

CITY OF WORCESTER

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:34 P.M.

Adjourned: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 12:02 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 AND STAR SPANGLED BANNER

2. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor Toomey, who arrived at 6:46 P.M.

3. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 3a. Mayor Petty presented a KEY TO THE CITY to Oliver de la Paz, in recognition of their work as Worcester's Poet Laureate (2023-2025).
- 3b. Mayor Petty presented a KEY TO THE CITY to Serenity Jackson, in recognition of their work as Worcester's Youth Poet Laureate (2024-2025).
- 3c. Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring April 2026 as Arab American Heritage Month in the City of Worcester.
- 3d. Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring April 12, 2026 through April 18, 2026 as Architecture Week in the City of Worcester. The Proclamation was provided to Sean Brennan, who spoke concerning the item.

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 March 24, 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. Maureen Schwab, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7e CC, #7f CC, and #7k CC
2. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #8.3A CM and #8.39A CM, and spoke in favor of items #10h CC and #11a CC
3. Andrew Marsh, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #11a CC
4. Mike Kane, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8.4B CM
5. Alyssa Harmon, Connecticut resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #19a CC and spoke in favor of item #22a CC
6. Thomasina Levesque, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #22a CC
7. Quan Lieu, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #22a CC
8. Ricardo Rodrigues, Fitchburg resident, spoke in favor of item #22a CC
9. Roberta Brien, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #8.4B CM
10. Walter Bird, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10b CC
11. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10e CC and #13a CC and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #11a CC and #19a CC
12. Jennifer Guzman, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #22a CC
13. Magdalene Njuguna, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #22a CC
14. Luis Contraceveda, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #22a CC
15. Ted Conna, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10e CC and #10i CC and spoke in opposition to item #8.4B CM
16. Eric Appleton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8.4B CM
17. Linda Marks, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #22a CC
18. Cora Desplaines, Barre resident, spoke in favor of item #22a CC
19. Mark Borenstein, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8.4B CM
20. Darnell Dunn, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #8.4A CM
21. Adam Gaval, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #8.4B CM
22. Jonathan Morales, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #8.4A CM and spoke in opposition to item #8.16A CM
23. John Weaver, Sturbridge resident, spoke in favor of item #8.4B CM
24. Joe Carcia, (no residence provided), spoke in favor of item #10a CC
25. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #6a CC, spoke in opposition to item #8.4B CM, and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #17h CC
26. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke in favor of item #22a CC, spoke in opposition to items #8.3A CM, #8.4A CM, #8.4B CM, #8.16A CM, and #19a CC, and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #11a CC

6. PETITIONS - Part I

- 6a. Mark A. Borenstein, Esq. on behalf of Worcester Mill LLC request discontinuance of certain portions of Mill St. as depicted on the attached plan and abandon the city's right-of-way and easement rights in the discontinued portions of Mill St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #6a CC through #6c CC to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board
- 6b. Donald J. O'Neil on behalf of Worcester Lagrange Land LLC request to amend the City of Worcester Zoning Map to remove the land situated at 30 Lagrange St., in its entirety, along with abutting land formerly constituting a small portion of the premises situated at 42 Lagrange St. from Commercial Corridors Overlay District (CCOD-D). Said land be removed from the overlay district comprising the area labeled Lot C on the plan of attached hereto as Exhibit A entitled "Approval Not Required Plan of Land, Worcester Lagrange LLC, 30 and 42 Lagrange St. and 59 Oread St., Map 6, Lots 1, 4B and 19, City of Worcester, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts". Said plan being recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 989, Plan 17.
Referred to Planning Board (See Item #6a CC)
- 6c. Ali Adnan request the property located at 500 West Boylston St. be rezoned within the BL-1.0 (Business, Limited) zone.
Referred to Planning Board (See Item #6a CC)
- 6d. Councilor Tony Economou request sidewalk repair on Chalmers Rd., in the vicinity of Duffy Field.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #6d CC through #6k CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee
- 6e. Councilor Tony Economou request sidewalk repair on Winifred Ave., in the vicinity of Duffy Field.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #6d CC)
- 6f. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Catherine Holmes request installation of sidewalk on the odd side of Tallawanda Dr. from 9 Tallawanda Dr. to its intersection with Brookline St.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #6d CC)
- 6g. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Catherine Holmes request installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Tallawanda Dr. and Brookline St.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #6d CC)
- 6h. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk in the vicinity of the crosswalk at the Bell Hill Basketball Court, located at 184 Belmont St., be widened.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #6d CC)

- 6i. 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.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #6d CC)
- 6j. Patrick Grady request North Service Rd. be officially renamed Boulder Bridge Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #6d CC)
- 6k. 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.
Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #6d CC)
- 6l. Councilor John P. Fresolo request the existing No Parking Anytime zone on the north side of Crowningshield Rd. extending 230 ft. west from Massasoit Rd. be rescinded with the establishment of a Residential Permit Parking zone on the north side of Crowningshield Rd. from Massasoit Rd. to Everton Ave. (extended) being installed in its place.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #6l CC through #6z CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 6m. Councilor John P. Fresolo request establishment of a Residential Permit Parking zone on the south side of Crowningshield Rd. from Everton Ave. to Batavia St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6n. Councilor John P. Fresolo request establishment of a No Parking School Days (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) zone on the south side of Crowningshield Rd. from Batavia St. to Massasoit Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6o. Councilor John P. Fresolo request the existing One Hour Parking from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. School Day restriction on the east side of Indiana St. extending 150 ft. south of Allston Ave. be rescinded with the establishment of a Residential Permit Parking zone on the east side of Indiana St. from Brightwood Ave. to Allston Ave. and the establish a No Parking Zone on the east side of Indiana St. from Allston Ave. to Massasoit Rd. being installed in its place.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6p. Councilor John P. Fresolo request establishment of a No Parking School Days (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) except School Buses zone on the west side of Indiana St. from Massasoit Rd. to a point 215 ft. south of Massasoit Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6q. Councilor John P. Fresolo request establishment of a Residential Permit Parking zone on the west side of Indiana St. from a point 260 ft. north of Edison St. to Edison St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6r. Councilor John P. Fresolo request establishment of a Residential Permit Parking zone on both sides of Batavia St. between Crowningshield Rd. and Indiana St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)

- 6s. Councilor John P. Fresolo request establishment of a Residential Permit Parking zone on the east side of Allston Ave. from a point 275 ft. south of Indiana St. to Indiana St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6t. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a stop sign on Whittier St. at its intersection with Edgeworth St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6u. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a stop sign on Dryden St. at its intersection with Edgeworth St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6v. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of Adam Henderson request removal of the handicap parking space across from 118 Tower St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6w. Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Jake Murphy request installation of speed humps on Marland Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6x. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Catherine Holmes request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Tallawanda Dr. and Brookline St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6y. Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of speed limit signs on Ames St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)
- 6z. Councilor John P. Fresolo on behalf of Gina DiBaro request installation of speed humps on Greenfield St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #6l CC)

7. PETITIONS - Part II

- 7a. Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of speed humps on Orient St., between Plantation St. and Villa Nova St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #7a CC through #7j CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee
- 7b. Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a stop sign on Peabody St. at its intersection with Plantation St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)
- 7c. Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the intersection of Plantation St. and Orient St. be reviewed for the purpose of installing speed calming measures at the location.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)
- 7d. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a curb bump out in front of 197 Belmont St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)

- 7e. Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of the Green Island Neighborhood Group request installation of speed humps on Canton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)
- 7f. Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of the Green Island Neighborhood Group request installation of speed humps on Ashmont Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)
- 7g. Cindy Leadekei request installation of a speed hump on Farrar Ave. in the vicinity of its intersection with Bedford St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)
- 7h. Jen Martell et al. request installation of "No Left Turn" signage on Grafton St. northbound in the vicinity of Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)
- 7i. Fatima Hussein request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 117 Merrifield St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)
- 7j. Patrick Grady request installation of left turn arrow traffic signals on West Boylston St. southbound at its intersection with Loop Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #7a CC)
- 7k. 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.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

8.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointments of George J. Russell and George T. Sedares to the Worcester Ballpark Commission.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the responsibilities of the Worcester Ball Park Commission, including the process the Commission uses to schedule Polar Park community day events. Further, request said report include the July 18, 2023 recommendation from the City Manager to delete the Worcester Ballpark Commission and place 100 Madison Street (Polar Park) under the care, custody and control of the Department of Public Facilities, for the purpose of keeping the current appraised of the challenges associated with the Commission." (See Item #22d CC).

Mayor Petty moved to place items #8.1A CM and #8.1B CM on file. Placed on file

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Rosemary De La Cruz Toribio to constable.

Placed on file (See Item #8.1A CM)

8.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommending the reappointment of Penelope Herideen to the Civic Center Commission.

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

8.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative 2025 Gross Payroll Earners.

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

8.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Recommending adoption of Housing Development Certified Project / Tax Increment Exemption Amendment for 39 Green Island Boulevard.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Bilotta

- B.** Recommending adoption of a pause in the enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code in response to a city council order.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Chief Sustainability Officer provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, concerning how pausing the enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code may impact environmental goals and objectives associated with the Green Worcester Plan (GWP). Further, request said report also include all prior recommendations related to opting into the Specialized Stretch Code, as well as the number of permits requested prior to the adoption of the Specialized Stretch Code.” (See Item #22e CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, detailing the Green Worcester Advisory Committee’s recommendation to not pause the enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code, as well as the minutes of their April 13, 2026 meeting.” (See Item #22f CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, detailing the feasibility of establishing new incentives for small developers based around Green Worcester Plan (GWP) goals and objectives.” (See Item #22g CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion concerning the opt-in/opt-out process relative to enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code. Further, request said report also include information concerning the feasibility of whether variances can be pursued related to the Specialized Stretch Code.” (See Item #22h CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any impact adopting the Specialized Stretch Code has had on increasing or decreasing rent prices in the city, including information concerning the fluctuation of rents pre-and post-adoption of said code.” (See Item #22i CC).

Councilor King then moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Economou.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Development Officer and Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman for a second time, who moved, “That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the City Manager and Chief Development Officer’s request and recommendation to pause the Specialized Stretch Code until January 1, 2028.” – Not Put, as the motion was duplicative in nature to item #8.4B (See Item #22j CC).

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Mayor Petty.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mitra.

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a third time, who spoke concerning the item.

Held Under Privilege – King

8.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer

8.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION
Division of Human Rights and Accessibility
Patricia M. LaFore, Director

8.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Administration Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to potholes.

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

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

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 Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Councilor Bergman then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the method used by Department of Public Works (DPW) employees to report potholes found while traversing the city.” (See Item #22k CC).

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, 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 the development of a rubric/operational strategy the Department of Public Works (DPW) will use to fill potholes.” (See Item #22l CC).

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.

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

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

Councilor Toomey then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing utility street restoration warranty period agreements in other municipalities such as, but not limited to,

Boston, Lawrence, Lowell, and Springfield.” (See Item #22m CC).

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

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

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

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

8.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

8.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Operations Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

8.10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to 2026 Arbor Day.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

8.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY
Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

8.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT
Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

8.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT
Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

8.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a study and analysis of police response data from 2024 and 2025.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Police Chief and Commissioner of Emergency Communications, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Economou.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

Councilor Ojeda then moved to, "Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the amount of Worcester Police Department (WPD) hospital escorts that result in officers remaining at the hospital, in an effort to determine how often officers cannot respond to new emergency situations requiring their attention." (See Item #22n CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Emergency Communications, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications provide City Council with a report detailing all cancelled dispatch calls related to police response data from 2024 and 2025." (See Item #22o CC).

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

8.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the claims process.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Councilor King then spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager request City Solicitor review internal policies and standards related to responsiveness around claims filed against the city, in order to ensure residents receive determinations as soon as possible." (See Item #22p CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to public records requests received and processed by the Law Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

- C. Recommend adoption of a contract with Thomson Reuters Westlaw for the Law Department's online legal research and tools subscription for up to five years.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

8.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to residential chicken keeping.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege – King

- 8.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Building and Zoning Division
David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner
- 8.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Housing and Health Inspections Division
Lee R. Hall, Director
- 8.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Administration
Seema Dixon, Commissioner
- 8.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 8.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Alex R. Arriaga, Interim Veterans Services Director
- 8.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Opportunities
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 8.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 8.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 8.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Brian Allen, Superintendent
- 8.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Administration
Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer
- 8.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

8.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

8.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

8.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

8.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

8.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

8.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

8.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

8.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred One Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$64,201.50) from the FFY25 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #8.35A CM through #8.35H CM, #8.36A CM through #8.36E CM and #8.37A CM through #8.37C CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file and accept a grant providing a Speed Feedback Speed Trailer from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Municipal Speed Feedback Signage Program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- D. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$800,000.00) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)
- E. Resolution to File, Accept, and Expend a Grant in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$120,000.00) from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)
- F. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$600,000.00) from the MassTech Collaborative Advanced Manufacturing Training Program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)
- G. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of up to Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) from the Massachusetts Port Authority Community Summer Jobs Program.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)
- H. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$6,200.00) from Worcester Polytechnic Institute for Salisbury Pond Water Chestnut Treatment.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

8.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend authorization to increase Fund #FD311 RRA – Cable Fund, by Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$9,859.00) to provide sufficient funding for the Cable PEG program for Fiscal Year 2027.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)
- B. Recommend that Two Thousand Seven Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$2,007.38) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1065-60010, Green Hill Golf Course Regular Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1065-601100, Green Hill Golf Course Overtime, to fund overtime costs through fiscal year end.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1020-600100, Inspectional Services Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1020-601100, Inspectional Services Overtime, to cover anticipated overtime expenses through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- D. Recommend that Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1040-600100, Police Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1040-699399, Police Capital Outlay.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- E. Recommend that Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1007-600100, Public Facilities Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1007-601100, Public Facilities Overtime.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

8.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Twenty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$25.00) be authorized from FY2026 Cost Center #CC1004, Economic Development Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$8,530.86) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1044, Fire Salaries and Overtime, for the processing of prior year salary adjustments.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$133.61) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2026 Cost Center #CC1008, Department of Sustainability & Resilience Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of a prior year invoice.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

8.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

8.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Fresolo.

Councilor Fresolo then moved to, "Request City Manager request City Solicitor work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of enforcing truck routing and limiting the hours of CSX truck operations in the city." (See Item #22q CC).

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

9. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 9a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -
Request City Clerk work with the City Council Staff to solicit feedback from the city's State Delegates related to H.1370 (An Act Relative to Massachusetts Primary Care for You, filed by Representative Rich Haggerty), H.2537 (An Act Relative to Primary Care Access, filed by Representative Greg Schwartz), and S.867 (An Act Relative to Primary Care for You, filed by Senator Cindy Friedman). Said feedback should include each of their thoughts on the legislation, their recommendations to the City Council related to supporting the legislation, as well as any pros and cons they are aware of concerning its passage.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #9a CC through #9e CC. Order adopted

- 9b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION -
Request City Clerk work with the City Council Staff to prepare a letter of support related to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) continuing to offer fare free services throughout the city.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION -
Request City Clerk work with the City Council Staffing Office to prepare a letter of support related to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) prioritizing the review of implementing crosstown services and on-demand paratransit services in the city.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION -**
Request City Clerk work with the City Council Staff to organize and schedule public hearings throughout the community to discuss Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) improving bus service to the city's residents and businesses. Potential considerations for improvements should include, but not be limited to, the implementation of rapid transit, route changes, a same day paratransit pilot program, improved service times, a review of the desirability of their hub and spoke operations and improved metrics. Participants invited to said hearings should include, but not be limited to, local bus transit riders, the WRTA Administrator and the Chairman of their advisory Board, representatives from the Zero Fare Worcester Coalition, the local Riders Action Council, faculty and students in the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University, the city's Department of Transportation and Mobility, the city's Commission on Accessibility, the Worcester Department of Public Health, the statewide Transportation for Massachusetts (T4MA) agency, MassDOT and the State Delegation.

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

- 9e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION -**
Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the feasibility of conducting a public survey related to the services provided by the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA).

Order adopted (See Item #9a CC)

10. ORDERS

- 10a.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services ensure all landlords, especially landlords who do not live at their property, are notified whenever any neighborhood nuisance complaint or emergency occurs at their property. (Mitra)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10b.** Request City Manager establish, with the support of the City Council, a Worcester Sports Commission, consisting of at least nine (9) and no more than thirteen (13) members, to be appointed by the City Manager. Said Commission shall be charged with attracting, promoting, and supporting sporting events in Worcester to drive economic activity, community engagement, and city branding. Membership should include, but not be limited to, a City representative, local business leaders, sports and venue representatives, college athletics staff, tourism and hospitality professionals, youth sports organizers, and local athletes or league representatives, as well as citizen representatives. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson, who will, with member input, establish short- and long-term goals, including potential fundraising and growth strategies. Be it further requested that the Commission be a volunteer body. (Economou, Toomey, Rivera, Petty)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: "Request Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the feasibility of establishing a Worcester Sports Commission, consisting of at least nine (9) and no more than thirteen (13) members, to be appointed by the City Manager. Said Commission shall be charged with attracting, promoting, and supporting sporting events in Worcester to drive economic activity, community engagement, and city branding. Membership should include, but not be limited to, a City representative, local business leaders, sports and venue representatives, college athletics staff, tourism and hospitality professionals, youth sports organizers, and local athletes or league representatives, as well as citizen representatives. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson, who will, with member input, establish short- and long-term goals, including potential fundraising and growth strategies. Be it further requested that the Commission be a volunteer body."

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mitra, who moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee as amended. Referred to Economic Development Committee as amended

- 10c.** Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report concerning the scrivener's error on the 4th Quarter tax bills that caused the date on the remittance to not be updated from the 3rd Quarter due date of February 2, 2026, to the correct 4th Quarter bill due date of May 1, 2026. (Bilotta)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Petty

- 10d.** Request City Manager remove overgrowth on the odd side of Tallawanda Dr. at its intersection with Brookline St. (Rivera)

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

- 10e.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works consider increasing the days and hours residents are given to drop off both their hazardous and bulk waste materials. Said increase could include expanding the city's Household Hazardous Waste Days to more than the currently set four (4) days, as well as providing additional days and hours each week dedicated to bulk waste disposal. (Rivera)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10f.** Request City Manager contact and collaborate with the administration at the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC), located at 1194 Main St., to review and address neighborhood concerns related to trash and needles being scattered in the vicinity of the property. (Rivera)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10g.** Request City Manager replace the plastic trash barrels along the boardwalk at Coes Park with more permanent, metal barrels, similar to those already found in the park (see attached for images of the existing plastic barrels and proposed metal replacements). (Rivera)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide ample notification to the parents at Roosevelt Street School regarding the implementation of 'No Parking' on Grafton St. starting on Monday, April 27, 2026. Said notification may include mailings, social media posts, and collaboration with the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) to use any existing communication channels. (Fresolo)

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with monthly reports relative to the establishment of the "No Parking Anytime" zone on Grafton St. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St." (See Item #22c CC).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10i.** 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. (Fresolo)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: “Request Standing Committee on Veterans’ Memorials, Parks and Recreation discuss best practices for the management of invasive plant species. Said discussion 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.”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning two (2) previously adopted orders from September 9, 2025, which read, ‘Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any plans, including but not limited to the establishment of a taskforce or committee, to eradicate invasive plants in the city’ and from March 24, 2026, which read, ‘Request City Manager coordinate with MassDOT to determine ways the city can work with the State to address invasive plant species around the city’s roadways.’” (See Item #22r CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Veteran’s Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee as amended. Referred to Veteran’s Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee as amended

- 10j.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the designated “Union Representative” seat on the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA), as the term for the position expired on November 30, 2025. Further, request said report include information related to an overview of the appointment process used for the position, as well as the timeline for filling the vacancy. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Bergman

- 10k.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city’s allocation of opioid settlement funds. Said report should include information concerning any pending allocations, as well as how the city has engaged the community throughout its allocation processes. (King)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10l.** Request City Manager request City Solicitor work with the Commissioner of Public Works to provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding whether the city has the authority to repair and/or completely repave private roads in the city in certain emergency situations (e.g. emergency vehicles unable to pass and/or school buses unable to pass through road for child pickups). (Rivera)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10m.** Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer resume the use of decals as a method of identifying vehicles that are properly registered in the Residential Parking Program. (Bergman)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

11. RESOLUTION

- 11a.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby recognize the Worcester Police Department (WPD)'s excellent work in several recent situations, where potentially serious dangers to the general public's safety and well-being were averted. (Bergman, Economou, Rivera, Fresolo, Toomey)

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Mayor Petty.

Mayor Petty then moved to, "Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations discuss the feasibility of filing legislation to increase penalties associated with criminal street takeovers and other similar illegal activities. Further, request said discussion includes the appropriateness of said illegal activities being considered a felony." (See Item #22s CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mitra, who moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent)

12. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY CLERK

- 12a. Transmitting an informational quarterly report outlining the various City Council Orders and Chairman's Orders adopted over the previous three (3) months, for the period of January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

13. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- 13a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Upon the Order of Councilor Gary Rosen - Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services hold a public hearing for the purpose of making a recommendation to the City Council concerning the advisability of endorsing and supporting H.1370 (An Act Relative to Massachusetts Primary Care for You, filed by Representative Rich Haggerty), S.867 (An Act Relative to Primary Care for You, filed by Senator Cindy Friedman), and H.2537 (An Act Relative to Primary Care Access, filed by Representative Greg Schwartz). Said bills have already been endorsed by the Worcester Board of Health, the cities of Springfield and Cambridge, the Mass. Medical Society and UMass Memorial Health, among several other major medical societies and advocacy organizations both regionally and nationally. Said historic Primary Care legislation, known as Primary Care for You (PC4YOU), will increase access to Primary Care making it free for the patients of practices that opt-in (no copays or deductibles), and will dramatically decrease health inequities in Massachusetts: recommend passage of the accompanying Resolution that the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby endorse and support H.1370 (An Act Relative to Massachusetts Primary Care for You, filed by Representative Rich Haggerty), H.2537 (An Act Relative to Primary Care Access, filed by Representative Greg Schwartz), and S.867 (An Act Relative to Primary Care for You, filed by Senator Cindy Friedman).

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to hold items #13a CC, #14a CC, #15a CC through #15z CC, #16a CC through #16z CC, #17a CC through #17h CC, #19a CC, and #19b CC to be the First Items of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting. Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting.

14. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- 14a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Upon the Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - Request Standing Committee on Public Safety invite the Police Chief to a public discussion regarding ShotSpotter, including any benefits or neighborhood impacts its utilization may provide: recommend Order be placed on file.

Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

15. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - PART I

- 15a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen B. Harris request all speed humps be painted yellow: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Patrick Grady request installation of clear markings and signage in the vicinity of the existing speed hump located at 19 Milton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King on behalf of Laura McCormick request installation of a speed table on Ararat St. in the vicinity of Indian Hill Park, located at 165 Ararat St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Margaret Lynch request the review of the potential installation of speed tables on Forest St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Dennis Cohen request installation of speed humps on Lynnwood Ln.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Barbara Clifford request installation of speed humps on West Chester St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps on Edgeworth St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

- 15h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Melissa Trotta request installation of a speed hump in the vicinity of 107-110 Orient St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Luciano Gomez Alvarado request installation of speed humps on Glen St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Brendaliz Brown request installation of speed humps on Whipple St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Paul Croteau request installation of three (3) speed humps on Upland Gardens Dr., each to be in front of the three (3) bus stops on the street: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Grisel Carrasquillo et al. request installation of speed humps on Puritan Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Suhaib Ahmad request installation of speed humps on Dana Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Claudia Minaya request installation of speed humps on Massasoit Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Kristin and Jonathan Cressman request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 31 Halmstad St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

- 15p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Anthony Butkus request installation of temporary speed humps on Barclay St. at its intersection with Harrison St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joseph Borrelli request installation of speed hump on Nanita St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Francis Dina request installation of a speed hump in front of 8 Brightwood Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Danies Lu et al. request installation of speed humps on Commonwealth Ave. in the vicinity of each stop sign on the street: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Albert Encarnacion request Enid St. be reviewed for the installation of traffic calming measures, including speed humps: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King request installation of speed humps on Forsberg St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King request installation of speed humps on Victoria Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15w.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Christopher Sacco et al. request installation of speed humps on Middlesex Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

- 15x.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Samuel Hernandez request installation of speed humps on Pilgrim Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15y.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Munish Verma request installation of a speed hump in the vicinity of 6 Boston Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 15z.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yeni Jimenez request installation of speed humps in front of 19 Boston Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

16. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - PART II

- 16a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Yessica Rivas request installation of speed humps on Malmo St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of James McCoy request installation of speed humps on Davidson Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Donna Vayo request installation of two (2) speed humps on Grammont Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor John P. Fresolo on behalf of David Rischitelli request installation of speed humps on Travis St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jasmine Hollins-Gadbois request installation of speed humps between 1 and 31 Kingsbury St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

- 16f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Yanczewski et al. request installation of speed humps on Ward St. between Endicott St. and Vernon St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jacqueline Coppedge et al. request installation of speed humps at the corner of Russell St. and Elm St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Maria V. Montano request installation of a speed hump in the vicinity of 50 Freeland St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ruben Calderon-Brito request installation of speed humps on Eureka St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Beverly Bailey request installation of speed humps on the public portion of Potomska St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Bruce Brooks request installation of speed humps on Carlisle St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yogenia Charry request installation of speed humps on Manor St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yogenia Charry request installation of speed humps on Hartshorn Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

- 16n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Paul DePalo request installation of speed humps on Underwood St. between Hartshorn Ave. and May St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jennifer Cleary et al. request installation of two (2) permanent speed humps at the bottom of both hills on Moreland Green Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Barry Stephen Sullivan request installation of speed humps on Fiske St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Etel Haxhijaj request installation of speed humps on the northern section of Moore Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Brian Dutremble request installation of temporary speed humps on Wamsutta Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Alyssa Rogers request installation of speed humps on Clover St. in the vicinity of Edlin St. and Knox St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Wadsworth and Ann McCrea request installation of speed hump on Grand View Ave. between Main St. and Abington St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Daniel F. Deedy request installation of speed humps on June St. between the intersection of June St. and May St. to the vicinity of 341 June St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

- 16v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Debra Army request installation of speed humps on Parsons Hill Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16w.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Flagg St. between Pleasant St. and Audubon Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16x.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhij on behalf of Brianne Erban requests speed humps on Delawanda Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16y.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhij on behalf of Gordon Jon Davis request installation of speed humps on Varnum St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 16z.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Katherine O'Leary request installation of temporary speed humps on Lovell St. going up hill toward May St. in the vicinity of the rotary.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

17. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - PART III

- 17a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty request installation of two (2) speed humps on Cowden St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 17b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen Smith et al. request installation of speed humps on Cowden St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 17c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Harold Boucher request installation of speed humps on the straight section of Olean St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

- 17d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Dheya Kaaed request installation of speed humps on Paradox Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 17e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Saif Alsalihi request installation of speed humps on Ludlow St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 17f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ian Jolin et al. request installation of speed humps on Hadwen Ln.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 17g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Rafael and Ann Ortiz request installation of speed humps on Brookline St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)
- 17h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Nathalie Gibson request reinstallation of two (2) speed humps on Fourth St. in the vicinity of 31 and 33 Fourth St. and 62 and 67 Fourth St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

18. LOAN ORDER TO BE ADOPTED

- 18a.** That the sum of Twenty-Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$25,500,000) is hereby appropriated to PRJ-100322 – Holden Sewer Settlement to pay the final judgement rendered against the City of Worcester in Town of Holden v. Department of Conservation and Recreation and the City of Worcester (Civil Action No. 1385CV00910).
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Loan Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent)

19. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 19a.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the current process used by the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Emergency Communications and Management Department when responding to mental health-related emergencies, as well as any initiatives, measures, or programs the City has adopted related to current process used by the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Emergency Communications and Management Department when responding to mental health-related emergencies. (Held Under Privilege - King March 31, 2026)

Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

- 19b.** 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). (Held Under Privilege - Toomey March 31, 2026)

Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting (See Item #13a CC)

20. TABLED ITEMS

- 20a.** 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

- 20b.** 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

- 20c.** 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

20d. 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

20e. 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

20f. 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

21. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the March 31, 2026 City Council meeting.

21a. ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning State actions required to aid in receiving monies from the city's colleges and universities from Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements. – Item #10g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

22. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the April 14, 2026 City Council meeting.

22a. Motion King – Suspension of Rules – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby go in support of UMass Memorial Health immediately convening stakeholders in Municipal and State Government, the community, and SEIU union representation to disclose their transition plan for their Community Healthlink (CHL) mental health and substance abuse services to new providers in an uninterrupted manner.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rosen, who moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. – Not Put.

Mayor Petty moved to hold the item to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting. Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting

22b. Motion Petty @ #5a CC – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its rules to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on April 14, 2026 to occur twenty (20) minutes beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #5a CC)

22c. Motion King @ #10h CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with monthly reports relative to the establishment of the “No Parking Anytime” zone on Grafton St. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St.

Order adopted (See Item #10h CC)

22d. Motion King @ #8.1A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the responsibilities of the Worcester Ball Park Commission, including the process the Commission uses to schedule Polar Park community day events. Further, request said report include the July 18, 2023 recommendation from the City Manager to delete the Worcester Ballpark Commission and place 100 Madison Street (Polar Park) under the care, custody and control of the Department of Public Facilities, for the purpose of keeping the current appraised of the challenges associated with the Commission.

Order adopted (See Item #8.1A CM)

22e. Motion King @ #8.4B CM – Request City Manager request Chief Sustainability Officer provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, concerning how pausing the enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code may impact environmental goals and objectives associated with the Green Worcester Plan (GWP). Further, request said report also include all prior recommendations related to opting into the Specialized Stretch Code, as well as the number of permits requested prior to the adoption of the Specialized Stretch Code.

Order adopted (See Item #8.4B CM)

22f. Motion King @ #8.4B CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, detailing the Green Worcester Advisory Committee’s recommendation to not pause the enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code, as well as the minutes of their April 13, 2026 meeting.

Order adopted (See Item #8.4B CM)

22g. Motion King @ #8.4B CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, detailing the feasibility of establishing new incentives for small developers based around Green Worcester Plan (GWP) goals and objectives.

Order adopted (See Item #8.4B CM)

22h. Motion King @ #8.4B CM – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion concerning the opt-in/opt-out process relative to enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code. Further, request said report also include information concerning the feasibility of whether variances can be pursued related to the Specialized Stretch Code.

Order adopted (See Item #8.4B CM)

- 22i.** Motion King @ #8.4B CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any impact adopting the Specialized Stretch Code has had on increasing or decreasing rent prices in the city, including information concerning the fluctuation of rents pre-and post-adoption of said code.
Order adopted (See Item #8.4B CM)
- 22j.** Motion Bergman @ #8.4B CM – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the City Manager and Chief Development Officer’s request and recommendation to pause the Specialized Stretch Code until January 1, 2028.
Not Put, as the motion was duplicative in nature to item #8.4B.
- 22k.** Motion Bergman @ #8.7A CM – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the method used by Department of Public Works (DPW) employees to report potholes found while traversing the city.
Order adopted (See Item #8.7A CM)
- 22l.** Motion King @ #8.7A CM – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report concerning the development of a rubric/operational strategy the Department of Public Works (DPW) will use to fill potholes.
Order adopted (See Item #8.7A CM)
- 22m.** Motion Toomey @ #8.7A CM – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing utility street restoration warranty period agreements in other municipalities such as, but not limited to, Boston, Lawrence, Lowell, and Springfield.
Order adopted (See Item #8.7A CM)
- 22n.** Motion Ojeda @ #8.14A CM – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the amount of Worcester Police Department (WPD) hospital escorts that result in officers remaining at the hospital, in an effort to determine how often officers cannot respond to new emergency situations requiring their attention.
Order adopted (See Item #8.14A CM)
- 22o.** Motion King @ #8.14A CM – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications provide City Council with a report detailing all cancelled dispatch calls related to police response data from 2024 and 2025.
Order adopted (See Item #8.14A CM)
- 22p.** Motion King @ #8.15A CM – Request City Manager request City Solicitor review internal policies and standards related to responsiveness around claims filed against the city, in order to ensure residents receive determinations as soon as possible.
Order adopted (See Item #8.15A CM)

- 22q.** Motion Fresolo @ #8.39A CM – Request City Manager request City Solicitor work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of enforcing truck routing and limiting the hours of CSX truck operations in the city.

Order adopted (See Item #8.39A CM)

- 22r.** Motion Toomey @ #10i CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning two (2) previously adopted orders from September 9, 2025, which read, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any plans, including but not limited to the establishment of a taskforce or committee, to eradicate invasive plants in the city” and from March 24, 2026, which read, “Request City Manager coordinate with MassDOT to determine ways the city can work with the State to address invasive plant species around the city’s roadways.”

Order adopted (See Item #10i CC)

- 22s.** Motion Petty @ #11a CC – Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations discuss the feasibility of filing legislation to increase penalties associated with criminal street takeovers and other similar illegal activities. Further, request said discussion includes the appropriateness of said illegal activities being considered a felony.

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Mayor Petty, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any actions occurring in Boston related to a criminal street takeover, in an effort to guide discussion related to the appropriateness of filing legislation that would make such illegal activities a felony.” (See Item #22t CC).

Councilor Bergman and Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty then moved for a roll call vote to refer his motion to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay – King) (Bilotta absent)

- 22t.** Motion King @ #22s CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any actions occurring in Boston related to a criminal street takeover, in an effort to guide discussion related to the appropriateness of filing legislation that would make such illegal activities a felony.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay - King) (Bilotta absent) (See Item #22s CC)

22u. Motion Rivera – Suspension of Rules – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its Rule 54. Midnight Curfew.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rivera, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order denied on a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, King, Ojeda, Rosen) (Bilotta absent).

(Note: Adoption of a motion to suspend the rules requires a two-thirds vote and shall require the affirmative votes of at least eight (8) members of the City Council regardless of the number present and voting per Rules 28 and 65 of the Worcester City Council.)