

**CITY OF WORCESTER
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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:34 P.M.

Recessed to Executive Session: 7:02 P.M.

Reconvened to Open Session: 8:47 P.M.

Adjourned: 11:00 P.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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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

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor King, who arrived at 6:38 P.M.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

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 February 24, 2026.

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following Speakers:

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #7a CC, #10a CC and #12a CC and spoke in favor of items #10d CC and #11a CC
2. Abby Mortillaro, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #11a CC, #16a CC, #16c CC, #16d CC, and #16f CC
3. Janice St. Amand, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #13b CC
4. Deborah Hall, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11a CC
5. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke concerning an item not listed on the agenda, spoke in opposition to item #7a CC and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #12a CC
6. Keith Linhares, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
7. Katie Silverstein, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
8. Paula Rosenblum, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
9. Sarah Simsarian, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
10. Al Trakimas, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
11. Amy Trakimas, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
12. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11a CC
13. Steve Hart, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #12a CC and #12b CC
14. Owura-Kwaku Sarkodieh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #16c CC
15. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke in favor of items #16d CC and #16f CC and spoke in opposition to item #15a CC
16. Mimi Stephens, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13a CC
17. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #10a CC, #10g CC, #12a CC, and #14a CC and spoke in favor of items #10d CC and #10k CC

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7a. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby convene in Executive Session at its Tuesday, March 17, 2026, meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy with respect to the case of Town of Holden v. Department of Conservation and Recreation and the City of Worcester, Superior Court Department Civil Action No. 1385CV00910D. The City Council will reconvene in open session.

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. PETITIONS

- 8a. Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Khrystian E. King request the Greenwood Park Basketball Court be renamed the Nancy Mayer Bates '82 Basketball Court.

Mayor Petty read the item and took the item up collectively with #11b CC.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Parks and Recreation Commission. Referred to Parks and Recreation Commission

- 8b. Donald J. O'Neil request amendment of Zoning Map to remove the land situated at 30 Lagrange St. (MBL Parcel 06-028-0004B) along with a portion of the land situated at 42 Lagrange St. (MBL Parcel 06-028-0004B) from the Commercial Corridors Overlay District (CCOD-D). Said Plan to be removed comprising the area labeled Lot C on the attachment.

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

- 8c. Kendall Homes request Myrick Ave. be extended 300-foot with associated sewer service for the construction of three (3) single-family dwellings located at 0 Myrick Ave.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8c CC through #8h CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

- 8d. Carlos Diaz request street resurfacing on Perry Ave.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8c CC)

- 8e. Carlos Diaz request sidewalk resurfacing on Perry Ave.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8c CC)

- 8f. Julie Ann Lamacchia request review of the sidewalk on the western side of Burncoat St. between Arbutus Rd. and Rollinson Rd. to explore any warranty provisions and pursue any corrective action that can be taken with the contractor, given the installation of said sidewalk was in Fall of 2024.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8c CC)

- 8g. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Janet Bertrand request Timrod Dr. be resurfaced.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8c CC)

- 8h. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Janet Bertrand request sidewalk resurfacing on Timrod Dr.

Referred to Public Works Committee (See Item #8c CC)

- 8i. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on the even side of Elliot St., between Eastern Ave. and Edward St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8i CC through #8r CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

- 8j. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request Elliot St. be made a one-way street.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)
- 8k. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of traffic mirrors on Millbrook St., across from 171 Millbrook St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)
- 8l. Tal Klayman request removal of two (2) handicap parking spaces in the vicinity of 605 Millbury St. at the intersection of Millbury St. and Maxwell St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)
- 8m. Lydia I. Rios request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 9 Preston St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)
- 8n. Latricia Bemis request extension of resident permit parking zone on Winthrop St. to include 5 and 7 Winthrop St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)
- 8o. Salah Alzuhairy request removal of a handicap parking space at 125 Chino Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)
- 8p. Salah Alzuhairy request installation of a handicap parking space at 25 Hooper St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)
- 8q. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Gina Spreadbury request installation of permanent speed humps on Moreland Green Dr.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)
- 8r. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Andrew Killoran request installation of a convex safety mirror on pole #284 at the intersection of Copperfield Rd. and Seconset St. to ensure drivers coming up Copperfield Rd. see approaching traffic on Seconset St. prior to entering the intersection.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8i CC)

9. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 9a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management create an informational media campaign to promote the RapidSOS program.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9a CC and #9b CC. Order adopted on a roll vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 9b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management provide City Council with a report concerning the benefits of adding Starlink to the city's communications systems.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9a CC)

10. ORDERS

- 10a.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a draft ordinance that would require property owners to clear snow from fire hydrants adjacent to their property, with fines being established for property owners who fail to do so. (Rivera)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10b.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased speed enforcement on Forest St. (Economou)

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

- 10c.** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased speed enforcement on Vassar St., in the vicinity of Cornell Rd., between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Economou)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10d.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of service requests received by 311 over the past thirty (30) days related to repairing potholes in the city. Said report should also include how many of those service requests have been addressed, how many are outstanding and how long it took to complete the work associated with each request. (Economou)

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

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

Councilor Rosen then moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager review processes to ensure all potholes are addressed on a street, even when only one (1) is reported.”

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

Councilor Bergman then moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works include in said report information concerning the process the city uses to fill unreported potholes in close vicinity of reported potholes, as well as details explaining the inconsistent application of such a process across the city, including on West Chester St.”

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

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 provide City Council with a report detailing the process used by the Law Office to address and investigate claims filed against the city, the role of the claims agent and claims agent assistant, and whether the department has the capacity to address each claim in a way that meets the needs of the city’s residents. Further, request said report include information concerning the process used by the Law Office to address personal injury claims and/or lawsuits, as well as the responsible role for addressing such claims and/or lawsuits.” (See Item #18a CC).

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any contingency plans in place should the city’s new notification system, RapidSOS, encounter any difficulties.” (See Item #18b CC).

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Mayor Petty, who moved to, “Request City Manager consider creating a financial plan to allocate additional funding in the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget that would aid in addressing street resurfacing repairs throughout the city.” (See Item #18c CC).

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized 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 Toomey, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the impact that increased costs to oil may have on the city’s budget, as it relates to the purchasing of bituminous products used to resurface streets.” (See Item #18d CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended

- 10e.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report as to the feasibility of conducting a study concerning how the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) has been serving Worcester Public Schools (WPS) students, including connecting routes, on-time arrivals, safety, cleanliness and overall reliability. (Ojeda)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10f.** Request Standing Committee on Veterans’ Memorials, Parks and Recreation discuss current policies regarding planting of street trees, with said discussion to include whether these locations are suitable and whether resources are adequate to maintain said trees. (Fresolo)

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Veterans’ Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans’ Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

- 10g.** Request Standing Committee on Veterans’ Memorials, Parks and Recreation discuss the feasibility of the use of low-maintenance materials in lieu of grass in median and sidewalk strips. (Fresolo)

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

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

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 provide City Council with a report detailing any impact using low-maintenance materials in median and sidewalk strips in lieu of grass would have on: 1) locations where there is a heat island effect; 2) pedestrian refuge; and 3) traffic calming measures.” (See Item #18e CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Veterans’ Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans’ Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee

- 10h.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby authorize the creation of an “Ad Hoc Committee on Bringing NCAA March Madness to Worcester,” for the purposes of discussing the strengthening of any future submission of a bid by the College of the Holy Cross and/or the Patriot League to the NCAA, in efforts to host a preliminary round of the Division I Men’s March Madness Tournament. Said Ad Hoc Committee will be established for a period ending on December 31, 2027. Further, request Mayor appoint members of the city council to said Ad Hoc Committee in accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of City Council. (King)

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 number of years the city has hosted the NCAA’s Ice Hockey tournaments at the DCU Center, as well as any plans to host the event in the future.” (See Item #18f CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: “Request Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the strengthening of any future submission of a bid by the College of the Holy Cross and/or the Patriot League to the NCAA, in efforts to host a preliminary round of the Division I Men’s March Madness Tournament.”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request said discussion also include any bids available related to the Division II and Division III NCAA Basketball tournaments. Further, request said discussion also include the potential of hosting NCAA tournaments for additional sports.”

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Mayor Petty, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request representatives from Discover Central Massachusetts be invited to said discussion to provide any suggestions related to submitting future bid submissions.”

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Rivera, who moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.

Councilor Rivera then moved to, “Request Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the feasibility of bringing the U.S. Olympic Boxing Trials back to the city, as well as any other USA Boxing, formerly known as the United States Boxing Federation, events.” (See Item #18g CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mitra, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request all requirements relative to bringing the NCAA March Madness Tournament to the city be outlined.”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, “Request Standing Committee on Economic Development explore the criteria and deadlines for the city to apply to be a host city for each sports’ NCAA tournament for the purpose of providing City Council with timeframes and the process relative to said individual applications.” (See Item #18h CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rosen, who moved to amend the item: “Further, if such NCAA bids are found to be unfeasible, request the Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the process for the city to be a host of future National Invitation Tournaments (NIT).”

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the requirements and parameters associated with bringing the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Division I March Madness Tournament to the city.” (See Item #18i CC).

Councilor King moved to further amend the item to include the words, “and Women’s.”

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman and Councilor Mitra for second times, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Economic Development Committee as amended. Referred to Economic Development Committee as amended on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bilotta, King, Ojeda)

- 10i.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the city's current drought and reservoir levels, entering into the spring and summer season. (Petty)

Mayor Petty read the item.

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10j.** Request City Manager work with the Chief Development Officer and appropriate Cultural Division staff members to organize watch parties and other events for all communities represented in Foxborough during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Said taskforce should include, but not be limited to, representation from the Ghanaian, Haitian, Moroccan, Scottish, English, French and Norwegian communities. (Petty)

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King moved to add the entire City Council as sponsors of the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10k.** Request City Manager consider assembling a group of third-party public works experts specializing in winter weather operations to provide City Council with a report concerning best practices as they relate to DPW winter weather operations. Said report should be provided prior to the upcoming budget. (Bergman)

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

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

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 provide City Council with a report detailing succession planning within the Department of Public Works (DPW). Said report should include, but not be limited to, information concerning career and educational development programs provided to the department’s employees, as well as how and to what degree each employee’s assigned workload impacts their ability to access said programs.” (See Item #18j CC).

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

11. RESOLUTIONS

- 11a.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support and recognize March of 2026 as Women’s History Month in the City of Worcester and that the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby call upon its public officials, community members and residents to observe in the celebration of Women’s History Month by participating in the various happenings that honor the many achievements of women throughout history. (Toomey, Rivera, Bilotta, Petty)

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King and Councilor Mitra, who moved to add their name as sponsors of the item.

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

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

- 11b.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby expresses its support for the designation of the basketball court at Greenwood Park in honor of Nancy Mayer Bates, creating a lasting tribute that will inspire future generations of athletes and community leaders. (King, Petty)

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)

12. COMMUNICATIONS

- 12a.** Eric D. Batista, City Manager, recommend the adoption of a Loan Order in the amount of Twenty-Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,500,000.00) to address the final judgment in the 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 advertise the proposed Loan Order. Voted to advertise proposed Loan Order on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

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

- 12b.** Eric D. Batista, City Manager, recommend that Ten Million Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000,000.00) be transferred from Fund #FD202-940101, Sewer Reserves, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1025-610100, Sewer Ordinary Maintenance.

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.

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

13. REPORTS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 13a.** REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Paul A. Dubrey, Jr., on behalf of Highland Associates of Worcester No. 2 LLC, request the zoning map of the city, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, be amended by: 1) changing the zoning designation of the portions of 3 Suburban Rd. that are currently within the RS-7 zoning district to the RG-5 zoning district; and 2) changing the zoning designation of 1 Suburban Rd. from its current zoning designation of RS-7 to RG-5 (see attached).

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee

- 13b.** REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Amended Petition of Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of Janice and Mark St. Amand request Viele Ave., from 660' north of Darling St. to Lorenz St., and Darling St., 303' east to Pierce Ave. be converted public roads.

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

14. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- 14a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the status of ALERTWorcester: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #14a CC and #14b CC. Accepted

- 14b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Fire Department's Public Education Units: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #14a CC)

15. TO BE ORDAINED

- 15a.** Amending Article 6 of Part Two of the Revised Ordinances of 2015 relative to the term of Constables.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #15a CC and #15b CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 15b.** Amending Article 15 of Part Two of the Revised Ordinances of 2015 establishing the Advisory Commission on African American and Black Affairs.

Amending Article 15 of Part Two of the Revised Ordinances of 2015 establishing the Advisory Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs.

Two (2) Ordinances Ordained on a roll vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)

16. TABLED ITEMS

- 16a.** 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

- 16b.** 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

16c. 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

16d. 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

16e. 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

16f. 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

17. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the March 10, 2026 City Council meeting.

17a. RESOLUTION of Councilor Satya B. Mitra and Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby reaffirm its commitment to upholding Subsection F of Section 35A of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 relative to the general requirements and assurances associated with Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreements granted by the City of Worcester, including any agreement to the Menkiti Group for 401-409 Main St., be declaring its intent to rescind any such agreement found out of future compliance with the rules and regulations set forth in said Responsible Development Ordinance (RDO). – Item #22a CC Resolution adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 4 Nays

17b. RESOLUTION of Councilor Gary Rosen – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby resolve that any infraction of the city's Responsible Development Ordinance (RDO) by the Menkiti Group, its contractors or its subcontractors in its Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) agreement for the housing project at 401-409 Main St. will automatically result in a clawback of taxes already forgiven, as well as an elimination of future tax benefits on the aforementioned project. – Item #22b CC Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay

- 17c. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager work with the appropriate representatives from The Menkiti Group to provide City Council with a corrective action plan, as it relates to any infractions to the city’s Responsible Development Ordinance (RDO). – Item #22c CC Order adopted
- 17d. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with increased communication and reports concerning properties the Worcester Redevelopment Authority takes various actions on. – Item #22d CC Order adopted
- 17e. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with an updated report concerning the city’s plans as it relates to redeveloping the Worcester Memorial Auditorium, located at 2 Highland St. – Item #22e CC Order adopted
- 17f. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any collaborations between the city administration and Worcester Public Schools (WPS) related to the capacity and timeline for initiating a pilot program for deploying cameras to catch people who illegally pass stopped school busses. – Item #22f CC Order adopted
- 17g. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether Brockton is enforcing their program where cameras are used to catch people who illegally pass stopped school busses. – Item #22g CC Order adopted
- 17h. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any traffic challenges and safety issues related to cars turning in the vicinity of the Main St., Grove St., Highland St., Lincoln St., and Major Taylor Blvd. area. – Item #22h CC Order adopted
- 17i. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report outlining an independent interpretation of appropriate instances for the City Council to Hold an Item Under Personal Privilege. Further, request said report include information concerning whether there have been any instances where the City Council Held an Item Under Privilege after it was taken off the Table following two instances where it had been Held Under Privilege. – Item #22i CC Order adopted

18. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the March 17, 2026 City Council meeting.

- 18a. Motion King @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the process used by the Law Office to address and investigate claims filed against the city, the role of the claims agent and claims agent assistant, and whether the department has the capacity to address each claim in a way that meets the needs of the city’s residents. Further, request said report include information concerning the process used by the Law Office to address personal injury claims and/or lawsuits, as well as the responsible role for addressing such claims and/or lawsuits.

Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)

- 18b.** Motion King @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any contingency plans in place should the city’s new notification system, RapidSOS, encounter any difficulties.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 18c.** Motion Petty @ #10d CC – Request City Manager consider creating a financial plan to allocate additional funding in the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget that would aid in addressing street resurfacing repairs throughout the city.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 18d.** Motion Toomey @ #10d CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the impact that increased costs to oil may have on the city’s budget, as it relates to the purchasing of bituminous products used to resurface streets.
Order adopted (See Item #10d CC)
- 18e.** Motion King @ #10g CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any impact using low-maintenance materials in median and sidewalk strips in lieu of grass would have on: 1) locations where there is a heat island effect; 2) pedestrian refuge; and 3) traffic calming measures.
Order adopted (See Item #10g CC)
- 18f.** Motion King @ #10h CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the number of years the city has hosted the NCAA’s Ice Hockey tournaments at the DCU Center, as well as any plans to host the event in the future.
Order adopted (See Item #10h CC)
- 18g.** Motion Rivera @ #10h CC – Request Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the feasibility of bringing the U.S. Olympic Boxing Trials back to the city, as well as any other USA Boxing, formerly known as the United States Boxing Federation, events.
Referred to Economic Development Committee (See Item #10h CC)
- 18h.** Motion Bergman @ #10h CC – Request Standing Committee on Economic Development explore the criteria and deadlines for the city to apply to be a host city for each sports’ NCAA tournament for the purpose of providing City Council with timeframes and the process relative to said individual applications.
Referred to Economic Development Committee (See Item #10h CC)
- 18i.** Motion King @ #10h CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the requirements and parameters associated with bringing the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Division I March Madness Tournament to the city.
Order adopted (See Item #10h CC)

- 18j.** Motion King @ #10k CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing succession planning within the Department of Public Works (DPW). Said report should include, but not be limited to, information concerning career and educational development programs provided to the department’s employees, as well as how and to what degree each employee’s assigned workload impacts their ability to access said programs.

Order adopted (See Item #10k CC)