

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 29, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 6:33 P.M.
Adjourned: 11:15 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

AT-LARGE COUNCILORS

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



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Tony Economou - District 1
Robert A. Bilotta - District 2
John P. Fresolo - District 3
Luis A. Ojeda - District 4
Jose A. Rivera - District 5

CITY CLERK

Nikolin Vangjeli

CITY MANAGER

Eric D. Batista

CITY AUDITOR

Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER

3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair. Councilor Bergman participated in the meeting remotely until his arrival in the Chamber at 7:32 P.M.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a.** MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Paul J. Giorgio, who passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the age of 75. Mr. Giorgio was a prominent figure in national, state and local politics, and was the creator of Pulse Magazine, a publication that for more than two decades served as a cultural voice, as well as a platform for arts, entertainment and dining in the city.
- 4b.** Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring the week of October 1, 2026 through October 8, 2026 as the Week Without Driving in the City of Worcester. Mayor Petty also recognized Councilor Bilotta, who read a statement on behalf of WalkBike Worcester, who accepted the Proclamation.

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 September 15, 2026.

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #8.12B CM, #8.13C CM and spoke in favor of item #10a CC
2. Abby Mortillaro, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10d CC, #10f CC through #10h CC, and #10o CC through #10u CC
3. Kirsten Frazier, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10f CC and #10gCC and #10o CC through #10u CC
4. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10o CC through #10u CC and spoke concerning an item not listed on the agenda
5. Paula Chaput, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7a CC and #7b CC
6. Dante Comparetto, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10f CC through #10u CC
7. Thomas Duffy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8.13C CM
8. Johnhaynes Honeycutt, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10o CC through #10u CC
9. Rhonda Hicks a.k.a Wahya Guste Wolfpaw, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10o CC through #10u CC
10. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7m CC and #8.11A CM, and spoke in opposition to items #8.13A CM, #8.13C CM and #10c CC
11. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7h CC and spoke in favor of items #10f CC and #10g CC
12. Echo Louissaint-Collins, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8.11A CM
13. Harlow Chaput, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7a CC and #7b CC

7. PETITIONS

- 7a. Paula Chaput request Midgley Ave. be made public.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7a CC and #7b CC to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)

- 7b. Paula Chaput request Esper Ave. be made public.

Referred to Planning Board on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #7a CC)

- 7c. Rich Perry request installation of a guardrail at 101 Plantation St. located at the intersection of Bleeker St. and Plantation St.
Mayor Petty read the item and 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)
- 7d. Abraham Acevedo request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 43 Everard St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7d CC through #7h CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)
- 7e. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Nicole Colon request the handicap parking space in front of 34 Newbury St. be removed.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #7d CC)
- 7f. Councilor Satya B. Mitra request installation of a stop sign on Venus Dr. at its intersection with Westport Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #7d CC)
- 7g. Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of a four-way crosswalk at the intersection of Parker St. and Mason St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #7d CC)
- 7h. Councilor Jose A. Rivera request installation of “No Overnight Parking from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.” signage on Mill St. on the odd side of the street from the start of the Mill Hill Condominiums, located at 215 Mill St., to Speedway Auto Body, located at 173 Mill St., as well as on the even side of the street from Coes Pond Beach, located at 180 Mill St. to IBEW Local 96, located at 242 Mill St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #7d CC)
- 7i. Lori Williams et al. request a private tree preservation ordinance that includes a dedicated tree replacement fund be drafted (see attached).
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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)
- 7j. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 135 KENBERMA RD.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set hearings for items #7j CC through #7l CC for October 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for October 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)
- 7k. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: LINCOLN ST.
Hearing set for October 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #7j CC)

- 7l. NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole at: BAUER ST.

Hearing set for October 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent) (See Item #7j CC)

- 7m. Margaret B. Coffin request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the city's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and the process relative to how it is monitored.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

8.1 APPOINTMENTS
Non-City Council Confirmation

8.2 APPOINTMENTS
City Council Confirmation

A. Recommend Appointment of Echo Louissaint-Collins and Sharon Boateng to the Advisory Commission on Youth.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bergman absent)

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

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

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

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

8.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Administration Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

8.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Engineering and Architectural Services Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

8.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Operations Division
John K. Westerling, Commissioner

8.10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner

8.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

- A. Informational Communication Concern Regulations Pertaining to the Use of E-Scooters and E-Bikes.

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

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

Councilor Ojeda then moved to, “Request City Manager work with the Police Chief and Superintendent of Public Schools to provide youth in the city with helmets, as part of an educational pilot program to ensure they are traversing in the city’s streets in a safe manner.” (See Item #13a CC).

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

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

8.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Language Translation Services Used by Worcester Fire Department.

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee

- B.** Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Identification, Repair, and Marking of Non Functioning Fire Hydrants.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Fire Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bilotta.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Fire Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mitra.

Councilor Mitra then moved to, “Request City Manager request Fire Chief work with the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure there is a notification on the city’s website explaining the city is in good standing with its fire hydrants and equipped to act in an emergency situation anywhere in the city, in an effort to ensure residents are not alarmed if they are located in close proximity to a fire hydrant that is not functioning.” (See Item #13b CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Fire Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Economou.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager work with the Fire Chief and Commissioner of Public Works to provide City Council with a report detailing data related to the city’s maintenance/repair program for fire hydrants. Said data should be sorted in terms of levels of need/concern.” (See Item #13c CC).

Councilor King then moved to “Request City Manager work with the Fire Chief and Commissioner of Public Works to provide City Council with a report detailing whether there is a tiering program related to the risk or inoperability of the city’s thirty-nine (39) non-functioning fire hydrants.” (See Item #13d CC).

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

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

Councilor Ojeda then moved to, “Request City Manager work with the Fire Chief and Commissioner of Public Works to provide City Council with a list detailing the location of each fire hydrant in the city that is currently inoperable.” (See Item #13e CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Fire Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Fire Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Fire Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rosen.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any potential advantages associated with installing speed cushions, in lieu of speed humps, in an effort to allow public safety vehicles the opportunity to more effectively navigate city streets.” (See Item #13f CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee

8.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT
Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Traffic Enforcement Measures.

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

Mayor Petty moved to take the item up collectively with item #8.13C CM.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Economou.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Police Chief and Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of piloting a hybrid beacon system at crosswalks along Lake Ave., including in the vicinity of Madulka’s Ice Cream, located at 193 Lake Ave.” (See Item #13g CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing evidence-based research of the pros and cons of using “ghost” police vehicles as a traffic calming tactic in the city.” (See Item #13h CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Fresolo.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mitra.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility and Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

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

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

Mayor Petty then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how the Worcester Police Department (WPD) is maintaining and recruiting additional police officers in the city. Further, request said report include information concerning any available grant funding that could be available to aid the department in their recruitment efforts.” (See Item #13i CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rosen.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning Cadet Programs used in other municipalities that may be a more effective model than what was used in the city’s program that is no longer utilized.” (See Item #13j CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the items to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee

- B. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Two Quarters of Drone Usage.

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

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee

- C. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Worcester Police Department Retirement Anticipation.

Referred to Public Safety Committee (See Item #8.13A CM)

8.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner

- 8.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**
Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor
- 8.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Administration
Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner
- 8.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Building and Zoning Division
David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner
- 8.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Housing and Health Inspections Division
Lee R. Hall, Director
- 8.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Administration
Seema Dixit, Commissioner
- 8.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 8.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Alex R. Arriaga, Interim Veterans Services Director
- 8.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Opportunities
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 8.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 8.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 8.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
Brian Allen, Superintendent

- 8.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Administration
Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer
- 8.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Assessing Division
Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor
- 8.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Budget Office Division
Erin E. Taylor, Director
- 8.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Purchasing Division
Christopher Gagliastro, Director
- 8.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**
Treasury and Collections Division
Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

8.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES
James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Burncoat School Building Project.

Mayor Petty read the item.

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized the Chief of Public Facilities and Director of Capital Programs, who responded to questions raised by Mayor Petty.

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief of Public Facilities, Chief Financial Officer, City Manager and Director of Capital Projects, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the efforts of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) to advocate for more funding to support school building projects in gateway cities, including the Burncoat School Building Project.” (See Item #13k CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the projected annual payments required of the city’s taxpayers due to anticipated obligations associated with the city’s fifteen-million-dollar (\$15,000,000.00) commitment to the New High School Fund, which will financially prepare the city to pay for a new Burncoat School Building Project.” (See Item #13l CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief of Public Facilities and City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mitra.

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Education Committee. Referred to Education Committee

8.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE
John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

8.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

8.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

8.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend Adoption of a Resolution to File, Accept, and Expend a Grant in the Amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, Creative Intersections Grant Program.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #8.35A CM through #8.35D CM, #8.36A CM through #8.36D CM, and #8.37A CM through #8.37C CM, except for item #8.36C 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 Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$244,500.00) from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- C. Recommend Adoption of a Resolution to File, Accept, and Expend a Grant in the Amount of Four Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$472,826.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Under the FY 2027 Jail Diversion/Arrest Diversion Grant Program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- D. Recommend Adoption of a Resolution to File, Accept, and Expend a Grant in the Amount of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$128,251.00) from the U.S. Department of Justice Under the FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

8.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) be Transferred from Cost Center #CC1020-600100, Inspectional Services Salaries, and be Appropriated to Cost Center #CC1020-601100, Inspectional Services Overtime.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$162,500.00) be Transferred from Fund #FD314, Reserve for Appropriation Premium on Loans, and be Appropriated to Cost Center #CC1062-610100, Treasury Ordinary Maintenance, to Fund the Costs Associated with the Issuance of the \$10,500,000 General Obligation Bond and \$36,248,342 Bond Anticipation Notes Both Dated Sept. 21, 2026.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Twenty-One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$21,000.00) be Transferred from GFT-1138, Community Fund/Gates Fees, and Appropriated to PRJ-100065, CSX Neighborhood Improvements, for Preparation of a Heavy Vehicle Exclusion Study for Lake Avenue and Hamilton Street.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the prior organization and role of the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund Advisory Committee.” (See Item #13m CC).

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

- D. Recommend that Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$35,000.00) be Authorized from PRJ-100070, CSX Neighborhood Improvements – Shrewsbury Street, for the Purchase and Installation of Radar Speed Feedback Signs on Belmont Street and Plantation Street.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

8.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents (\$27,594.53) be Authorized from Various Fiscal Year 2027 Department of Public Works Cost Centers for the Payment of Prior Year Invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- B. Recommend that Twenty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars And Sixty-Two Cents (\$29,104.62) be Authorized from Fiscal Year 2027 Cost Center #CC1009, Law Ordinary Maintenance, for the Payment of Prior Year Invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

- C. Recommend that Four Thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$4,084.34) be Authorized from Various Fiscal Year 2027 Police Department Cost Centers for the Payment of Prior Year Invoices.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.35A CM)

8.38 FINANCE
Loan Orders

8.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

9. TO BE ORDAINED

- 9a. Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group B – General Administrative for the Senior Customer Service Representative Position.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group P – Foreman and Supervisor DPW Project Coordinator.

Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Occupational Group R – Laborer and Craftsman Assistant Water Filtration Plant Operator.

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

10. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 10a. CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a draft ordinance amending the city's noise ordinance by increasing fines associated with violations of excessive noise. (Held Under Privilege - King September 22, 2026)

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

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Economou, Councilor Bilotta, Councilor Rivera and Councilor Bergman, 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 8 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay – King) (Rosen absent) (Toomey recused)

- 10b. CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** - Request City Manager review the feasibility of requiring that public hearings take place before the License Commission for all one-day event license applications, with public notices being sent to all abutters in the vicinity of the proposed location. (Held Under Privilege - King September 22, 2026)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 10c. CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the feasibility of increasing the Worcester Police Department (WPD) personnel to ensure the staffing of two (2) officers per route/patrol car. Said request report should also include an estimated cost analysis to institute such a practice. (Held Under Privilege - King September 22, 2026)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request both a cost analysis and evidence-based research be included in said report.”

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

10d. ORDER of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta and Councilor Gary Rosen - Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer work with housing partners and stakeholders to develop a New Homeowner and Tenant Summit to educate residents about housing programs, benefits, and tenants' rights. (Held Under Privilege - Bilotta September 22, 2026)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

10e. ORDER of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta and Councilor Gary Rosen - Request City Manager develop a policy to standardize mitigation and community benefits for new developments. Said policy should 1) create clear standards for mitigation funds; 2) offset or address negative impacts created by a project; and 3) ensure community benefits to enhance the surrounding neighborhood, through improvements to public infrastructure and neighborhood amenities. (Held Under Privilege - Bilotta September 22, 2026)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10f.** ORDER of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager utilize opioid settlement funds to hire public bathroom monitoring/maintenance staff, similar to the public bathroom programs in Miami and New York City. (Held Under Privilege - Bilotta September 22, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #10g CC.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to amend item #10g CC: “Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the timeline associated with such actions.” – Not Put, as the amendment was further clarified later in the discussion.

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 amend item #10g CC to read as follows: “Request City Manager consider a process to help identify locations throughout the city and beginning in District 2 to create permanent public bathrooms, in the interest of providing necessary public health measures with respect to the human condition. Further, while said permanent public bathroom locations are being considered, identified and built, request City Manager consider a process to determine suitable locations to install porta-potties as a temporary measure while awaiting the permanent bathroom installations.” (See Item #13n).

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to amend item #10g CC to read as follows: “Request City Manager help identify locations throughout the city and beginning in District 2 to create permanent public bathrooms, in the interest of providing necessary public health measures with respect to the human condition. Further, while said permanent public bathroom locations are identified and built, request City Manager determine suitable locations to install porta-potties as a temporary measure while awaiting the permanent bathroom installations. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the timeline associated with such actions. Further, request said process include community and business interfacing and feedback.” (See Item #13o).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a copy of the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District (BID) “Downtown Worcester Quality of Life” study, which includes an analysis of the potentiality of opening a public restroom in the downtown area.” (See Item #13p).

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor King’s motion to adopt item #10g CC as amended. Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, King, Ojeda, Rosen, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Toomey) (See Item #13o).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a third time, who moved to Hold Under Privilege item

#10g CC for a second time, which would procedurally hold item #13n CC, Councilor Bergman's motion to amend item #10g CC, as well as item #13p CC, Councilor King's motion for City Council to receive a copy of the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District (BID) "Downtown Worcester Quality of Life." Held Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 4 Yeas and 7 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, Fresolo, King, Ojeda) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty).

Mayor Petty moved to adopt item #10f CC. Order adopted

- 10g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager help identify locations throughout the city and beginning in District 2 to create permanent public bathrooms, in the interest of providing necessary public health measures with respect to the human condition. Further, while said permanent public bathroom locations are identified and built, request City Manager determine suitable locations to install porta-potties as a temporary measure while awaiting the permanent bathroom installations. (Held Under Privilege - King September 22, 2026)

Held Under Privilege – King (See Item #10f CC)

- 10h.** ORDER of Councilor Gary Rosen - Request City Manager and Chief Development Officer explain to the City Council at its September 22, 2026 meeting why Optiline Enterprises, a commercial drywall and metal framing subcontractor with documented violations of labor and employment laws, is being allowed to work on the 364-unit residential complex being built on 274 Franklin St., which is a project heavily supported by \$11 million in local property tax relief over fifteen (15) years, as Optiline was previously banned from taxpayer-funded projects in Worcester in June 2025 due to documented violations including wage theft, paying employees under the table, failing to pay proper overtime rates to tradespeople working over forty (40) hours a week, and tax/insurance fraud. Said explanation should address whether Optiline's work on the aforementioned project is in violation of Worcester's Responsible Development Ordinance, a law mandating that developers receiving municipal tax relief or Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) benefits cannot hire contractors with documented labor or wage violations within the past three years. (Held Under Privilege - Rosen September 22, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege for a second time.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor King's motion to Hold the Item Under Privilege. Held Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Held Under Privilege - King

- 10i.** ORDER of Councilor Tony Economou - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Oriental St. as soon as possible. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

- 10j.** ORDER of Councilor Tony Economou - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works review and repair the pavement around the manhole cover on Bay State Rd., at its intersection with Bellingham Rd., which has sunk below the surrounding street area, causing a loud noise from speeding cars driving over the area. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 10k.** ORDER of Councilor Tony Economou - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works conduct immediate, emergency repairs on the sidewalk slab at 2 Intervale Rd., in the interest of public safety. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

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

- 10l.** ORDER of Councilor Jose A. Rivera - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report and recommendations concerning the area surrounding Columbus Park Preparatory School, located at 75 Lovell St. Said recommendations should include, but not be limited to, ensuring safe passage for students crossing May St. at Lovell St. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

- 10m.** ORDER of Councilor Jose A. Rivera - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased enforcement of traffic regulations in the vicinity of Worcester State University, located at 486 Chandler St., and May Street Elementary School, located at 265 May St., to ensure children and crossing guards in the area are protected from drivers. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

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 (Toomey recused)

- 10n.** ORDER of Councilor Gary Rosen - Request City Manager determine whether the city or school department is responsible for mowing and clearing the extremely overgrown plot of land adjacent and to the left of the new Doherty Memorial High School, located at 299 Highland St., approximately across from Germain St. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

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

- 10o.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning efforts made by the city to establish a Homeless Strategic Plan, which would include the creation of congregate and non-congregate shelter spaces in the city for unsheltered individuals including women, families, trans, queer and senior residents. Said plan should also include implementation timelines, outline funding opportunities, discuss available resources, and identify potential barriers to implementation, as referenced in previously adopted Orders on November 14, 2023 and April 8, 2025. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #10p CC and #10r CC.

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

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

- 10p.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted Order on November 19, 2024, which read, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the timeline and efforts being made to secure a day center and general public facilities for the city’s homeless population.” (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

- 10q.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted Order on November 26, 2024, which read, “Request City Manager reach out to members of Congress, including Congressmen Jim McGovern, to advocate for federal support to provide the city’s homeless population.” (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #10s CC.

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

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

- 10r.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted Order on February 25, 2025, which read, “Request City Manager enhance and develop policy for the Department of Health and Human Services, and its outreach team, with respect to the terms of engagement and the intersection of when the State conducts homeless encampment sweeps. Further, request City Manager delineate how municipal workers engage with state and private sector outreach workers in said regard.” (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

- 10s.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted Order on March 18, 2025, which read, “Request City Manager consider identifying, via an earmark, monies for additional services for the city’s homeless population. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

- 10t.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services provide City Council with a report, within forty-five (45) days, detailing the implementation of a Municipal ID program. Said report should include information pertaining to vendor options and costs, data security and privacy features, eligibility and verification pathways, integration with private social service non-profit models and/or library and city services, outreach plans, and a proposed launch timeline with key milestones. (Held Under Privilege - King September 22, 2026)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rivera, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning how a Municipal ID program would aid homeless individuals with receiving identification.”

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

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

- 10u.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services ensure all materials from the Homelessness Steering Committee are published monthly to a public archive on the city’s website. Said materials should include agendas, attendance, meeting notes, and should describe how input from providers and residents are incorporated in the information. Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services provide City Council with an annual report relative to said Homelessness Steering Committee, detailing the committee’s goals, with progress metrics. (Held Under Privilege - Petty September 22, 2026)

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

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

11. TABLED ITEMS

- 11a.** 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

11b. 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

11c. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Held Under Privilege - Haxhiaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhiaj August 22, 2023)

No action taken

11d. 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

11e. 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

11f. 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

12. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the September 22, 2026 City Council meeting.

12a. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its rules to allow for public participation section of the agenda on September 22, 2026 to occur until such a time that all public speakers have had the opportunity to speak. – Item #21a CC Order adopted

12b. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager work with the State Delegation to identify any additional funding that may be available to aid the city in its efforts to support shelter services for the city's homeless population. – Item #21b CC Order adopted

- 12c.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used in other communities when creating permanent public bathrooms for use by the location’s homeless population. – Item #21c CC Order adopted
- 12d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager explore the establishment of a permanent overflow winter shelter for use by the city’s unhoused population. – Item #21d CC Order adopted
- 12e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services provide City Council with a report detailing the relationship between involuntary displacement of unhoused individuals with their rate of survival. – Item #21e CC Order adopted
- 12f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager work with the City Council and Mayor to pursue engaging with other municipal, gateway cities to push the Governor’s Office of Maura Healey to provide the city with additional funding and resources to aid in addressing issues related to the unhoused population. – Item #21f CC Order adopted
- 12g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a winter shelter readiness report that includes 1) an operator’s selection report; 2) the budget for such a shelter; 3) information relative to who will staff the shelter; 4) whether the city has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the company that will run the shelter; 5) a go-live date for the shelter and 6) contingency plans if there are delays with the opening of the shelter. – Item #21g CC Order adopted
- 12h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report of previously provided maps displaying locations of the homeless population’s encampments. – Item #21h CC Order adopted
- 12i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the city utilizing clinical co-responses by the Department of Health and Human Services when responding to issues associated with the city’s unsheltered population. – Item #21i CC Order adopted
- 12j.** ORDER of Councilor Satya B. Mitra – Request City Manager organize a meeting between city stakeholders, State Delegates and Federal representatives to discuss ways these entities can support the city in addressing the needs of the city’s homeless population. – Item #21j CC Order adopted
- 12k.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide developers in the city with a list of contractors and subcontractors who are ineligible to work in the city due to violations/lack of compliance with the city’s Responsible Development Ordinance (RDO). – Item #21k CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 12l. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any issues the city is aware of related to Optiline Enterprises committing wage theft. – Item #211 CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

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

- 13a. Motion Ojeda @ #8.11A CM – Request City Manager work with the Police Chief and Superintendent of Public Schools to provide youth in the city with helmets, as part of an educational pilot program to ensure they are traversing in the city's streets in a safe manner.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.11A CM)

- 13b. Motion Mitra @ #8.12B CM – Request City Manager request Fire Chief work with the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure there is a notification on the city's website explaining the city is in good standing with its fire hydrants and equipped to act in an emergency situation anywhere in the city, in an effort to ensure residents are not alarmed if they are located in close proximity to a fire hydrant that is not functioning.

Order adopted (See Item #8.12B CM)

- 13c. Motion King @ #8.12B CM – Request City Manager work with the Fire Chief and Commissioner of Public Works to provide City Council with a report detailing data related to the city's maintenance/repair program for fire hydrants. Said data should be sorted in terms of levels of need/concern.

Order adopted (See Item #8.12B CM)

- 13d. Motion King @ #8.12B CM – Request City Manager work with the Fire Chief and Commissioner of Public Works to provide City Council with a report detailing whether there is a tiering program related to the risk or inoperability of the city's thirty-nine (39) non-functioning fire hydrants.

Order adopted (See Item #8.12B CM)

- 13e. Motion Ojeda @ #8.12B CM – Request City Manager work with the Fire Chief and Commissioner of Public Works to provide City Council with a list detailing the location of each fire hydrant in the city that is currently inoperable.

Order adopted (See Item #8.12B CM)

- 13f. Motion King @ #8.12B CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing any potential advantages associated with installing speed cushions, in lieu of speed humps, in an effort to allow public safety vehicles the opportunity to more effectively navigate city streets.

Order adopted (See Item #8.12B CM)

- 13g.** Motion King @ #8.13A CM – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of piloting a hybrid beacon system at crosswalks along Lake Ave., including in the vicinity of Madulka’s Ice Cream, located at 193 Lake Ave.
Order adopted (See Item #8.13A CM)
- 13h.** Motion King @ #8.13A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing evidence-based research of the pros and cons of using “ghost” police vehicles as a traffic calming tactic in the city.
Order adopted (See Item #8.13A CM)
- 13i.** Motion Petty @ #8.13A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how the Worcester Police Department (WPD) is maintaining and recruiting additional police officers in the city. Further, request said report include information concerning any available grant funding that could be available to aid the department in their recruitment efforts.
Order adopted (See Item #8.13A CM)
- 13j.** Motion King @ #8.13A CM – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning Cadet Programs used in other municipalities that may be a more effective model than what was used in the city’s program that is no longer utilized.
Order adopted (See Item #8.13A CM)
- 13k.** Motion King @ #8.31A CM - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the efforts of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) to advocate for more funding to support school building projects in gateway cities, including the Burncoat School Building Project.
Order adopted (See Item #8.13A CM)
- 13l.** Motion King @ #8.31A CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the projected annual payments required of the city’s taxpayers due to anticipated obligations associated with the city’s fifteen-million-dollar (\$15,000,000.00) commitment to the New High School Fund, which will financially prepare the city to pay for a new Burncoat School Building Project.
Order adopted (See Item #8.31A CM)
- 13m.** Motion King @ #8.36C CM – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the prior organization and role of the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund Advisory Committee.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8.36C CM)

13n. Motion Bergman @ #11f CC – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby adopt item #10g CC on the September 29, 2026 City Council as amended to read as follows: “Request City Manager consider a process to help identify locations throughout the city and beginning in District 2 to create permanent public bathrooms, in the interest of providing necessary public health measures with respect to the human condition. Further, while said permanent public bathroom locations are being considered, identified and built, request City Manager consider a process to determine suitable locations to install porta-potties as a temporary measure while awaiting the permanent bathroom installations.

Held Under Privilege - King (See Item #11f CC)

13o. Motion King @ #11f CC – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby adopt item #10g CC on the September 29, 2026 City Council as amended to read as follows: “Request City Manager help identify locations throughout the city and beginning in District 2 to create permanent public bathrooms, in the interest of providing necessary public health measures with respect to the human condition. Further, while said permanent public bathroom locations are identified and built, request City Manager determine suitable locations to install porta-potties as a temporary measure while awaiting the permanent bathroom installations. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the timeline associated with such actions. Further, request said process include community and business interfacing and feedback.

Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, King, Ojeda, Rosen, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Toomey) (See Item #11f CC)

13p. Motion King @ #10f CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a copy of the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District (BID) “Downtown Worcester Quality of Life” study, which includes an analysis of the potentiality of opening a public restroom in the downtown area.

Held Under Privilege – King (See Item #10f CC)