

CITY OF WORCESTER
PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Levi Lincoln (North) Chamber
Convened: 5:31 P.M.
Adjourned: 6:31 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Robert A Bilotta

Vice Chairperson John P Fresolo

Councilor Luis A Ojeda



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Present Were:

Chairperson Councilor Robert A. Bilotta

Councilor John P. Fresolo

Councilor Luis A. Ojeda, who participated in the meeting
remotely

Also:

Director of Cable Services Judy Warren

Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility Stephen Rolle

WRTA Administrator Joshua Rickman

WCCA TV Executive Director Mauro DePasquale

Deputy City Clerk Clare M. Robbins, clerk

1. Virtual Attendee Call-In Information/Important Notice to Petitioners

- 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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- b. Important Notice: Please be aware our office has been notified of an ongoing scam involving the impersonation of city officials and departments. Scammers are fraudulently requesting payments be made for planning and zoning permits, as well as City Council petitions. All official emails regarding your petition will come exclusively from an @worcesterma.gov email address (such as clerk@worcesterma.gov), or via physical mail on the City of Worcester's official letterhead. Any legitimate hearing letter will always include your specific application details, along with the scheduled hearing date, time, and location. The City of Worcester will never request payments via wire transfer.

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Order - That the City Council Standing Committee of Public Service and Transportation hereby approves the minutes of the Public Service and Transportation Committee meeting on July 23, 2026.

**Chairperson Councilor Bilotta read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays**

3. Miscellaneous Items

- a. Report of the Committee on Public Service and Transportation Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way.

11d CC January 27, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta read the item and recognized the WRTA Administrator, who provided an overview and future plans related to the bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta recognized Councilor Fresolo, who discussed the removal of a bus stop on Waverly St. with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta then discussed public outreach efforts made by the WRTA when relocating bus stops, how public meetings are organized, as well as the timeline associated with the microtransit module study in the city with the WRTA Administrator.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed the department's collaboration efforts with the WRTA related to the Mobility Action Plan.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be filed.

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

- b. Order of Councilor Gary Rosen - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the current state of negotiations for a new cable contract with Spectrum. The previous agreement, which expired in October 2023, was marred by Spectrum's contract violations, poor customer service, poor cable reliability and failure to provide contractual senior discounts, among others.

13d CC February 24, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta read the item and recognized the Director of Cable Services, who provided an overview of the item.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta recognized Councilor Fresolo, who discussed the role of the Director of Cable Services in the contract negotiations with Charter Communications/Spectrum, challenges related to setting programming rates with cable companies and senior discount negotiations with the Director of Cable Services.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta then discussed details associated with the sources and distribution of the Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) funding with the Director of Cable Services.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta recognized Councilor Ojeda, who discussed the senior discount agreement with Charter Communications/Spectrum including how much is owed by the company to senior subscribers in the city with the Director of Cable Services.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta then discussed the feasibility of calculating the senior discount amount that is owed by Charter Communications/Spectrum, challenges related to budget cuts due to decreasing PEG funding and considerations regarding inclusion of streaming services with PEG funding with the Director of Cable Services.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta recognized Councilor Ojeda, who discussed the decrease in number of cable subscribers with the Director of Cable Services.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta recognized the WCCA TV Executive Director, who discussed the importance of creating new legislations to increase PEG funding, challenges related to budget cuts and current legislations under consideration to modernize PEG funding at the State level.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager work with the Worcester Chamber of Commerce to explore principal sponsorships for WCCA TV.

Chairperson Councilor Bilotta moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be approved.

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

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager work with the Worcester Chamber of Commerce to explore principal sponsorships for WCCA TV.

