

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, June 30, 2026**  
**Esther Howland (South) Chamber**  
**Convened: 5:00 P.M.**  
**Adjourned: 6:20 P.M.**

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### 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:

Councilor Jose A. Rivera  
Commissioner of Public Works John K. Westerling  
Assistant Commissioner of Engineering Jay Mello  
Deputy City Clerk Clare M. Robbins, 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 June 1, 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. Streets to Make Public Petition - Priority 3

- a. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Timothy Bateman request Wildwood Ave. from Apricot St. to 301 Wildwood Ave. be made public.

# 12d CC May 6, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who spoke concerning the one hundred seven (107) public notices with non-binding ballots sent out to abutters of the area, including information related to receiving ten (10) ballots voting in favor of the item and twenty seven (27) ballots voting in opposition to the item.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speakers:

1. Karen Solomon, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item
2. Gabrielle Wilson, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item
3. (No name provided), Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to the item
4. Heather Mason, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item
5. Michelle Garrett, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item
6. Philip Saliba, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be held until the July 2026 Public Works Committee meeting.

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

#### **4. Construct Sidewalk Petitions**

- a. Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of David Reed request the existing sidewalk on the odd side of Rexhame Rd. be extended to include the Rexhame Rd. side of 205 Burncoat St.

# 14f CC April 28, 2026

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

1. David Reed, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Economou discussed estimated costs of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) associated with the project with the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering and Speaker #1.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add the Rexhame Rd. side of 205 Burncoat St. to the Sidewalk Repair List.

Recommend Approval to add the Rexhame Rd. side of 205 Burncoat St. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- b. Rocco DeMalia et al. request installation of a sidewalk on Mower St. from the intersection of Mower St. and Westmorland Dr. to West Tatnuck Elementary School, located at 300 Mower St., in the interest of ensuring safe passage way to students walking to school on the street.

# 6i CC April 14, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided historical context relative to the request, an overview of the Safe Routes to School program, and an overview relative to the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to add the item to the Sidewalk Repair List, utilizing available sidewalk funds and waive abutter betterment.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who spoke concerning DPW's support for the recommendation to install sidewalks in the area.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speaker:

1. Rocco DeMalia, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
2. Michael Arellano, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item

Chairperson Councilor Economou discussed the feasibility of potential configuration accommodations relative to the driveway located at 410 Mower St. with the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering and Speaker #2.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Mower St. from Westmoreland Dr. to West Tatnuck Elementary School to the Sidewalk Repair List, utilizing available sidewalk funds and waive abutter betterment.

Recommend Approval to add Mower St. from Westmoreland Dr. to West Tatnuck Elementary School to the Sidewalk Repair List, utilizing available sidewalk funds and waive abutter betterment on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- c. Craig Thomas request construction of new sidewalks on upper portion of Orient St.  
# 8d CC July 15, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #4d.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who spoke concerning the seventy-seven (77) public notices with non-binding ballots sent out to abutters of the area, including information related to receiving three (3) ballots voting in favor of the item and nine (9) ballots voting in opposition to the item.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speakers:

1. Craig Thomas, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
2. Tammy Tortora, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item
3. (No name provided), Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item
4. John Morocco, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be held until the July 2026 Public Works Committee meeting.

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

- d. Craig Thomas request construction of a new sidewalk on Orient St. from Sultan St. to Plantation St.  
# 8l CC August 22, 2023

**Recommend Hold on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #4c)**

## **5. Protective Barrier, Guardrail and Bollard Petitions**

- a. 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.

# 7j CC May 19, 2026

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

- 1. Rebecca Dumphy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of them**
- 2. Lindsay Morse, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 3. Eddie Dumphy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

**Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided an overview relative to the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee as the intention of the request is for traffic control flexible delineator posts.**

**Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be referred to Traffic and Parking Committee.**

**Recommend Refer to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- b. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of James Berthel request installation of a guardrail in front of 43 Proctor St.

# 7a CC February 10, 2026

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided an overview relative to the crash history at the location and the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to grant Leave to Withdraw, as the crash history does not warrant installation.**

**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**

## **6. Sewer and Water Main Extension Petition**

- a. Kendall Homes request Myrick Ave. be extended 300-foot with associated sewer service for the construction of three (3) single-family dwellings located at 0 Myrick Ave.

# 8c CC March 17, 2026

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

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speaker:

- 1. Ron Mendez, (No residence given), spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved at the applicant's cost.

Recommend Approval at the applicant's cost on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

## 7. Street Resurfacing Petitions

- a. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request Oleum Ct. be resurfaced.

# 9h CC September 9, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Oleum Ct. to the Street Resurfacing List.

Recommend Approval to add Oleum Ct. to the Street Resurfacing List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- b. Chester D. DiLeo et al. request street resurfacing from 62 Trinity Ave. to the intersection of Trinity Ave. and Simmons Ave.

# 9n CC November 18, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Trinity Ave. from 62 Trinity Ave. to Simmons Ave. to the Street Resurfacing List.

Recommend Approval to add Trinity Ave. from 62 Trinity Ave. to Simmons Ave. to the Street Resurfacing List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- c. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the repaving of Vinton St., in consideration of recent utility infrastructure work.

# 9m CC November 18, 2025

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #7d and #7e.**

**Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided an overview of the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to grant the items Leave to Withdraw as road conditions were affected by utility work and will be repaired by the responsible parties.**

**Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the items be granted Leave to Withdraw.**

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

- d. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the repaving of Gilman Rd., in consideration of recent utility infrastructure work.

# 9l CC November 18, 2025

**Recommend Leave to Withdraw on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7c)**

- e. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request the repaving of Norton St., in consideration of recent utility infrastructure work.

# 9j CC November 18, 2025

**Recommend Leave to Withdraw on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7c)**

- f. Matthew Rabasco request Commodore Rd. be resurfaced.

# 9g CC November 18, 2025

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Commodore Rd. to the Street Resurfacing List.**

**Recommend Approval to add Commodore Rd. to the Street Resurfacing List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

## **8. Sidewalk Repair Petitions**

- a. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk on Chrome St. be resurfaced.  
# 7g CC May 19, 2026

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Chrome St. to the Sidewalk Repair List.**

**Recommend Approval to add Chrome St. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- b. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk from 264 Shrewsbury St. to 278 Shrewsbury St. be resurfaced.  
# 7h CC May 19, 2026

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Shrewsbury St. from 264 to 278 Shrewsbury St. to the Sidewalk Repair List.**

**Recommend Approval to add Shrewsbury St. from 264 to 278 Shrewsbury St. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- c. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk on Sherburne Ave. be resurfaced.  
# 7i CC May 19, 2026

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Sherburne Ave. to the Sidewalk Repair List.**

**Recommend Approval to add Sherburne Ave. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- d. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request sidewalk resurfacing on Hastings Ave.  
# 7e CC May 19, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #8e.

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the following Speaker:

1. John Lamacchia, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8d and #8e

Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided estimated costs of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) associated with both project proposals combined and an overview relative to the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to add the items to the Sidewalk Repair List.

Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the items be approved.

Recommend Approval to add Hastings Ave. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- e. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request sidewalk resurfacing on Boyd St. from Huntington Ave. to Scrimgeour Rd.  
# 7c CC May 19, 2026

Recommend Approval to add Boyd St. from Huntington Ave. to Scrimgeour Rd. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8d)

- f. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Michael Brennan request sidewalk repair on Pine View Ave.

# 7i CC May 5, 2026

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the following Speaker:**

- 1. Michael Brennan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

**Chairperson Councilor Economou discussed the process relative to request the street be included for repairs at the location with Councilor Rivera and Speaker #1.**

**Chairperson Councilor Economou recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided an overview relative to the Department of Public Works' (DPW) recommendation to add the item to the Sidewalk Repair List.**

**Chairperson Councilor Economou moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Pine View Ave. to the Sidewalk Repair List.**

**Recommend Approval to add Pine View Ave. to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

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

# 6e CC April 14, 2026

**In Committee June 1, 2026 - Held**

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved to add Winifred Ave. in the vicinity of Duffy Field to the Sidewalk Repair List.**

**Recommend Approval to add Winifred Ave. in the vicinity of Duffy Field to the Sidewalk Repair List on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

## **9. Miscellaneous Items**

- a. Petition of Julie Ann Lamacchia request review of the sidewalk on the western side of Burncoat St. between Arbutus Rd. and Rollinson Rd. to explore any warranty provisions and pursue any corrective action that can be taken with the contractor, given the installation of said sidewalk was in Fall of 2024.

# 8f CC March 17, 2026

**In Committee April 28, 2026 - Held**

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and recognized the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering, who provided an overview of the Department of Public Work's (DPW) recommendation to hold the item as the repair is scheduled with the contractor and that DPW intends to provide updates relative to the item upon its completion.

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

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

- b. Order of Councilor Jenny Pacillo, Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson, Councilor Luis A. Ojeda, Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey, Councilor Morris A. Bergman, Councilor Donna M. Colorio and Mayor Joseph M. Petty - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the processes in place to hold Public Works Department contractors responsible to a timeline and their quality of work.

# 12h CC September 10, 2024

Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and discussed timelines associated with passing a proposed Ordinance to increase contractor warranty periods to five (5) years with the Assistant Commissioner of Engineering.

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 general winter storm operations and DPW's activities related to snowstorm and winter weather emergency of January 23-26, 2026.

# 8.7B 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**

- b. 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

**In Committee June 1, 2026 - Held**

**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 Keep Worcester Clean.

# 8.7A CM January 27, 2026

**Chairperson Councilor Economou read the item and discussed expected upcoming quarterly reports 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**

- d. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Construction Progress Report for the month ending May 31, 2026.

# 8.11B CM June 16, 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**

