

CITY OF WORCESTER
MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 5:06 P.M.
Adjourned: 6:02 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Satya B Mitra
Vice Chairperson Gary Rosen
Councilor Morris A Bergman



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Present Were:

Chairperson Councilor Satya B. Mitra
Councilor Gary Rosen
Councilor Morris A. Bergman

Also:

City Auditor Robert V. Stearns
Chief Financial Officer Timothy J. McGourthy
Deputy City Clerk Stephen AJ Pottle, clerk

1. Virtual Attendee Call-In Information

- a. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in-person and remote participation at all City Council and Standing Committee meetings. To partake in the meeting, you may attend the meeting in-person within the meeting location, follow the below link to join via Zoom or dial the direct line as indicated. If you join a Zoom meeting by dialing in with a phone number, you can raise your hand by dialing *9.

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2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Order - That the City Council Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations hereby approves the minutes of the Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee meeting of March 17, 2026.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

3. Communications of the City Auditor

- a. 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.

14a CC October 21, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Mitra read the item and recognized the City Auditor, who provided an overview relative to the city's Special Revenue Funds for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra discussed the total amount of Special Revenue funds maintained and the process relative to accounting each fund's revenue and expenses with the City Auditor.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning noticeable trends relative to any of the Special Revenue Funds, the two (2) funds allocated to Hope Cemetery and the feasibility of restoring a building on the property with said funds with the City Auditor.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra recognized Councilor Rosen, who discussed federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the process relative to auditing the use of said grant funds, the process relative to maintaining PILOT schedules relative to funds from colleges and/or universities, the percentage of WPI PILOT funds allocated to Institute Park and the Worcester Public Library and the feasibility of allocating funds to open the snack bar located at Institute Park, the allocation of opioid settlement receipts and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services as the responsible authority to allocate said funds, concerns relative to the Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) Cable Access funds received by Spectrum, and the process relative for the Auditor's Office to conduct audits of the city's departments with the City Auditor and Chief Financial Officer.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra discussed the feasibility of reallocating unused Specialized Revenue funds to supplement other Specialized Revenue fund projects with the City Auditor and Chief Financial Officer.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the revenue sources relative to the Hope Cemetery funds with the City Auditor.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra brought forth the following Chairman's Order: "Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report detailing how the Sale of Lots and Graves fund can be used at Hope Cemetery."

Chairperson Councilor Mitra then discussed the period to utilize available funds, the process relative for the public to request access to the details of Special Revenue Funds, and the feasibility of providing annual updates relative to Special Revenue Funds with the City Auditor.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

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

Chairman's Orders

Request City Auditor provide City Council with a report detailing how the Sale of Lots and Graves fund can be used at Hope Cemetery.

- b. 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.

14b CC October 21, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Mitra read the item and moved for the following Chairman's Order: "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."

Chairperson Councilor Mitra then moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

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

Chairman's Orders

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.

- c. Transmitting an informational communication relative to the revenue received by the city from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) surcharge.

16a CC November 18, 2025

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

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #3c

Councilor Mitra recognized the City Auditor, who provided an overview relative to the revenue received from the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

Councilor Mitra then discussed the minimum percentage allocated to be used for preservation with the City Auditor.

Councilor Mitra recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Councilor Mitra recognized Councilor Rosen, who discussed state matched CPA funds and the positive financial impact CPA funds provide the city with the City Auditor.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra brought forth the following Chairman's Order: "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."

Chairperson Councilor Mitra discussed the process relative to transmit CPA information to City Council as part of the fiscal year budget with the City Auditor and Chief Financial Officer.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be placed on file.

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

Chairman's Orders

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.

- d. Transmitting the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2025, as prepared by the Auditing Department and audited by the Certified Public Accountant firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

12b CC February 3, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Mitra read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #3e.

Chairperson Councilor Mitra then moved for a roll call vote to recommend the items be held.

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

- e. Transmitting an annual report concerning the Other Post Employment (OPEB) Trust Fund.

14a CC March 10, 2026

Recommend Hold on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #3d)