

CITY OF WORCESTER

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Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:32 P.M.

Adjourned: 10:58 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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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 6:36 P.M., and Councilor Toomey, who arrived at 6:33 p.m. Councilor King participated in the meeting remotely.

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 March 31, 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. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7a CC
2. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7a CC, #18a CC, #28a CC, and #28c CC
3. Mauro DePasquale, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #16j CC
4. Kara Goodier, (no residence given), spoke in favor of item #7a CC
5. Arianna Power, (no residence given), spoke in favor of item #7a CC
6. Thomasina Levesque, (no residence given), spoke in favor of item #7a CC
7. Livia Keller, Northbridge resident, spoke in favor of item #7a CC
8. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7a CC
9. Feanna Jattan-Singh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7a CC and spoke in opposition to item #27c CC
10. Tracy O'Connell Novick, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #16c CC and #20a CC
11. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #27c CC and spoke in favor of item #28f CC
12. David Webb, Olympia, WA resident, spoke in favor of items #7a CC and #13a CC, and spoke in opposition to items #9a CC and #27c CC
13. Ashley Spring, Palm Harbor, FL resident, spoke in favor of item #7a CC, #13a CC, #18a CC, and #27a CC and spoke in opposition to item #27c CC
14. Margot Barnet, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7a CC and spoke in opposition to item #27c CC
15. Jenny Papagni, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #14i CC and #14j CC

7. FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS - RESOLUTION

7a. RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby go in support of UMass Memorial Health immediately convening stakeholders in Municipal and State Government, the community, and SEIU union representation to disclose their transition plan for their Community Healthlink (CHL) mental health and substance abuse services to new providers in an uninterrupted manner. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)

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

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

8. FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS - REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

8a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Upon the Order of Councilor Gary Rosen - Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services hold a public hearing for the purpose of making a recommendation to the City Council concerning the advisability of endorsing and supporting H.1370 (An Act Relative to Massachusetts Primary Care for You, filed by Representative Rich Haggerty), S.867 (An Act Relative to Primary Care for You, filed by Senator Cindy Friedman), and H.2537 (An Act Relative to Primary Care Access, filed by Representative Greg Schwartz). Said bills have already been endorsed by the Worcester Board of Health, the cities of Springfield and Cambridge, the Mass. Medical Society and UMass Memorial Health, among several other major medical societies and advocacy organizations both regionally and nationally. Said historic Primary Care legislation, known as Primary Care for You (PC4YOU), will increase access to Primary Care making it free for the patients of practices that opt-in (no copays or deductibles), and will dramatically decrease health inequities in Massachusetts: recommend passage of the accompanying Resolution that the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby endorse and support H.1370 (An Act Relative to Massachusetts Primary Care for You, filed by Representative Rich Haggerty), H.2537 (An Act Relative to Primary Care Access, filed by Representative Greg Schwartz), and S.867 (An Act Relative to Primary Care for You, filed by Senator Cindy Friedman). (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to recuse himself from the item and left the room.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman recused)

9. FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS - REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

9a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Upon the Order of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - Request Standing Committee on Public Safety invite the Police Chief to a public discussion regarding ShotSpotter, including any benefits or neighborhood impacts its utilization may provide: recommend Order be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)

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

10. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING – PART I

- 10a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen B. Harris request all speed humps be painted yellow: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #10a CC through #10z CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 10b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Patrick Grady request installation of clear markings and signage in the vicinity of the existing speed hump located at 19 Milton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King on behalf of Laura McCormick request installation of a speed table on Ararat St. in the vicinity of Indian Hill Park, located at 165 Ararat St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo and Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Margaret Lynch request the review of the potential installation of speed tables on Forest St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Dennis Cohen request installation of speed humps on Lynnwood Ln.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Barbara Clifford request installation of speed humps on West Chester St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of speed humps on Edgeworth St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)

- 10h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Melissa Trotta request installation of a speed hump in the vicinity of 107-110 Orient St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Luciano Gomez Alvarado request installation of speed humps on Glen St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Brendaliz Brown request installation of speed humps on Whipple St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Paul Croteau request installation of three (3) speed humps on Upland Gardens Dr., each to be in front of the three (3) bus stops on the street: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Grisel Carrasquillo et al. request installation of speed humps on Puritan Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Suhaib Ahmad request installation of speed humps on Dana Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Claudia Minaya request installation of speed humps on Massasoit Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Kristin and Jonathan Cressman request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of 31 Halmstad St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)

- 10p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Anthony Butkus request installation of temporary speed humps on Barclay St. at its intersection with Harrison St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joseph Borrelli request installation of speed hump on Nanita St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Francis Dina request installation of a speed hump in front of 8 Brightwood Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Danies Lu et al. request installation of speed humps on Commonwealth Ave. in the vicinity of each stop sign on the street: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Albert Encarnacion request Enid St. be reviewed for the installation of traffic calming measures, including speed humps: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King request installation of speed humps on Forsberg St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King request installation of speed humps on Victoria Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10w.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Christopher Sacco et al. request installation of speed humps on Middlesex Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)

- 10x.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Samuel Hernandez request installation of speed humps on Pilgrim Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10y.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Munish Verma request installation of a speed hump in the vicinity of 6 Boston Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)
- 10z.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yeni Jimenez request installation of speed humps in front of 19 Boston Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)

11. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING – PART II

- 11a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Yessica Rivas request installation of speed humps on Malmo St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #11a CC through #11z CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 11b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of James McCoy request installation of speed humps on Davidson Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Donna Vayo request installation of two (2) speed humps on Grammont Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor John P. Fresolo on behalf of David Rischitelli request installation of speed humps on Travis St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jasmine Hollins-Gadbois request installation of speed humps between 1 and 31 Kingsbury St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)

- 11f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Yanczewski et al. request installation of speed humps on Ward St. between Endicott St. and Vernon St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jacqueline Coppedge et al. request installation of speed humps at the corner of Russell St. and Elm St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Maria V. Montano request installation of a speed hump in the vicinity of 50 Freeland St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ruben Calderon-Brito request installation of speed humps on Eureka St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Beverly Bailey request installation of speed humps on the public portion of Potomska St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Bruce Brooks request installation of speed humps on Carlisle St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yogenia Charry request installation of speed humps on Manor St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yogenia Charry request installation of speed humps on Hartshorn Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)

- 11n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Paul DePalo request installation of speed humps on Underwood St. between Hartshorn Ave. and May St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jennifer Cleary et al. request installation of two (2) permanent speed humps at the bottom of both hills on Moreland Green Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Barry Stephen Sullivan request installation of speed humps on Fiske St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Etel Haxhij request installation of speed humps on the northern section of Moore Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Brian Dutremble request installation of temporary speed humps on Wamsutta Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Alyssa Rogers request installation of speed humps on Clover St. in the vicinity of Edlin St. and Knox St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Wadsworth and Ann McCrea request installation of speed hump on Grand View Ave. between Main St. and Abington St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Daniel F. Deedy request installation of speed humps on June St. between the intersection of June St. and May St. to the vicinity of 341 June St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)

- 11v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Debra Army request installation of speed humps on Parsons Hill Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11w.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of speed humps on Flagg St. between Pleasant St. and Audubon Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11x.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Brianne Erban requests speed humps on Delawanda Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11y.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Gordon Jon Davis request installation of speed humps on Varnum St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11z.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Katherine O'Leary request installation of temporary speed humps on Lovell St. going up hill toward May St. in the vicinity of the rotary.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)

12. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING – PART III

- 12a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty request installation of two (2) speed humps on Cowden St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #12a CC through #12h CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 12b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen Smith et al. request installation of speed humps on Cowden St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)

- 12c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Harold Boucher request installation of speed humps on the straight section of Olean St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Dheya Kaaed request installation of speed humps on Paradox Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Saif Alsalihi request installation of speed humps on Ludlow St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ian Jolin et al. request installation of speed humps on Hadwen Ln.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Rafael and Ann Ortiz request installation of speed humps on Brookline St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Nathalie Gibson request reinstallation of two (2) speed humps on Fourth St. in the vicinity of 31 and 33 Fourth St. and 62 and 67 Fourth St.: recommend Petition be placed on file. (Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)

13. FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS - HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 13a.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the current process used by the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Emergency Communications and Management Department when responding to mental health-related emergencies, as well as any initiatives, measures, or programs the City has adopted related to current process used by the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and Emergency Communications and Management Department when responding to mental health-related emergencies. (Held Under Privilege - King March 31, 2026 and Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing data tracked by the Crisis Response Team (CRT) and Worcester Police Department (WPD) relative to the percentage of residents that went inpatient as a result of WPD’s co-response program and remained in the community without an arrest as a result of said program. Further, request said report include information concerning the number of times said individuals encountered the co-response team.” (See Item #30a CC).

Councilor King then moved, “Request City Manager organize an Executive Session at a future City Council meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy with respect to the case of National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Mass., et al. v. City of Worcester.” (See Item #30b CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning recommendations related to the continued expansion of the Crisis Response Team (CRT) in the city and/or clinician availability, enhancing dispatch triage, strengthening partnerships with local providers and exploring alternative response models for the CRT program, where appropriate. Further, request said report include information as to the required resources, staffing, funding or partnerships required to expand the program, including state and federal funding that can be leveraged for such an expansion.” (See Item #30c CC).

Mayor Petty 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 Rosen, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for the second time, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report comparing the Crisis Response Team (CRT) Model Pilot Program structure and current co-response practices used by the Worcester Police Department (WPD) to identify and address the gaps in services offered by the two (2) programs.” – Withdrawn.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey for the second time, 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

- 13b.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Education invite the Chief Financial Officer and Worcester Public Schools Chief Financial and Operations Officer to an upcoming meeting for the purpose of the administration providing a presentation relative to the WPS Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27). (Held Under Privilege - Toomey March 31, 2026 and Held to be First Item of Business - Petty April 14, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #15.26A CM.

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

Mayor Petty moved to separate Page No. 1 of Item #15.26A CM as a new item which reads as follows, "Transmitting informational communication relative to a financial update concerning the schedule of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance relative to the Education general fund." (See Item #30d CC).

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

14. PETITIONS

- 14a.** Seth Wittner request installation of one (1) or more benches on Lincoln St. in the vicinity of its intersection with Trinity Ave. and Lincoln Plaza.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #14a CC and #14b CC to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery. Referred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 14b.** Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of Martin Andrew Tribandis request removal of city shade trees in the vicinity of 43 Squantum St., due to concerns around powerlines near the tree (see attached).

Referred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)

- 14c.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk on Northampton St. between Westminster St. and Windsor St. be resurfaced.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #14c CC through #14j CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 14d.** Councilor Gary Rosen request sidewalk repair in front of 1 Geneva St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)

- 14e.** Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Isaac Dube request the sidewalk on the Whitman Rd. side of 242 Salisbury St. be resurfaced.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)

- 14f.** Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of David Reed request the existing sidewalk on the odd side of Rexhame Rd. be extended to include the Rexhame Rd. side of 205 Burncoat St.

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)

- 14g.** Joseph Buduo on behalf of College of the Holy Cross request water main extension on McKeon Rd. by approximately 130 feet, as shown on the plans prepared by the Waterfield Design Group, Inc. dated November 7, 2025, entitled, "McKeon Road Water Main, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts - Bid Documents" at the applicant's expense.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)
- 14h.** Carlos Burgos request Whitmarsh Ave. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)
- 14i.** Jenny Papagni request installation of an additional streetlight in the vicinity of 16 Kelley Sq.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)
- 14j.** Jenny Papagni request installation of an additional streetlight in the vicinity of 4-18 Millbury St.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14c CC)
- 14k.** Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Sarah Holm request installation of a speed hump on Oakview St., in the interest of public safety.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer to items #14k CC through #14t CC. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 14l.** Evelyn Bambo request resident permit parking be installed on Lewis St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)
- 14m.** Rozann Fowler et al. request installation of "School Bus Parking Only During School Hours" signage in front of Columbus Park Preparatory Academy, located at 75 Lovell St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)
- 14n.** Rozann Fowler et al. request installation of fog lines on Lovell St. in the vicinity of Columbus Park Preparatory Academy, located at 75 Lovell St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)
- 14o.** Mary Onstott request installation of a speed hump on Pilgrim Ave. between Plantation St. and Hamilton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)
- 14p.** Walas Almeida request installation of speed limit signage facing traffic traveling downhill in the vicinity of 604 Burncoat St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)

- 14q.** Joseph Scanlon request the pedestrian crossing signals at the Webster St., Cambridge St., and Main St. intersection be reviewed and fixed to activate only when the crosswalk button is pressed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)
- 14r.** Jada Luv Richardson and Milaysia Banks request existing resident permit parking zone on Clement St. include 3 and 3A Clement St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)
- 14s.** Councilor Tony Economou request installation of a handicap parking space on Main St. near its corner with Maple St. and in front of 370 Main St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)
- 14t.** Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Jason Dasilva request installation of two (2) hour parking directly in front of 43 and 47 Stafford St., with parking being allowed closest to the curb and the bike lane being made more consistent with other sections of Stafford St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14k CC)
- 14u.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: PENN AVE.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set hearings on May 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for items #14u CC through #14w CC. Hearing set for May 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 14v.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: THORNDYKE RD.
Hearing set for May 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14u CC)
- 14w.** VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. for a conduit location at: LAKESIDE AVE.
Hearing set for May 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14u CC)

15. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

15.1 APPOINTMENTS
Non-City Council Confirmation

15.2 APPOINTMENTS
City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommending the reappointment of John Diccio and Paul Franco to the Elections Commission.

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

15.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
William Bagley, Jr., Esq., Chief Human Resources Officer

- A. Recommend the passage of the proposed salary ordinance to enable the regrade of the Medical Director job classification.

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

15.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Recommend adoption of order relative to the acquisition of 16 Romola Road (f/k/a 0 Nelson Place) for conservation purposes.

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

15.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION
Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer

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

15.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Administration Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2025-2026 Winter Operations.

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing costs associated with pothole repairs per centerline mile in the city compared to communities with similar centerline mileage such as Boston, Springfield, and Manchester, NH. Further, request said report be provided prior to the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget hearings for further discussion.” (See Item #30e CC).

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

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

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

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

Councilor Ojeda then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of utilizing the Anna Maria College property, located at 50 Sunset Ln., Paxton, as a salt shed location for winter operations due to its close proximity to the Worcester Regional Airport in an effort to mitigate supply pick up travel time.” (See Item #30f CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty 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

15.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering and Architectural Services Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

15.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Operations Division

John K. Westerling, Commissioner

15.10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY

Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner

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

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the 2025 Tree City USA Awards.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery and City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

15.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

15.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

15.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

15.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

15.15 LAW DEPARTMENT

Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor

15.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Administration

Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the transition to a risk based food permitting inspection system for establishments serving food.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

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

(Note: Items pertaining to the Department of Inspectional Services are considered matters of the Public Safety Committee per Rules Appendix B – Committees of the City Council Section E. Committee on Public Safety.)

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rosen.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee.

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mitra.

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

Mayor Petty 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

15.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Building and Zoning Division

David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner

- 15.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Housing and Health Inspections Division
Lee R. Hall, Director
- 15.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Administration
Seema Dixon, Commissioner
- 15.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 15.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Alex R. Arriaga, Interim Veterans Services Director
- 15.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Opportunities
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 15.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 15.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 15.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Brian Allen, Superintendent
- 15.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Administration
Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a financial update for the period ending Feb. 28, 2026.
Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13b CC)
- 15.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

15.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

15.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

15.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

15.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

15.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

15.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

15.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

15.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Ninety-Five Thousand, One-Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$95,125.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts FY26 Community Compact IT Grant.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #15.35A CM, #15.35B CM, #15.36A CM through #15.36E CM except for #15.36B CM and #15.36E CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$140,000.00) from the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office Local Consumer Assistance Program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15.35A CM)

15.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1001-600100, City Council Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1001-610100, City Council Ordinary Maintenance.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Twenty Nine cents (\$3,323.29) be transferred from Fund #FD313, RRA-Damage Settlements, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1081-610100, Transportation & Mobility Ordinary Maintenance.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #15.36E CM.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report consisting of the details related to the no fault motor vehicle accidents involving Worcester Police Department (WPD) vehicles referenced in Item #15.36E CM on the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting.” (See Item #30g CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt Councilor King’s motion item #30g CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, Fresolo, King, Ojeda, Rivera, Rosen, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Toomey).

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

- C. Recommend that One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$165,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1081-600100, Transportation & Mobility Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1081-610100, Transportation & Mobility Ordinary Maintenance.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15.35A CM)

- D. Recommend that Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$370,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1026-600100, Water Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1026-601100, Water Overtime.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15.35A CM)

- E. Recommend that Thirty-Seven Thousand Eighty-Seven Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$37,087.17) be transferred from Fund #FD313, Damage Settlements, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1040-610100, Police Ordinary Maintenance.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15.36B CM)

15.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

15.38 FINANCE

Loan Orders

15.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

16. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 16a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer hold discussions with the developers of the former Table Talk Pies property to determine appropriate ways to recognize the historical significance of Table Talk Pie at the location.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #16a CC through #16r CC.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 16b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager work with Preservation Worcester and the Museum of Worcester to create a plan to identify and recognize significant businesses that were originally located in Worcester.

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

- 16c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing when trains at Union Station come in/out of Worcester to/from Boston.

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

- 16d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with a report concerning the available resources, including but not limited to private and public capital, federal and state loans/funding programs, and monies from colleges and universities in the city, to create a pilot program that provides seed money for graduates of said colleges and universities to start businesses in the city.

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

- 16e. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report detailing how the Sale of Lots and Graves fund can be used at Hope Cemetery.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16r CC)
- 16f. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Auditor provide City Council with an annual report of grant expenditures. Said annual report should include, but not be limited to, the process relative to monitoring expenditures, total expenditures, itemized uses of grant funds, and school allocation grants.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16r CC)
- 16g. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -**
Request City Auditor provide City Council with an annual report detailing how and where Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds are allocated, including information concerning the balances remaining from unused funds.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16r CC)
- 16h. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION -**
Request City Manager work with the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility and the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide outreach to residents, businesses and schools in the Vernon Hill and Kelly Square neighborhoods to gather feedback for the Vernon Street/I-290 Interchange Transportation Study.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16i. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION -**
Request City Manager work with the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility and the Superintendent of Public Schools to provide presentations concerning the Vernon Street/I-290 Interchange Transportation Study to Worcester Public Schools (WPS) students.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16j. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION -**
Request City Manager review the franchise fees associated with Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) access support to determine the feasibility of restructuring said fees to provide more funding to WCCA TV.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16k. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING -** Request City Manager request Police Chief provide additional traffic enforcement on Richmond Ave.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

- 16l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility develop a concept design for an intersection realignment to be constructed by the Department of Public Works when either Minthorne St. or Clive St. are reconstructed.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility prioritize the repair of maintenance related issues identified at the traffic signal located at 11 Lake Ave.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the intersection at 11 Lake Ave. for the feasibility of installing a pedestrian refuge island.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a heavy vehicle exclusion study according to MassDOT requirements, pending funding.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16p.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery provide City Council with an update concerning plans to install pickleball courts at Green Hill Park.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16q.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery provide City Council with an update concerning the second phase of the plans to install solar-powered lights at the Beaver Brook Dog Park.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)
- 16r.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery provide City Council with a report concerning potential appropriate locations for the implementation of poured-in place rubber medians and sidewalk strips.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16a CC)

17. ORDERS

- 17a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby amend its meeting schedule for the ensuing dates as follows, to better accommodate the Budget Hearing Schedule for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27): May 12, 2026 – No Meeting – Budget Hearings Only; May 19, 2026 – Joint Agenda; May 26, 2026 – No Meeting – Budget Hearings Only; June 2, 2026 – Joint Agenda; and June 9, 2026 – City Council Agenda. (Petty)

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for the second time, 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

- 17b. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the current city ordinance related to excessive and unreasonable noise levels in the city. Further, request said report include information concerning the department or departments tasked with enforcing such an ordinance. (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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)

- 17c. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works review and repair the existing guardrail on May St. near its intersection with Mann St. (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

- 17d. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works repaint the crosswalks at the intersection of Lake View St. and Coburn Ave. (Bilotta)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #17d CC through #17i CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 17e. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works repaint the crosswalks at the intersection of Hamilton St. and Harrington Way. (Bilotta)

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17d CC)

- 17f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works repaint the crosswalks at the intersection of Bigelow Davis Pkwy. and Lake Ave. (Bilotta)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17d CC)
- 17g.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works repaint the crosswalks at the intersection of Providence St. and Harrison St. (Bilotta)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17d CC)
- 17h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works repaint the crosswalks at the intersection of Harrison St. and Blake St. (Bilotta)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17d CC)
- 17i.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works repaint the crosswalks at the intersection of Boardman St. and West Boylston St. (Bilotta)
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #17d CC)
- 17j.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works consider discontinuing the practice of allowing for public overnight parking in the DPW parking lot located at 8 Fantasia Dr. (Bilotta)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, 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
- 17k.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works immediately review and remove sharp chards on Sunny Hill Rd. resulting from failing chip seal on the road. (Rivera, Bergman)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman and Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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
- 17l.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether there is enough affordable city, state, public, private, and college-owned pools, as well as local lakes and ponds, in the city to ensure the city can avoid summer closures and provide swimming lessons and swimming opportunities for the city's youth. Further, request said report also review the availability of any federal and state funding that can be applied for to build a swimming pool at Beaver Brook Park. (Rosen, Rivera)
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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (King absent)

- 17m.** Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services review Metrik, the Commonwealth's new public health data and workflow platform. With Metrik, the Department of Public Health (DPH) strives to help municipalities reduce administrative burdens, improve visibility into local trends, enhance the ability of communities to provide efficient and effective public health services, and ensure access to the same secure, high-quality reporting tools throughout the Commonwealth. (Rosen)

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

Mayor Petty 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

- 17n.** Request Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services hold one (1) or more public hearings to discuss the state of youth mental health in the city, including whether more needs to be done to provide care, treatment and hope to struggling youth in the city who are experiencing mental, behavioral and addiction health issues, among others. (Rosen, King, Fresolo)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rosen, Councilor King and Councilor Fresolo, 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 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

- 17o.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning when bids for the opportunity to rent the restaurant space located within Union Station will be available, as the current lease for the space expires prior to July 1, 2026. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item to include, "Further, request said update include lease agreements relative to other spaces in Union Station and information relative to any Worcester Redevelopment Authority (WRA) work being done at the location."

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

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

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

18. RESOLUTIONS

- 18a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby go on record in opposition to the November Massachusetts ballot question which seeks to roll back marijuana legalization in the Commonwealth. If this ballot question passes, recreational marijuana shops would have to convert to medical marijuana shops and adults would lose their right to cultivate cannabis at home. (Rosen)

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman, Toomey abstained)

19. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending

20. COMMUNICATION

- 20a. Communication of Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "The Promises of the Worcester/Framingham Line: Examining Infrastructure Improvements and Potential Ridership Across the Line."

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

21. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 21a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of a resolution for a certified project designation / tax increment financing agreement for Resource Center Worcester, LLC at 134 Gold St. : recommend adoption of the accompanying Resolution.

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

- 21b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to Economic Development Initiatives: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #21b CC through #21e CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 21c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on Housing & Neighborhood Development Activities: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21b CC)

21d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the Fiscal Year 2026 grantmaking process of the Worcester Arts Council: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21b CC)

21e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the status of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21b CC)

22. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

22a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication detailing an itemized list of the City's Special Revenue Funds for the year ended June 30, 2025 including City and School grants, donations and revolving funds and other funds required to be included in the Special Revenue group of funds under laws and regulations by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #22a CC through #22c CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

22b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication detailing the feasibility of providing City Council with an annual or bi-annual report related to grants processed by the city: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

22c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication relative to the revenue received by the city from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) surcharge: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #22a CC)

23. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION

- 23a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION** Upon the Order of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation invite the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to a meeting to discuss the ongoing Vernon Street/I-290 Interchange Transportation Study: recommend Order be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #23a CC and #23b CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 23b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION** Upon the Order of Gary Rosen - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation invite representatives from WCCA TV 194 to discuss the progress, achievements and future of the public access TV station and community media center: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #23a CC)

24. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 24a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Erik Vickstrom request installation of rapid rectangular flashing beacons at the crosswalk on Pleasant St. at its intersection with Huntley St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #24a CC through #24c CC. Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 24b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Nicole Anuszczyk request installation of additional speed limit signage on Blackstone River Rd.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24a CC)

- 24c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Nicole Anuszczyk request installation of additional speed limit signage on Greenwood St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and Adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24a CC)

- 24d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Salah Alzuhairy request removal of a handicap parking space at 125 Chino Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #24d CC through #24w CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 24e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Salah Alzuhairy request installation of a handicap parking space at 25 Hooper St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)

- 24f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Randy Chapdelaine request installation of speed humps on Enid St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joseph Zwirblia request installation of speed humps on Fourth St., in the vicinity of 4 Fourth St., as well as at other locations throughout the street: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Robert Sala request installation of speed humps on Copperfield Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Lisa McHugh request installation of a speed hump on Standish St. between Cohasset St. and Hamilton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Gina Spreadbury request installation of permanent speed humps on Moreland Green Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Shauna Gaffney request installation of speed humps on Blackstone River Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Michael J. Grandone request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage where Vernon St. and Winthrop St. intersect, on one side of the street: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Elena Lapriore Rivera request removal of the "No Parking Anytime" restriction on the odd side of Blodgett Pl.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Mark Rubin request increased speed and truck traffic enforcement on Richmond Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)

- 24o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj on behalf of the Columbus Park Neighborhood Association request installation of a stop sign at the corner of Minthorne St. and Clive St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Marielis Colon request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Pilgrim Ave. and Cohasset St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of William McCarthy et al. request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Davenport St. and Electric St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Laurie Ghiz request installation of flashing traffic lights at 11 Lake Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen B. Harris request the three (3) lanes headed north at the intersection of Norton Dr. and Shore Dr. be reviewed for the purposes of making the middle lane a left turn/straight lane: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Scott Dworman request installation of lane-use control signage at the intersection of Norton Dr. and Shore Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Stephen B. Harris request a traffic study be conducted on Highland St. for the purpose of installing crosswalk signals near the entrance of Doherty Memorial High School (299 Highland St.) and its intersection with Suburban Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)
- 24v.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of a truck ban/weight restriction on North Pkwy.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)

24w. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sean Lovely on behalf of the tenants of the Webster Square Towers (1050-1060 Main St.) request angled lines be painted on Main St. in the vicinity of the Webster Square Towers to discourage motorists from blocking the driveway of the property: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #24d CC)

25. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION

25a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the proposed Purple Heart and Gold Star Memorials: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #25a CC through #25o CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

25b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report listing all permitted festivals in 2025 that includes the permit fees paid by each applicant and whether any funds are currently owed: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to 2026 Arbor Day: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the new Green Hill Park Community Garden planning application: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting an informational communication concerning the feasibility of installing water bubblers in the city's parks that prioritizes Recreation Worcester locations: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on Bennett Field: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25g. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Petition of Patrick W. Grady request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with report concerning additional updates regarding the status of the renovations to and reopening of Bennett Field and funding not yet secured for Phase II and Phase III of the plan outlined in communications conveyed on June 18, 2024: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25h. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Petition of Frederick Rushton request City Council request City Manager establish a citywide plan to establish at a minimum 30 pickleball courts by modifying some of the underutilized tennis courts in the city or establishing new courts similar to all the other towns surrounding Worcester. Further, request City Council work with the School administration to establish a minimum of 8 courts at or next to the four city junior high schools to help expand at the school the sports opportunities for middle school children: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25i. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Petition of Brian Bickford request installation of lighting at the Beaver Brook Dog Park on Mann St., operating from dusk until the park closes: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25j. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Petition of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj on behalf of Serge Belozarov request installation of a second basketball court at Logan Field: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25k. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Order of Councilor John P. Fresolo - 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: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25l. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Order of Councilor John P. Fresolo - 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: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25m. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Order of Councilor Gary Rosen and Councilor John P. Fresolo - Request Standing Committee on Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation host a discussion between the city, the Friends of Institute Park, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), and all other interested parties concerning making improvements to Institute Park, located in District 2 at 82 Salisbury St., as well as the sixteen (16) acre, man-made Salisbury Pond, located inside the park. Said beautiful and iconic park was named in recognition of WPI and donated by Stephen Salisbury, III in 1887 to provide green space for the school and the city. Said discussion should include strengthening the partnerships between all parties associated with the park's wellbeing, clearing the pond's perimeter of invasive growth, restoring/replacing the park's corroded restroom fixtures, sprucing up the park's branded entrance sign, and opening the never-used snack bar hidden away in the restroom concession building: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25n. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon the Chairman's Order from the Committee on Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation - Request Standing Committee on Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation invite representatives from Friends of Newton Hill and the Newton Square Neighborhood, South Lenox Street Neighborhood, and Saxon Road Neighborhood Groups to a public forum for the purpose of demonstrating to said groups a presentation relative to the planned improvements to Newton Square in Elm Park and to promote community engagement with the project: recommend Chairman's Order be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

25o. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION Upon Order of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Jenny Pacillo - Request City Manager install cameras on Newton Hill in an effort to address neighborhood concerns relative to nuisance issues in the area: recommend Order be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #25a CC)

26. TO BE ORDAINED

26a. Amending Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Relative to Non-Criminal Fines and Penalties for Illegal Dumping.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to ordain the item. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

27. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 27a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the designated “Union Representative” seat on the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA), as the term for the position expired on November 30, 2025. Further, request said report include information related to an overview of the appointment process used for the position, as well as the timeline for filling the vacancy. (Held Under Privilege - Bergman April 14, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to recuse himself from the item and left the room.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the designated “State Representative” seat on the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA) Board.” (See Item #30h CC).

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

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

Councilor Bergman then moved to place the item on file.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Bergman’s motion to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bilotta, King, Ojeda) (Fresolo recused)

- 27b. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommending adoption of Housing Development Certified Project / Tax Increment Exemption Amendment for 39 Green Island Boulevard. (Held Under Privilege - Bilotta April 14, 2026)

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Deputy City Clerk and the Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

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

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

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

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

27c. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommending adoption of a pause in the enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code in response to a city council order. (Held Under Privilege - King April 14, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor ensure City Council is provided information related to the process to opt out of any legislation prior to the administration recommending the adoption of a new Mass. General Law, State Statute, or any other legislation requiring City Council approval.” (See Item #30i CC).

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report detailing the status of the one hundred three (103) active, permitted projects for residential properties in the city. Further, request said report include a detailed analysis of the numbers of residential permits submitted and approved before and after the Specialized Stretch Code activation date that includes the economic impact of each project.” (See Item #30j CC).

Chairperson Councilor Toomey recognized Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item.

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to suspend the rules to allow additional time for Councilor King to speak on the item. Motion denied on a roll call vote of 2 Yeas and 8 Nays (Bergman absent) (Yeas – King, Ojeda) (Nays – Bilotta, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 27d. COMMUNICATION** of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to residential chicken keeping. (Held Under Privilege - King April 14, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King and Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for the second time, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and the Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for the third time, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey and Councilor Mitra, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Economou, who moved to place the item on file.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for the fourth time, who spoke concerning the item.
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rivera for the second time, who spoke concerning the item.
- Chairperson Councilor Toomey recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item.
- Chairperson Councilor Toomey recognized Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Mayor Petty.
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Economou's motion to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Bilotta, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – King, Ojeda)
- 27e. ORDER** of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta - Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report concerning the scrivener's error on the 4th Quarter tax bills that caused the date on the remittance to not be updated from the 3rd Quarter due date of February 2, 2026, to the correct 4th Quarter bill due date of May 1, 2026. (Held Under Privilege - Petty April 14, 2026)
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

28. TABLED ITEMS

28a. 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

28b. 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

28c. 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

28d. 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

28e. 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

28f. 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

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

- 29a.** RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby go in support of UMass Memorial Health immediately convening stakeholders in Municipal and State Government, the community, and SEIU union representation to disclose their transition plan for their Community Healthlink (CHL) mental health and substance abuse services to new providers in an uninterrupted manner. – Item #22a CC Held to be the First Item of Business at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting
- 29b.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – That the City Council does hereby suspend its rules to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on April 14, 2026 to occur twenty (20) minutes beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes. – Item #22b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 29c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with monthly reports relative to the establishment of the “No Parking Anytime” zone on Grafton St. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St. – Item #22c CC Order adopted
- 29d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the responsibilities of the Worcester Ball Park Commission, including the process the Commission uses to schedule Polar Park community day events. Further, request said report include the July 18, 2023 recommendation from the City Manager to delete the Worcester Ballpark Commission and place 100 Madison Street (Polar Park) under the care, custody and control of the Department of Public Facilities, for the purpose of keeping the current appraised of the challenges associated with the Commission. – Item #22d CC Order adopted
- 29e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Chief Sustainability Officer provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, concerning how pausing the enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code may impact environmental goals and objectives associated with the Green Worcester Plan (GWP). Further, request said report also include all prior recommendations related to opting into the Specialized Stretch Code, as well as the number of permits requested prior to the adoption of the Specialized Stretch Code. – Item #22e CC Order adopted
- 29f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, detailing the Green Worcester Advisory Committee’s recommendation to not pause the enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code, as well as the minutes of their April 13, 2026 meeting. – Item #22f CC Order adopted

- 29g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report, by the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, detailing the feasibility of establishing new incentives for small developers based around Green Worcester Plan (GWP) goals and objectives. – Item #22g CC Order adopted
- 29h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion concerning the opt-in/opt-out process relative to enforcement of the Specialized Stretch Code. Further, request said report also include information concerning the feasibility of whether variances can be pursued related to the Specialized Stretch Code. – Item #22h CC Order adopted
- 29i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any impact adopting the Specialized Stretch Code has had on increasing or decreasing rent prices in the city, including information concerning the fluctuation of rents pre-and post-adoption of said code. – Item #22i CC Order adopted
- 29j.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the City Manager and Chief Development Officer’s request and recommendation to pause the Specialized Stretch Code until January 1, 2028. – Item #22j CC – Not Put, as the motion was duplicative in nature to item #8.4B CM on the April 14, 2026 Agenda
- 29k.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the method used by Department of Public Works (DPW) employees to report potholes found while traversing the city. – Item #22k CC Order adopted
- 29l.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report concerning the development of a rubric/operational strategy the Department of Public Works (DPW) will use to fill potholes. – Item #22l CC Order adopted
- 29m.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing utility street restoration warranty period agreements in other municipalities such as, but not limited to, Boston, Lawrence, Lowell, and Springfield. – Item #22m CC Order adopted
- 29n.** ORDER of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing the amount of Worcester Police Department (WPD) hospital escorts that result in officers remaining at the hospital, in an effort to determine how often officers cannot respond to new emergency situations requiring their attention. – Item #22n CC Order adopted

- 29o.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Emergency Communications provide City Council with a report detailing all cancelled dispatch calls related to police response data from 2024 and 2025. – Item #22o CC Order adopted
- 29p.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request City Solicitor review internal policies and standards related to responsiveness around claims filed against the city, in order to ensure residents receive determinations as soon as possible. – Item #22p CC Order adopted
- 29q.** ORDER of Councilor John P. Fresolo – Request City Manager request City Solicitor work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of enforcing truck routing and limiting the hours of CSX truck operations in the city. – Item #22q CC Order adopted
- 29r.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning two (2) previously adopted orders from September 9, 2025, which read, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any plans, including but not limited to the establishment of a taskforce or committee, to eradicate invasive plants in the city” and from March 24, 2026, which read, “Request City Manager coordinate with MassDOT to determine ways the city can work with the State to address invasive plant species around the city’s roadways.” – Item #22r CC Order adopted
- 29s.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations discuss the feasibility of filing legislation to increase penalties associated with criminal street takeovers and other similar illegal activities. Further, request said discussion includes the appropriateness of said illegal activities being considered a felony. – Item #22s CC Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay
- 29t.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any actions occurring in Boston related to a criminal street takeover, in an effort to guide discussion related to the appropriateness of filing legislation that would make such illegal activities a felony. – Item #22t CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 9 Yeas and 1 Nay
- 29u.** ORDER of Councilor Jose A. Rivera – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its Rule 54. Midnight Curfew. – Item #22u CC Order denied on a roll call vote of 6 Yeas and 4 Nays (Note: Adoption of a motion to suspend the rules requires a two-thirds vote and shall require the affirmative votes of at least eight (8) members of the City Council regardless of the number present and voting per Rules 28 and 65 of the Worcester City Council.)

30. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting.

30a. Motion King @ #13a CC - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report detailing data tracked by the Crisis Response Team (CRT) and Worcester Police Department (WPD) relative to the percentage of residents that went inpatient as a result of WPD's co-response program and remained in the community without an arrest as a result of said program. Further, request said report include information concerning the number of times said individuals encountered the co-response team.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)

30b. Motion King @ #13a CC – Request City Manager organize an Executive Session at a future City Council meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy with respect to the case of National Alliance on Mental Illness of Central Mass., et al. v. City of Worcester.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)

30c. Motion Toomey @ #13a CC – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning recommendations related to the continued expansion of the Crisis Response Team (CRT) in the city and/or clinician availability, enhancing dispatch triage, strengthening partnerships with local providers and exploring alternative response models for the CRT program, where appropriate. Further, request said report include information as to the required resources, staffing, funding or partnerships required to expand the program, including state and federal funding that can be leveraged for such an expansion.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)

30d. COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a financial update concerning the schedule of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance relative to the Education general fund.

Referred to Education Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13b CC)

30e. Motion Bergman @ #15.7A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing costs associated with pothole repairs per centerline mile in the city compared to communities with similar centerline mileage such as Boston, Springfield, and Manchester, NH. Further, request said report be provided prior to the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget hearings for further discussion.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15.7A CM)

30f. Motion Ojeda @ #15.7A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of utilizing the Anna Maria College property, located at 50 Sunset Ln., Paxton, as a salt shed location for winter operations due to its close proximity to the Worcester Regional Airport in an effort to mitigate supply pick up travel time.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15.7A CM)

30g. Motion King @ #15.36B CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report consisting of the details related to the no fault motor vehicle accidents involving Worcester Police Department (WPD) vehicles referenced in Item #15.36E CM on the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, Fresolo, King, Ojeda, Rivera, Rosen, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Toomey) (See Item #15.36B)

30h. Motion King @ #27a CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the designated “State Representative” seat on the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA) Board.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to place the item on file.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Bergman’s motion to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bilotta, King, Ojeda) (Fresolo recused) (See Item #27a CC)

30i. Motion Bergman @ #27c CC – Request City Manager request City Solicitor ensure City Council is provided information related to the process to opt out of any legislation prior to the administration recommending the adoption of a new Mass. General Law, State Statute, or any other legislation requiring City Council approval.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #27c CC)

30j. Motion Petty @ #27c CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report detailing the status of the one hundred three (103) active, permitted projects for residential properties in the city. Further, request said report include a detailed analysis of the numbers of residential permits submitted and approved before and after the Specialized Stretch Code activation date that includes the economic impact of each project.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #27c CC)