

CITY OF WORCESTER

VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monday, June 15, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 5:00 P.M.
Adjourned: 5:54 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson John P Fresolo

Vice Chairperson Robert A Bilotta

Councilor Jose A Rivera



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Present Were:

Chairperson Councilor John P. Fresolo

Councilor Robert A. Bilotta, who participated in the meeting
remotely

Councilor Jose A. Rivera

Also:

Councilor Satya B. Mitra

Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Robert
C. Antonelli, Jr

Deputy Commissioner of Public Health and Human
Services Alex R. Arriaga

Deputy City Clerk Stephen AJ 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.

Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee Zoom Link:
<https://worcesterma.zoomgov.com/j/1609351430>

Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee Zoom Phone Number: +1 646
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Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee Zoom Access Code: 160 935
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2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Order - That the City Council Standing Committee on Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation hereby approves the minutes of the Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on April 9, 2026.

**Chairperson Councilor Fresolo 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. Communication of the City Manager - Veterans' Services

- 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.

9.19A CC May 5, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo read the item and recognized the Deputy Commissioner of Public Health and Human Services, who provided an overview of the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who discussed the procedural motion for the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be filed.

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

4. Communications of the City Manager - Parks, Recreation and Cemetery

- a. Transmitting informational communication relative to the changes to the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages in municipal parks policy for special and sporting events.

15.10C CM April 28, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, who provided an overview of the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized Councilor Rivera, who discussed plans related to reviewing and revising the event permit process to sell alcoholic beverages in certain city parks with the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed concerns related to Green Hill Park areas where events with alcoholic sale permit can be held at and the feasibility of preventing the southwestern corner of Green Hill Park to hold such events with the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the following speaker:

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

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, who discussed public feedback related to the World Cup watch party on the Worcester Commons with Speaker #1.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who discussed the procedural motion for the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be filed.

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

- b. Transmitting informational communication relative to the review of eight conceptual designs for the Elm Park Master Plan.

15.10A CM April 28, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, who provided an overview of the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed plans to mitigate invasive species.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who discussed the procedural motion for the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be filed.

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

5. Miscellaneous Items

- a. Order of Councilor John P. Fresolo - Request City Manager work with the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery to provide City Council with a report concerning the best practices for the management of invasive plant species. Said report should include best practices for the management of invasive plant species that are located on City properties, as well as the feasibility of developing a public awareness campaign that informs private property owners on how to identify and manage invasive plant species on their property.

10i CC April 14, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, who provided an overview of the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized Councilor Rivera, who discussed the importance of using scientific methods to address issues related to invasive plant species, as well as plans to address safety and noise issues at the park on Olean St. with the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed the importance of providing information related to removing invasive plant species to the public.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who discussed the procedural motion for the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be filed.

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

- b. Petition of 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.

8c CC May 5, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo read the item and recognized the following speaker:

1. Maureen Schwab, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, who discussed staff usage of the Crompton Park parking lot and reviewing appropriate signage for the park.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who discussed the procedural motion for the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to review and install signage related to parking at Crompton Park, as necessary.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be filed.

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

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to review and install signage related to parking at Crompton Park, as necessary.

- c. Petition of 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.

8b CC May 5, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo read the item and recognized the following speaker:

1. Maureen Schwab, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
2. Patricia Hobbs, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, who spoke concerning the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved.

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

- d. Petition of Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of the Green Island Neighborhood Group request installation of “No Alcohol Allowed,” “No Loud Music,” and “Park Closed at 10 p.m.” signage at Crompton Park, at its entrance on Canton St.

7k CC April 14, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo read the item and recognized Councilor Mitra, who spoke concerning issues related to loud music and alcohol consumption at Crompton Park.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the following speakers:

1. Maureen Schwab, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
2. Patricia Hobbs, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, who discussed actions to be taken to address security issues at Crompton Park.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized Councilor Rivera and Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized Councilor Mitra, who discussed the feasibility of having police enforcement at the park.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo recognized the Deputy City Clerk, who discussed the procedural motion for the item.

Chairperson Councilor Fresolo moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved.

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