

CITY OF WORCESTER

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Monday, June 1, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 5:00 P.M.
Adjourned: 6:15 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Tony Economou
Vice Chairperson Satya B Mitra
Councilor John P Fresolo



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Present Were:

Chairperson Councilor Tony Economou
Councilor Satya B. Mitra
Councilor John P. Fresolo

Also:

Commissioner of Public Works John K. Westerling
Assistant Commissioner of Engineering Jay Mello
Assistant Commissioner of Water/Sewer Operations Sean M. Divoll
Assistant Commissioner of Administration and Finance Jarrett Conner
Deputy City Clerk Stephen A.J. Pottle, clerk

1. Virtual Attendee Call-In Information

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

Public Works Committee Zoom Link: <https://worcesterma.zoomgov.com/j/1615992759>

Public Works Committee Zoom Phone Number: +1 646 828 7666

Public Works Committee Zoom Access Code: 161 599 2759

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Order - That the City Council Standing Committee on Public Works hereby approves the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting on April 28, 2026.

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

3. Street to Make Public Item

- a. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Teresa Inangelo request Samoset Rd. be made public.

14a CC November 12, 2024

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and read a statement provided by the petitioner requesting the petition be withdrawn.

Chairperson Councilor Economou then moved to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File

4. Construct Sidewalk Petition

- a. Evan Corrigan request installation of sidewalk on the eastbound side of Mountain St. East from the Summit to The Fairways with planting of new trees on said sidewalk.

7d CC March 26, 2024

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the following Speakers:

- 1. Evan Corrigan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item**
- 2. Tim Samara, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**

Chairperson Councilor Economou spoke concerning the definition of a desire path, options available to construct sidewalks on Mountain St. East without assessing a betterment to the abutters, the average daily traffic volume and speed on Mountain St. East, assessed pedestrian safety issues on the street, and who would be responsible for clearing snow from public easements with the Commissioner of Public Works, Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, and Speaker #1.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who spoke concerning the twenty (20) public notices with non-binding ballots sent out to residents of the area, including information that six (6) out of twenty (20) non-binding ballots received from the abutters were all in opposition to the item.

Chairperson Councilor Economou discussed the estimated total cost analysis of \$352,000.00 to construct sidewalks on Mountain St. East with an estimated \$48.00 per linear foot with the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized Councilor Mitra, who spoke concerning the estimated total cost analysis to construct sidewalks on Mountain St. East, the process relative for City Council to waive the assessed betterment to the abutters, the twenty (20) abutting parcels to be assessed for betterment, and finance options for the abutters with the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering and Commissioner of Public Works.

Chairperson Councilor Economou then moved for the following Chairman's Order: "Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the average foot traffic found on Mountain St. East from the Summit to The Fairways, available payment plan options for abutters if a sidewalk were to be installed, and the feasibility of adding crosswalks with flashing beacons at the location."

Chairperson Councilor Economou then moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be held, pending further information.

Recommend Hold on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the average foot traffic found on Mountain St. East from the Summit to The Fairways, available payment plan options for abutters if a sidewalk were to be installed, and the feasibility of adding crosswalks with flashing beacons at the location.

5. Sewer and Water Main Extension Petitions

- a. Andre Kassis request the sewer main on Grafton St. be extended an additional 280 ft. and adding one (1) additional manhole as proposed by the plan attached.

9a CC December 9, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to approve the item at the applicant's cost.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speaker:

1. Andre Kassis, Shrewsbury resident, spoke in favor of item #5a

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the location of the request on Grafton St near the Millbury line with Speaker #1.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to accept DPW's recommendation to approve the item at the applicant's cost.

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- b. Gino Digioia, Owner of 994 Grafton Street Realty, LLC, request permission to extend an 8" sanitary sewer for a distance of 45' on Plantation St. from the corner of Fairmont Ave., as shown on the attached plan.

9i CC November 18, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to approve the item at the applicant's cost.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to accept DPW's recommendation to approve the item at the applicant's cost.

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- c. 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.

7f CC May 5, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to approve the item at the applicant's cost.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to accept DPW's recommendation to approve the item at the applicant's cost.

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- d. Joseph Buduo on behalf of College of the Holy Cross request water main extension on McKeon Rd. by approximately 130 feet, as shown on the plans prepared by the Waterfield Design Group, Inc. dated November 7, 2025, entitled, "McKeon Road Water Main, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts - Bid Documents" at the applicant's expense.

14g CC April 28, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to approve the item at the applicant's cost.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to accept DPW's recommendation to approve the item at the applicant's cost.

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

6. Guardrail Item

- a. Report of the Committee on Public Works Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of N. Paul TonThat request installation of a protective road barrier, such as concrete bollard posts, in front of 149 Belmont St. to protect the property from motorized vehicle collisions.

14g CC March 31, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Recommend Leave to Withdraw on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

7. Sidewalk Repair Petitions

- a. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk on Northampton St. between Westminster St. and Windsor St. be resurfaced.

14c CC April 28, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #7b, #7c, and #7g.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to approve and add the items to the Sidewalk Repair List.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speaker:

1. Sam Dahrooge, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7c

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to accept DPW's recommendation to add the items to the Sidewalk Repair List.

Recommend Approval to add Northampton St. between Westminster St. and Windsor St. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- b. Councilor Gary Rosen request sidewalk repair in front of 1 Geneva St.

14d CC April 28, 2026

Recommend Approval to add 1 Geneva St. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a)

- c. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Sam Dahrooge request sidewalk repair on the odd side of Pleasant St. from Berwick St. to Beeching St.

6k CC April 14, 2026

Recommend Approval to add the odd side of Pleasant St. from Berwick St. to Beeching St. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a)

- d. Councilor Tony Economou request sidewalk repair on Winifred Ave., in the vicinity of Duffy Field.

6e CC April 14, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to grant the item Leave to Withdraw.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be held, pending further review.

Recommend Hold on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- e. Councilor Tony Economou request sidewalk repair on Chalmers Rd., in the vicinity of Duffy Field.

6d CC April 14, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #7f.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to approve and add the items to the Street Resurfacing List.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speaker:

1. Demitrios Voyiatzis, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7f

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for the following two (2) Chairman's Orders: "1. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility place Chalmers Rd. on the Street Resurfacing List; and 2. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility place Sagamore Rd. on the Street Resurfacing List."

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility place Chalmers Rd. on the Street Resurfacing List.

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility place Sagamore Rd. on the Street Resurfacing List.

- f. Demitrios Voyiatzis request sidewalk repairs on Sagamore Rd. in the vicinity of 53 Sagamore Rd.

7b CC March 31, 2026

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7e)

- g. Councilor John P. Fresolo request sidewalk resurfacing on College St.

9d CC March 10, 2026

Recommend Approval to add College St. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a)

8. Street Resurfacing Petition

- a. Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Isaac Dube request the sidewalk on the Whitman Rd. side of 242 Salisbury St. be resurfaced.

14e CC April 28, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call to accept the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to add the item to the Sidewalk Repair List.

Recommend Approval to add the Whitman Rd. side of 242 Salisbury St. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

9. Miscellaneous Item

- a. Order of Councilor George J. Russell - Request Standing Committee on Public Works hold a discussion relative how to best utilize the City Council Office to ensure considerations are given to all City Councilors, their staff and any visiting residents.

12e CC May 7, 2024

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who spoke concerning the item.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized Councilor Fresolo, who discussed how the item is considered a Public Facilities matter and the process relative for the item to be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Works with the Deputy City Clerk.

Councilor Fresolo then moved to recommend the item be placed on file.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

10. Communications of the City Manager

- a. Transmitting informational communication relative to the water and sewer rates.
9.7E CM May 5, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who provided an overview relative to the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) recommended water and sewer rates.

Chairperson Councilor Economou highlighted the recommended water rates remaining the same as Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) then discussed how utilizing water reserves this year effects future water main maintenance, the water reserve balances, future water capital improvements, and plans relative to the Chandler St. water main replacement project with the Commissioner of Public Works, Assistance Commissioner of Administration and Finance, and Assistant Commissioner of Water/Sewer Operations.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized Councilor Mitra, who discussed how water main break expenses are included in the recommended rates, the 7.7% sewer rate increase and the process relative to determine the recommended increase, and the process relative to calculating the combined annual cost of water and sewer service for the average single-family home with the Assistant Commissioner of Administration and Finance.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the capital budget and reserve amounts beyond the minimum operating budget and the estimated planned borrowing budget with the Assistant Commissioner of Administration and Finance.

Chairperson Councilor Economou discussed conversations with the state relative to working with the city and surrounding communities to develop a new sewer rate with the Commissioner of Public Works.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the individual contract negotiations between the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and three (3) surrounding communities as Holden, West Boylston, and Rutland have sewer flows through a DCR pipe into Worcester with the Commissioner of Public Works.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speaker:

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to the item

Chairperson Councilor Economou then moved for a roll call vote to approve the recommendation presented by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- b. Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2025-2026 Winter Operations.
15.7A CM April 28, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- c. Transmitting informational communication relative to potholes.
8.7A CM April 14, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the item.

Chairperson Councilor Economou discussed the city's spring street sweeping completion and plans relative to facilitating pothole repair operations in June with the Commissioner of Public Works.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for the following Chairman's Order: "Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the recent mastic pothole repair project. Said report should include the process relative to facilitating such a project, the equipment utilized, and the results of said project."

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized Councilor Mitra, who spoke concerning the amount of potholes remaining in the city and the average costs associated with repairing potholes with the Commissioner of Public Works.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the recent mastic pothole repair project. Said report should include the process relative to facilitating such a project, the equipment utilized, and the results of said project.

- d. Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2010 memorandum of agreement with CSX.

8.39A CM April 14, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to recommend the item be held.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved to recommend the item be held.

Recommend Hold.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to reconsider the item and recommend the item be placed on file.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Motion approved on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- e. Transmitting informational communication relative to the State's Declaration of a Level 3 Critical Drought.

8.7C CM March 24, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and spoke concerning an update on the state's declared drought as a level two (2) considering the recent amounts of rain in the area and the frequency relative to the state's drought condition updates with the Commissioner or Public Works.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- f. Transmitting informational communication relative to 2026 Spring Street Sweeping.

8.7B CM March 24, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- g.** Transmitting informational communication relative to the results of the 2025 Fall Leaf Collection Program.

8.7A CM March 24, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- h.** Transmitting an informational communication concerning the number of pothole-related calls received by 311 since the beginning of the 311 program.

12q CC February 10, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the item.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be held.

Recommend Hold on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- i.** Transmitting informational communication relative to DPW's operations during the January 17-18, 2026 winter storms.

8.7A CM February 10, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays