognized Hiroshi Kanamoto, who spoke concerning the item.
- 3c.** Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring May 9, 2026 as National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Food Drive Day in the City of Worcester. The Proclamation was provided to Michael Cipro, who spoke concerning the item.

- 3d. Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rosen, who introduced two (2) Bancroft School students, who were in attendance and will be completing their Senior Year Co-op at Worcester City Hall, prior to graduating in June of 2026.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 4a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 14, 2026.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to item #9.39A CM
2. Wilson Lam, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #12e CC
3. Alex Corrales, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7c CC
4. Kalli Hess, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8a CC
5. Gail Goodell, (no residence given), spoke neither in favor of items #9.39A CM and #9.39B CM and spoke concerning an item not listed on the agenda
6. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #3b CC and spoke in opposition to item #9.26A CM
7. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9.7C CM and #9.7D CM and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #9.36A CM and #9.36B CM

6. HEARINGS AND ORDERS - 6:30 P.M.

- 6a. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: PENN AVE.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: PENN AVE.

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

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

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

- 6b. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: THORNDYKE RD.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: THORNDYKE RD.

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

- 6c. Hearing: VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. for a conduit location at: LAKESIDE AVE.

Granting permission to VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. for a conduit location at: LAKESIDE AVE.

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

7. PETITIONS

- 7a. George Markopoulos on behalf of 321 Greenwood Street LLC request to amend the City of Worcester Zoning Map, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning designation of the portion of 321 Green Wood St. (MBL: 29-043-00003) that is currently within the Manufacturing, Limited (ML-0.5) zoning district to the Business, Limited (BL-1.0) zoning district as shown on the map attached.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7a CC and #7b CC to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board

- 7b. Meletios Chacharone request to amend the City of Worcester Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of the property known as and located at 455 Grove St. (MBL: 20-030-46+47) owned by CP 58 Gardner Street, LLC from the current split zoning designation of partially RL-7, Residence, Limited, and partially BG-3.0, Business, General, to be entirely BG-3.0, Business, General, as shown on the attached plan.

Referred to Planning Board (See Item #7a CC)

- 7c. Councilor Tony Economou request Great Brook Valley Playground be renamed Roberto Clemente Field during its ribbon cutting ceremony.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Economou, who moved to amend the item to replace the word "Field" with "Park."

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "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." (See Item #13a CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Parks and Recreation Commission as amended. Referred to Parks and Recreation Commission as amended

- 7d. Jeffrey Conlon request installation of "No Littering" signage with associated fines at the intersection of Brantwood Rd. and Manhattan Rd.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7d CC through #7i CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

- 7e. Jeffrey Conlon request installation of "No Littering" signage with associated fines on May St. in the vicinity of the Worcester Dual Language Magnet School rear parking lot.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7f. Luigi and Kimberly DiGioia request extension of the sanitary sewer from Fairmont Ave. into Plantation St. to allow for the connection of new sanitary sewer service to 155R Plantation St.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7g. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of Edwin Smith request installation of a solar-powered streetlight on Gilman St. between Paine St. and New St.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7h. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Gloria St. Marie request installation of "No Dumping" signage that includes information regarding fine amounts at the end of Chatanika Ave. where it borders Cascade Park.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7i. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Michael Brennan request sidewalk repair on Pine View Ave.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #7d CC)
- 7j. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Joyce Thienel request installation of signage indicating Lauf St. is a private road.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7j CC through #7z CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 7k. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Joyce Thienel request installation of signage indicating Mapleleaf Rd. is a private road.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7l. Kellie Watts request removal of the handicap parking space in the vicinity of 3 and 5 Commonwealth Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7m. Kyle Doll request installation of speed humps on Institute Rd. from Park Ave. to West St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7n. Kyle Doll request installation of speed humps on Hackfeld Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7o. Kyle Doll request installation of speed humps on Einhorn Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7p. Kyle Doll request installation of speed humps on Trowbridge Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7q. Kyle Doll request installation of speed humps on Schussler Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)

- 7r. Hope Oliveras request installation of two (2) temporary speed humps on Sterling St. between View St. and Euclid Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7s. Maureen Schwab on behalf of the Green Island Residents Neighborhood Group request installation of additional "One Way and Do Not Enter" signage on Canton St. at its intersection with Quinsigamond Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7t. Maureen Schwab on behalf of the Green Island Residents Neighborhood Group request installation of "One Way/No Left Turn" signage on Canton St. in the vicinity of the Crompton Park parking lot exit.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7u. Maureen Schwab on behalf of the Green Island Residents Neighborhood Group request installation of additional "One Way and Do Not Enter" signage on Lafayette St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7v. Tyler and Melissa Hyland request installation of speed humps on Midland St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7w. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Suzanne O'Brien request installation of "Not A Truck Route" signage on Knox St. at its intersection with Webster St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7x. Samuel Borgella request resident permit parking be installed on Channing St. from Perkins St. to Forbes St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7y. Maria Alexandrov et al. request installation of a speed hump on Lanark St. between Pine View Ave. and Heard St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)
- 7z. Maria Alexandrov request installation of a speed hump on Lanark St. between Pine View Ave. and Hulbert Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7j CC)

8. PETITIONS - Part II

- 8a. Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of Kalli Hess request installation of school safety zone signage in the vicinity of Thorndyke Road School, located at 30 Thorndyke Rd., including but not limited to signage indicating appropriate and inappropriate locations for vehicles to turn onto the road.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

- 8b.** Maureen Schwab request installation of "Green Island Neighborhood Center" signage with a directional arrow pointing to the building at the Crompton Park parking lot entrance on Canton St., in an effort to mitigate difficulty locating the center.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8b CC and #8c CC to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

- 8c.** Maureen Schwab request installation of Visitor Parking signage with an arrow on Canton St. at the Crompton Park parking lot entrance to inform park patrons of available parking and mitigate resident permit parking violations.

Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee (See Item #8b CC)

9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

9.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Joseph Kahora to the Board of Health.

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

9.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Susan Ledoux to the Election Commission.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

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

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

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the recognition of National Public Works Week (May 17 - 23, 2026).

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to an invitation to the sixth annual Paul J. Moosey Employee Awards Ceremony.

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

- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to pavement restoration standards.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bilotta.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Economou.

Councilor Economou then moved to, “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.” (See Item #13b CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rosen.

Councilor Rosen then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works consider bringing back more community-involved events related to National Public Works Week.” (See Item #13c CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mitra.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to

questions raised by Councilor Bilotta.

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

- D. Recommending adoption of ordinance to modify the requirements for "replacing disturbed portion of street" to extend the warranty period from 24 months to 60 months.

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

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

- E. Transmitting informational communication relative to the water and sewer rates.

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

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

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 Veteran Services Division's efforts to the recognize Worcester residents who served in WWII, but are not currently commemorated.

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

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

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the FY27 budget.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #9.38A CM, #9.39A CM and #9.39B CM.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who provided City Council with a presentation concerning the city's Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget Proposal.

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

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

Mayor Petty 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 Mitra, Councilor Rivera, Councilor Toomey, Councilor King and Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer items #9.38A CM, #9.39A CM and #9.39B CM to Finance Committee. Referred to Finance Committee.

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

9.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

9.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Budget Office Division
Erin E. Taylor, Director

9.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Purchasing Division
Christopher Gagliastro, Director

9.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Treasury and Collections Division
Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

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

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

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

9.36 FINANCE ITEMS
Operational Transfers

A. Recommend that Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$5,697.00) be transferred from GFT-1138, Community Fund/Gate Fees, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1078-610100, Parks Ordinary Maintenance, to fund the purchase of planters for the Canal District.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.36A CM and #9.37A CM. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

9.37 FINANCE ITEMS
Prior Year

A. Recommend that Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$2,582.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1012, Human Resources Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.36A CM)

9.38 FINANCE
Loan Orders

A. 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.

Referred to Finance Committee (See Item #9.26A CM)

9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.
Referred to Finance Committee (See Item #9.26A CM)
- B. Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget.
Referred to Finance Committee (See Item #9.26A CM)

10. REPORTS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 10a. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD** Upon the Petition of Todd Rodman request to change the underlying zoning classification for the following properties from Manufacturing, General (MG 2.0) to Business, General (BG 3.0) in accordance with the attached plan: 1) 7 Brookfield St. (MBL 13-038-00002); 2) 8 Brookfield St. (MBL 13-039-00007); 3) 19 Glennie St. (MBL 13-30C-00010); 4) 284 Grove St. (MBL 13-039-00008); 5) 288 Grove St. (MBL 13-032-02+09); 6) 300 Grove St. (MBL 13-032-10+11); 7) 278 Grove St. (MBL 09-026-0000C); 8) 270 Grove St. (MBL 09-026-00045); 9) 15 North St. (MBL 09-026-00026); 10) 4R Powers Ct. (MBL 09-026-00023); 11) 4A Powers Ct. (MBL 09-026-0023A); 12) 4 Brookfield St. (MBL 09-020-00021); and 13) 2 Powers Ct. (MBL 09-026-00025).

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #10a CC and #10b CC to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

- 10b. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD** Upon the Petition of Todd Rodman request to change the underlying zoning classification for the following properties from Manufacturing, General (MG 2.0) to Residential, General (RG - 5), in accordance with the attached plan: 1) 15 Milton St. (MBL 13-039-00004); 2) 17 Milton St. (MBL 13-039-00005); and 3) 19 Milton St. (MBL 13-039-00006).

Referred to Economic Development Committee (See Item #10a CC)

11. TABLED ITEMS

- 11a. 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

- 11b. 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

11c. 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

11d. 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

11e. 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

11f. 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

12. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting.

12a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing data tracked by the Crisis Response Team (CRT) and Worcester Police Department (WPD) relative to the percentage of residents that went inpatient as a result of WPD's co-response program and remained in the community without an arrest as a result of said program. Further, request said report include information concerning the number of times said individuals encountered the co-response team. – Item #30a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12b. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager organize an Executive Session at a future City Council meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy with respect to the case of National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Mass., et al. v. City of Worcester. – Item #30b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 12c.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning recommendations related to the continued expansion of the Crisis Response Team (CRT) in the city and/or clinician availability, enhancing dispatch triage, strengthening partnerships with local providers and exploring alternative response models for the CRT program, where appropriate. Further, request said report include information as to the required resources, staffing, funding or partnerships required to expand the program, including state and federal funding that can be leveraged for such an expansion. – Item #30c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 12d.** 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. – Item #30d CC Referred to Education Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 12e.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing costs associated with pothole repairs per centerline mile in the city compared to communities with similar centerline mileage such as Boston, Springfield, and Manchester, NH. Further, request said report be provided prior to the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget hearings for further discussion. – Item #30e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 12f.** ORDER of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of utilizing the Anna Maria College property, located at 50 Sunset Ln., Paxton, as a salt shed location for winter operations due to its close proximity to the Worcester Regional Airport in an effort to mitigate supply pick up travel time. – Item #30f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 12g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report consisting of the details related to the no fault motor vehicle accidents involving Worcester Police Department (WPD) vehicles referenced in Item #15.36E CM on the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting. – Item #30g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays
- 12h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the designated “State Representative” seat on the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA) Board. – Item #30h CC Placed on file on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 3 Nays
- 12i.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager request City Solicitor ensure City Council is provided information related to the process to opt out of any legislation prior to the administration recommending the adoption of a new Mass. General Law, State Statute, or any other legislation requiring City Council approval. – Item #30i CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12j. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report detailing the status of the one hundred three (103) active, permitted projects for residential properties in the city. Further, request said report include a detailed analysis of the numbers of residential permits submitted and approved before and after the Specialized Stretch Code activation date that includes the economic impact of each project. – Item #30j CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

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

13a. Motion King @ #7c CC – 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.

Order adopted (See Item #7c CC)

13b. Motion Economou @ #9.7C CM – 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.

Order adopted (See Item #9.7C CM)

13c. Motion Rosen @ #9.7C CM – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works consider bringing back more community-involved events related to National Public Works Week.

Order adopted (See Item #9.7C CM)