

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:40 P.M.
Adjourned: 8:28 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

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Morris A. Bergman
Khrystian E. King
Satya B. Mitra
Gary Rosen
Kathleen M. Toomey



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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair. Councilor Bilotta participated in the meeting remotely.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a.** Mayor Petty presented a KEY TO THE CITY to the Mayor of Worcester, England, Councilor Dr. Matt Lamb in recognition of their March 31, 2026 visit and for demonstrating international friendship, cooperation, and goodwill. Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Dr. Matt Lamb, who spoke concerning the item.
- 4b.** Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring March 31, 2026 as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Worcester. The Proclamation was provided to Chrissi Bates.
- 4c.** Mayor Petty re-presented a KEY TO THE CITY to Dr. Jules Trobaugh in recognition of their gender affirming healthcare initiatives and strengthening 2SLGBTQIA+ quality of life. Mayor Petty recognized Dr. Jules Trobaugh, who spoke concerning the item.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 17, 2026.

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 6a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following Speakers:
1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #9a CC and #10f CC, and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #9e CC
 2. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #10j CC
 3. Gryphyn Vermin, Boxborough resident, spoke in favor of item #17c CC
 4. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #17c CC
 5. Randy Feldman, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #4b CC, #4c CC, and #10j CC
 6. Dr. Jules Trobaugh, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #10j CC
 7. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #4a CC and #10a CC
 8. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #10j CC

7. PETITIONS

- 7a. Demitrios Voyiatzis request street resurfacing on Sagamore Rd. in the vicinity of 53 Sagamore Rd.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7a CC through #7c CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 7b. Demitrios Voyiatzis request sidewalk repairs on Sagamore Rd. in the vicinity of 53 Sagamore Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a CC)
- 7c. Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of additional, more effective street lighting on North Pkwy. at Burncoat (North) Park.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a CC)
- 7d. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Alejandro Vergara Camacho request installation of three (3) speed humps on Bellevue St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7d CC through #7z CC, except #7q CC, to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 7e. Donna Livingston request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 23 Kendrick Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7f. Christopher J. Shea request installation of enhanced crosswalk signage at the two (2) existing crosswalks on Salisbury St. in the vicinity of the main campus entrance of Assumption University, located at 500 Salisbury St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7g. Kayla Marie Lebron request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 159 Ingleside Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7h. Richard Foster request review of resident permit parking zone on Mt. Carmel Way to either extend the resident permit parking to 22 Mt. Carmel Way or remove said parking restriction.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7i. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a traffic signal on Belmont St./ Route 9 at the intersection of Belmont St./Route 9 and Stanton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bilotta, 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 Bilotta then spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 7j. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of flashing pedestrian crossing signs on Belmont St./Route 9 at the intersection of Belmont St./Route 9 and Stanton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bilotta, 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 Bilotta then spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 7k. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a Commercial Loading Zone in front of 62 Green St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7l. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a Commercial Loading Zone in front of 118 and 126 Water St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7m. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 85 Merrifield St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7n. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of speed humps on North Pkwy.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7o. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 12 Caprera Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7p. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 24 Nonquit St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7q. Councilor John P. Fresolo request removal of the traffic control signal lights at the intersection of Grafton St., Waverly St., and Penn Ave.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 7r. Mary Johnson request installation of speed humps on Apthorp St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7s. Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of crosswalks on North Pkwy. at any and all appropriate locations.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7t. Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request the reinstallation of the temporary speed humps on North Pkwy., with consideration to make them permanent speed humps.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)

- 7u. Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request the installation of two (2) additional temporary speed humps on North Pkwy. beyond those originally installed on the street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7v. Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request the installation of a stop sign on North Pkwy. at its intersection with Davidson Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7w. Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of 25 mph signage on North Pkwy.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7x. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Aitchison St. be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7y. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Aitchison St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)
- 7z. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing in the vicinity of 482 Shrewsbury St. at the entrances to Picadilly Plaza and McDonalds be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7d CC)

8. PETITIONS - Part II

- 8a. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting in the vicinity of 482 Shrewsbury St. at the entrances to Picadilly Plaza and McDonalds.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #8a CC through #8t CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8b. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Prentice St. be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)

- 8c. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Prentice St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8d. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Adams St. be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8e. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Adams St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8f. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Seward St. be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8g. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Seward St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8h. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing in the vicinity of East Park, located at 176 Shrewsbury St., at its intersection with Fantasia Dr. be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8i. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association Request crosswalk repainting in the vicinity of East Park, located at 176 Shrewsbury St., at its intersection with Fantasia Dr.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)

- 8j.** WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Lyon St. be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8k.** WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Lyon St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8l.** WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Shamrock St. and Cross St. be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8m.** WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Shamrock St. and Cross St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8n.** WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with South Hill St. and Hill St. be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8o.** WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with South Hill St. and Hill St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8p.** WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. in the vicinity of 50 Shrewsbury St. and 45 Shrewsbury St. be reviewed and repaired.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)

- 8q. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. in the vicinity of 50 Shrewsbury St. and 45 Shrewsbury St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8r. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request the crosswalk traffic control timing on Shrewsbury St. at Washington Square be reviewed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8s. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Shrewsbury St. at Washington Square.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)
- 8t. WPD Officer Sean M. Lovely on behalf of the Shrewsbury Street Merchants Association and the Shrewsbury Street Residents Group Association request crosswalk repainting on Mount Carmel Way at its intersection with Shrewsbury St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)

9. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 9a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report outlining the city's processes relative to trench restoration by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting. Said report should include the following: 1) current standards and methods used for restoration and whether the work is being completed within ninety (90) days; 2) the process relative to DPW issuing permits; 3) an analysis relative to the number of permits issued by the DPW; 4) the amount of permits issued on a standard permitting process compared to an emergency process 5) the process relative to inspecting restorations once completed; 6) the process relative to backfilling and final finishing; 7) timelines associated with trench restorations; 8) the responsible role relative to inspecting the permitted work and the capacity needed to fulfill said inspections; 9) the number of inspector and restoration specialist positions in DPW; and 10) a recommendation relative to adequate staffing levels needed to ensure the city can maintain appropriate inspections of the utility work being completed.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9a CC through #9h CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 9b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting a draft ordinance to increase the current two (2) year warranty period relative to trench restorations to five (5) years.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9a CC)
- 9c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting a report detailing the entity responsible for the trench restoration work on Beverly Rd. and Ararat St., when the work was completed, if the work is within the warranty period, and any relevant inspection reports for the locations.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9a CC)
- 9d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install handicap parking space signage at the existing ordained designated handicap parking space in front of 77 Merrifield St.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9a CC)
- 9e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the crosswalks on Highland St. in the vicinity of Doherty High School (299 Highland St.) to improve pedestrian safety, as part of the upcoming Highland St. reconstruction project.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9a CC)
- 9f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide additional parking and traffic enforcement on Lodi St. during Polar Park game days.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9a CC)
- 9g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install the statutory 5 feet No Parking zone signage on either side of the driveway at 21 Lodi St.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9a CC)
- 9h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased speed enforcement on Lynnwood Ln. headed towards Salisbury St. during the hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9a CC)

10. ORDERS - Part I

- 10a.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the processes used by Worcester 311 to address service requests brought forth by residents. Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning how the city addresses any disruptions to the Worcester 311 Customer Service Center or App. Said report should also include information concerning the timeframe expected to complete said service requests, how residents are notified of the status of their requests, and how departments alert Worcester 311 when a service request is completed. (Mitra)

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

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

- 10b.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased speed enforcement on Coventry Rd. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., as well as 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Economou)

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

- 10c.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the status of replacing the failed blinking stop signs at the intersection of Clark St. and St. Nicholas Ave. (Economou)

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

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

- 10d.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report clarifying whether a left turn is allowable from the middle lane at the end of Norton Dr. onto Shore Dr., or if the lane is dedicated to traveling straight only. Further, if a left turn is not allowable, request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased enforcement at the intersection to ensure drivers do not take a left turn from the middle lane, especially during the late afternoon rush hours, in the essence of public safety. (Economou)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Economou, 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. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 10e.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works explore the feasibility of establishing a second option for the city's recycling containers where residents could purchase a heavy-duty fifty (50) gallon rollout container with a hinged lid from the city, while still maintaining the practice of providing new residents with their first twenty-two (22) gallon container with a vented plastic dome free of charge. (Rosen)

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

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

- 10f.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report listing all Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements made to the city by its colleges and universities. Said list should include whether the payments are earmarked, in writing, for agreed upon uses, and if so, whether they are being used for their intended purposes. (Rosen)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to amend the item: "Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning the reasons why monies received from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) are allocated towards Institute Park and the Worcester Public Library, as well as whether those contributions are factored into the city's budget."

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to amend the item: "Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning how Holy Cross continuing to pay taxes on properties they acquire factors into any existing Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement."

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, "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." (See Item #19a CC).

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

- 10g.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased traffic enforcement at the intersection of Chandler St. and Hamill Rd. to ensure motorists do not run red lights at the location. (Rivera)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 10h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works repaint the crosswalks on Lincoln St. (Bilotta)
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
- 10i.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a draft ordinance related to imposing escalating fees onto underdeveloped lots that have been underdeveloped and vacant for more than five (5) years. (Bilotta)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager provide City Council with an updated report concerning any potential legal impediments to enacting such an ordinance.”
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 10j.** 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. (Toomey)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.
Held Under Privilege – King
- 10k.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery consider placing a portable toilet at Duffy Field. (Economou)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.
Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 10l.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility consider eliminating the use of the chipseal method as part of the city's street maintenance and resurfacing program. (Economou)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Economou, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 10m.** Request City Manager request Police Chief install speed notification monitoring on Richmond Ave. between Pleasant St. and Flagg St. (Economou)
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
- 10n.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works repaint the crosswalk on Chandler St. at its intersection with Claridge Rd. (Rivera)
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
- 10o.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works review the roundabout at the intersection of Webster St. and Hope Ave. to make necessary repairs to the road at the location (see attached). (Rivera)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 10p.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report that evaluates best management practices (BMP) for stormwater operations at the discharge point at the corner of Juniper St. and Olean St. Said evaluation should include an implementation plan for said BMPs, as well as information related to sediment and slit filtration measures, in an effort to reduce runoff impacts at Cook's Pond. (Rivera)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

10q. Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services meet with representatives of the Department of Public Health, the Division of Youth Opportunities, the Worcester Police Department and the seven (7) city teens who worked on the city's Sticker Shock Campaign, for the purpose of discussing the successes of the program and further supporting similar initiatives in the future. Said Sticker Shock Campaign is designed to discourage adults from purchasing alcohol for minors, reinforce ID checks at the point of sale, is a youth-led public health effort aimed at curbing underage drinking before it starts, and is part of a broader set of prevention initiatives combining education, enforcement and community outreach. (Rosen)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

10r. Request City Manager provide City Council with an update on a previously adopted order on August 19, 2025 to initiate a public service response (PSR) regarding dog waste, including but limited to creating an advisory discouraging dog waste disposal in the city's storm drains. Further, request said response also include the installation of earth friendly locations with compostable waste bags at all standard parks and dog parks in the city. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Economou, who moved to amend the item: "Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning whether an individual disposing of dog waste through a storm drain is considered litter, as well as whether there is a fine associated with such an action.

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

10s. 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). (King)

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

Held Under Privilege – Toomey

10t. 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. (Toomey)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 10u.** Request City Manager review the feasibility of making February 29 a holiday in the municipality to honor the anniversary of Worcester becoming a city in 1848. Said holiday should include a celebration on the Worcester Common and be a day off for all city employees every leap year. (Mitra)

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

Mayor Petty moved to amend the item: "Further, request City Manager include in said feasibility review any legal implications associated with such an action, as well as how the holiday would impact the Worcester Public Schools (WPS)."

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

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

- 10v.** Request City Manager request Fire Chief and Commissioner of Public Works immediately identify and repair all non-functioning fire hydrants in the city. Further, request any fire hydrants deemed non-functional be marked until such a repair is completed. (Mitra)

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

Mayor Petty moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.

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

- 10w.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works ensure the westerly side of the center island along Massachusetts Ave. be filled with the appropriate soil, grade and seed this spring to repair winter storm damage. (Economou)

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Economou, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

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

- 10x.** Request City Manager install a WooBin trash receptacle in the vicinity of the intersection of Lincoln St. and Boylston St. (Economou)

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

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

- 10y.** Request City Manager ensure the Quality-of-Life Team cleans up the litter and trash in the vicinity of White Ave. and Erie Ave. (Economou)

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

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

- 10z.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report and recommendations concerning solutions to help alleviate on-street parking difficulties along Mountain St. East, in the vicinity of the Worcester Islamic Center, located at 248 Mountain St. East. (Economou)

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

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

11. ORDERS - Part II

- 11a.** Request City Manager ensure the litter from the intersection of Burncoat St. and Mountain St. East to the city line be picked up. Further, request “No Littering” signage, with associates fines, be posted along this section of the roadway. (Economou)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #11b CC and #11c CC.

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

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

- 11b.** Request City Manager organize a volunteer cleanup day for the area of Burncoat St., near Mountain St. East, particularly the area around the railroad tracks. (Petty)

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

- 11c.** Request City Manager install trail cameras in the vicinity of the dumping site at the intersection of Burncoat St. and Mountain St. East, in an effort to curb illegal dumping. (Petty)

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

- 11d.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the economic impact of the March 26, 2026 and March 28, 2026 Regional NCAA Men’s Division 1 Ice Hockey Tournament held at the DCU Center. (Toomey)

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

12. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending

13. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

- 13a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of proposed ordinance to increase fines for illegal dumping: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk recommend that City Council convene in Executive Session for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations related to the reappointment of Nikolin Vangjeli as City Clerk for a two (2) year term, from 2026 to 2028: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 13c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an annual report outlining the goals and objectives for the City Clerk's Office for the year 2026: recommend Communication be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept the item. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

14. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

- 14a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Cora Butler-Jones request installation of streetlight at the end of Stockholm St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #14a CC and #14b CC. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 14b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Cora Butler-Jones request installation of streetlight on Tatman St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj on behalf of Jeffery Mack request installation of an ADA compliant curb ramp on Heard St. across from its intersection with Waterman St.: recommend Petition be referred to Traffic and Parking Committee.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 14d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Curtis Alexander request installation of sewer drains on Nixon Ave., in the vicinity of 11 Nixon Ave.: recommend Report be granted Leave to Withdraw.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #14d CC through #14j CC, except for item #14g CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 14e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Curtis Alexander request the fire hydrant at 11 Nixon Ave. be moved further away from the driveway of the property: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14d CC)
- 14f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Megan Young request the installation of guardrails in front of 19 Westminster St.: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14d CC)
- 14g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of N. Paul TonThat request installation of a protective road barrier, such as concrete bollard posts, in front of 149 Belmont St. to protect the property from motorized vehicle collisions: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw.
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rivera, who moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 14h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Patrick Grady request streetlight on pole 17 be repaired on West Boylston St.: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14d CC)
- 14i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Patricia Bourassa request installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Arbella Dr. and Salisbury St.: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14d CC)
- 14j. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** Upon the Petition of Altagracia Abreu request installation of a streetlight in front of 32 Stoneland Rd.: recommend Petition be granted Leave to Withdraw.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14d CC)

15. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

15a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Keith Linhares request installation of additional crosswalks on Highland St. in the vicinity of Doherty Memorial High School, located at 299 Highland St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #15a CC through #15g CC. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

15b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a crosswalk and rapid flashing beacons on Shrewsbury St. at its intersection with Casco St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

15c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sherry Monfils request installation of "No Parking Within 5 Feet of Driveway" signage at 8 Blossom St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

15d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of the residents of Burncoat St. request increased enforcement of the "No Parking Anytime" restriction on Burncoat St. between Clark St. and Fairhaven Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

15e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Dennis O'Brien request installation of one way signage on Oak St. in the vicinity of parking lot of The Worcester Club, located at 1 Oak St., to ensure patrons exiting the facility turn in the correct direction: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

15f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ismael Reyes request installation of additional one way street signage on Beacon St. at its intersection with Ripley St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

15g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Candace Smith request installation of warning signage indicating the sharp turn on Southbridge St. at its intersection with Quinsigamond Ave., as well as signage warning motorists that Francis J. McGrath Blvd. continues straight: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

- 15h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Lisette Arce-Batista request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 77 Merrifield St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #15h CC through #15p CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 15i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ismene Michaud request handicap parking space in front of 53 Raymond St. be relocated to across the street in front of 54 Raymond St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15h CC)
- 15j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Christine Rodriguez et al. request removal of "No Parking Anytime" signage on Glennie St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15h CC)
- 15k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Dennis Cohen request increased speed enforcement on Lynnwood Ln. headed towards Salisbury St. during the hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15h CC)
- 15l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Deborah Fins request installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Neponset St. and West Boylston Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15h CC)
- 15m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of a stop sign at the corner of Sherbrook Ave. and Lakeview St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15h CC)
- 15n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of the residents of Saxon Rd. request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Westbrook Rd. and Kinnicutt Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15h CC)
- 15o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Patricia Tricomi request installation of signage at the entrance and exit of Thorndyke Road School driveway to inform drivers that the street is a one-way street, such as "No Left Turn - One Way" and "Right Turn Only - One Way" signage: recommend Petition be filed.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15h CC)

- 15p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting an informational communication relative to the plans to repair the Federal Plaza Garage, located at 570 Main St., including information concerning fixing the staircase on the Main St. side of the building, as well as upgrades to the elevators: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15h CC)

16. TO BE ORDAINED

- 16a.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in the vicinity of 29 Shamrock Street.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #16a CC through #16s CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 16b.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Remove Handicap Parking In The Vicinity Of #45 Ledgecrest Drive.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16c.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #76 Florence Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16d.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #921 Pleasant Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16e.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking On Stoneland Road Adjacent To #42 Freeland Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16f.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #35 Columbia Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16g.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #53 Raymond Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16h.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Remove Handicap Parking Across From #196 Pilgrim Avenue.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16i.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #9 Aetna Street.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16j.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #81 Fairfax Road.

Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16k.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Remove Handicap Parking In The Vicinity Of #16 Dayton Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16l.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Remove Handicap Parking In The Vicinity Of #51 Gates Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16m.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Remove Handicap Parking In Front Of #183 Austin Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16n.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #8 Cottage Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16o.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #4 Cheney Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16p.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #21 May Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16q.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #97 Puritan Avenue.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16r.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #17 View Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16s.** Amending Section 42 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 To Provide Handicap Parking In Front Of #27 Hitchcock Road.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

17. TABLED ITEMS

- 17a.** 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

17b. 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

17c. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj 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 - Haxhiaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhiaj August 22, 2023)

No action taken

17d. 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

17e. 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

17f. 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

18. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the March 24, 2026 City Council meeting.

18a. ORDER of Councilor Satya B. Mitra – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management provide senior citizens with in-person registration opportunities to sign up for the new AlertWorcester system. – Item #12a CC Order adopted

18b. ORDER of Councilor Satya B. Mitra – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management provide the City Clerk with informational pamphlets that can be provided to residents to encourage residents to sign up for the new AlertWorcester system. – Item #12b CC Order adopted

- 18c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management work with the Chief Sustainability Officer to create a “Blue Spaces Notification” option through AlertWorcester that would provide interested residents with relevant updates concerning the city’s various blue spaces (e.g. Indian Lake, Coes Pond). – Item #12c CC Order adopted
- 18d.** ORDER of Councilor John P. Fresolo – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update on a previously adopted order on January 13, 2026 which read: “Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report outlining CSX’s Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with the city, including information concerning CSX’s compliance, or lack thereof, with trucks operating and driving in the Grafton Hill area causing traffic concerns in the neighborhood.” Further, request City Manager include in said report additional information concerning 1) the fifty (50) new jobs CSX was supposed to create in the city; and 2) whether the city can collect additional fees from CSX related to police details required to ensure trucks do not use inappropriate routes as cut-throughs on their way to the highway. – Item #12d CC Order adopted
- 18e.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – 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. – Item #12e CC Order adopted

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

- 19a.** Motion Toomey @ #10f CC – 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.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10f CC)