

CITY OF WORCESTER

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Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:33 P.M.

Adjourned: 10:01 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

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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 and Councilor Toomey. Councilor King arrived at 6:36 P.M. and Councilor Toomey arrived at 6:37 P.M.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 22, 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. Steve Hart, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #12b CC
2. Abby Mortillaro, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #12b CC, spoke in favor of items #8a CC, #11a CC, #12q CC, #12y CC, #12z CC, and #14a CC through #14f CC, and spoke in opposition to item #12x CC
3. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC, #12g CC, #12q CC and #12r CC and spoke in opposition to item #12b CC
4. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC and #11a CC, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #12y CC, and spoke concerning an item not listed on the agenda
5. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC and #10a CC
6. Mauro DePasquale, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10a CC
7. Moira Dacey, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #12b CC and #12w CC and spoke in favor of item #12f CC
8. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8a CC and spoke in opposition to items #12b CC and #12w CC
9. Chrissi Bates, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #8a CC
10. Christine Parcher, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12w CC
11. Tina Bergevin, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12w CC

7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

7a. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 135 KENBERMA RD.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 135 KENBERMA RD.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Fresolo

7b. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: LINCOLN ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: LINCOLN ST.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to open hearings for items #7b CC and #7c CC. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Petty asked if any abutters wished to be heard on the items. Hearing no speakers, Mayor Petty moved to close the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Petty moved to approve the items. Hearing held and Order adopted

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

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole at: BAUER ST.

Hearing held and Order adopted (See Item #7b CC)

8. RECONSIDERATION

- 8a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - In accordance with Rule 30 of the Rules of City Council, Councilor Khrystian E. King requests reconsideration of the vote of the City Council taken on September 29, 2026, in regard to the following item: ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby adopt item #10g CC on the September 29, 2026 City Council agenda 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.”

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bilotta, who moved for a roll call vote to suspend Rule 30 of the Rules of City Council to allow for discussion on the item. Motion denied on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 8 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, King, Ojeda) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 8 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, King, Ojeda) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty)

9. PETITIONS

- 9a. Genaro Vazquez request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 11 Lodi St.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #9a CC through #9k CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee

- 9b. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of Caitlin Fontecchio request installation of resident permit parking on Chilmark St. from Marshall St. to Seward St.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)

- 9c. Councilor Luis A. Ojeda on behalf of Jaqueline Alvarez request removal of the handicap parking space in front of 1 Kingsbury St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9d. Henry Proko request installation of speed humps on Burncoat St. in the vicinity of 585A Burncoat St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9e. Almas Arias request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 20 Worth St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9f. Joseph A. Ritacco request installation of stop signage at the intersection of Byron St. and Edgeworth St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9g. Joseph A. Ritacco request installation of stop signage at the intersection of Milton St. and Brookfield St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9h. Jennifer Memnon request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 15 Arline St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9i. Abby Mortillaro request installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Pleasant St. and Fruit St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9j. Councilor Tony Economou request installation of “Right Turn Only” signage, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and excluding holidays, on Chadwick St., opposite the end of the driveway at Francis J. McGrath Elementary School, located at 493 Grove St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9k. Councilor Jose A. Rivera request the two (2) existing crosswalks in the vicinity of Heard Street Discovery Academy, located at 200 Heard St., be reviewed for the installation of flashing beacons at the locations (see attached for images of the crosswalks).
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #9a CC)
- 9l. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: CHADWICK ST.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved to set hearings for items #9l CC through #9o CC for October 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for October 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9m. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: FRANKLIN ST. & ARCTIC ST.
Hearing set for October 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #9l CC)
- 9n. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: GRAFTON ST.
Hearing set for October 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #9l CC)
- 9o. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: PLEASANT ST.
Hearing set for October 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. (See Item #9l CC)

9p. David Webb filing an Open Meeting Law Complaint Form.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to the Law Department to Prepare an Answer and Respond. Referred to Law Department to Prepare an Answer and Respond

10. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

10a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION - Request City Manager work with the Worcester Chamber of Commerce to explore principal sponsorships for WCCA TV.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt items #10a CC through #10d CC. Order adopted.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved for a roll call vote to reconsider the item. Reconsideration approved on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent).

Councilor Ojeda then spoke concerning the item.

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

10b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install statutory speed limit signage on Mountain St. West.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

10c. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install Do Not Enter signage on Lakewood St. at its intersecting roadways of Baker St., Elmer St. and Manomet St.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

10d. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install statutory No Parking zone signage on Lakewood St. at each of its intersecting roadways of Baker St., Elmer St. and Manomet St.

Order adopted (See Item #10a CC)

11. CHAIRMAN'S RESOLUTION

- 11a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
That the City Council does hereby encourage the efforts of members of the public to get the signatures of fifteen percent (15%) of the city's registered voters to request that the City of Worcester review and/or revise its present Charter, or to adopt a new Charter.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the City Solicitor and City Clerk, 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent)

12. ORDERS

- 12a. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the entrance to Flagg St. from Pleasant St. for the purpose of providing City Council with a report concerning the feasibility and advisability of narrowing the road at the intersection, in an effort to slow down speeding vehicles and make drivers in the area more cautious (see attached). (Rivera)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12b. Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations review the Rules of the City Council relative to public participation to discuss the feasibility of amending the Rules of City Council to have all City Council meetings begin at 5:30 p.m., with public participation occurring from the set time of 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each meeting. (Rivera)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

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

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

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

Held Under Privilege – King

- 12c.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide emergency repairs to rebuild the required portion of the sidewalk and curb on King Philip Rd., a public way, as it intersects with Marmion Ave., a private way, to ensure the step is not 10 to 12 inches in height, in the interest of public safety (see attached). (Economou)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12d.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning Worcester Polytechnic Institute's (WPI) notification that will require students entering the school for the first time in the fall of 2026 and later to live on campus during their first and second years. Said report should include how this decision will affect the Hampton Inn and Marriott hotels the university purchased in 2024, the impact this decision may have on property owners who have invested in student housing around the school, and how this decision could impact businesses in the area. (Economou, Fresolo, Mitra)

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

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

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

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 Ojeda for a 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 9 Yeas and 2 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Bilotta, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – King, Ojeda)

- 12e.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works review and repair the entire length of the sidewalk in front of 2 Biltmore Rd., which was recently replaced with asphalt instead of concrete, and left the area wavy, uneven and damaged surrounding concrete at the location (see attached). (Rivera)

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

- 12f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of hiring outside contractors to eliminate the backlog of trees approved for removal but have not been taken down. (Fresolo)

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12g.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted Order from February 3, 2026, which read, “Request City Manager request Chief Development Officer provide City Council with an update concerning the former St. Vincent Hospital nursing dormitory being developed/converted into affordable housing for senior citizens.” (Fresolo)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of installing turf, in lieu of grass, on Massasoit Rd. when configuring each new sidewalk location on the road. Said turf should be installed at each intersection redeveloped throughout the resurfacing/construction project on the road. (Fresolo)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12i.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of utilizing the city’s long patch resurfacing program to repave Vernon St. from Windham St. to Fifth Ave. during Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27). (Fresolo)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12j.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works contact MassDOT to ensure the college/university wayfinding signage when exiting I-290 from Belmont St. is updated to reflect that Becker College and Anna Maria College are no longer operating. (Toomey)

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

- 12k.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the potential of an on-street parking plan that would allow residents to be able to park along Burncoat St., where feasible. (Economou)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Economou, 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

- 12l.** Request City Manager work with the Budget Director to identify and apply for federal grant monies available to address environmental issues throughout the city. (Rivera)

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

- 12m.** Request City Manager review and address concerns related to stormwater runoff from Cooks Pond in the vicinity of Juniper Rd., Olean St., and the Cooks Pond Dam, where the outflow of water has created a delta due to lack of containment or collection. (Rivera)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rivera, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: "Request City Manager review and address concerns related to stormwater runoff into Cooks Pond from three (3) stormwater drains in the vicinity of Juniper Rd. and Olean St., where the outflow of water has created a delta due to lack of containment or collection."

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

- 12n.** Request City Manager review and report to City Council concerning the feasibility of installing rain gardens in the vicinity of Circuit Ave. West and Gates Ln. (Rivera)

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

- 12o.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether the city has any regulatory authority to either control or prevent Amazon from launching their package-delivery MK30 drones, which are designed to deliver shoebox-sized products weighing under five (5) pounds from thirteen (13) feet and are six (6) propeller, five-by-five (5-by-5) foot machines that are capable of reaching seventy five (75) miles per hour, from their Westborough distribution center into large portions of Worcester. Said report should include information concerning how residents will be surveyed to discuss the potential effects this project will have on the city's community and neighborhoods, including environmental, privacy, and safety concerns. (Rosen)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item: "Further, request City Manager include in said report data related to the impact Amazon's package-delivery MK30 drones have had on the human workforce in locations where the drones are currently operating, in terms of jobs."

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report related to the city's current and future workforce development, in response to artificial intelligence (AI) and increased/improved technology." (See Item #20c CC).

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

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

- 12p.** Number Not Used.

No action taken

- 12q.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the impact of individual Medicare insurance plans being eliminated. Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning transition plans available to residents to ensure they are not negatively impacted by any loss of such plans. (Petty)

Mayor Petty read the item.

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item: "Further, request said report include information concerning the city's plans to aid residents who are unhoused and unsheltered, including the sixty (60) residents of the city who have been identified as chronically homeless."

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

- 12r.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the department's street sweeping operations. (Bilotta)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12s.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery conduct monthly cleanings of the median on Hamilton St. (Bilotta)

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

- 12t.** Request City Manager consider creating and installing “Welcome to Worcester – Heart of the Commonwealth” and “Leaving Worcester – Come Back Soon” signs at all major entry and exit points along the city’s borders with Auburn, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, and West Boylston. (see attached for potential locations). (Mitra)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mitra, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: “Request Standing Committee on Traffic and Parking Committee discuss and consider creating and installing “Welcome to Worcester – Heart of the Commonwealth” and “Leaving Worcester – Come Back Soon” signs at all major entry and exit points along the city’s borders with Auburn, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, and West Boylston. (see attached for potential locations).” – Not Put.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to amend the item: “Further, request City Manager utilize and review previous street signage plans and reports related to the type of signs the city can and plans to install to determine the feasibility of installing such signage.”

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, 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 9 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay – King) (Bilotta absent)

- 12u.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the impact separating the various functions of the Department of Public Works (DPW) into the Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM), the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery (DPRC), as well as the subdivisions within DPW including the Streets Division, Water and Sewer Operations Division, and the Engineering Division, has had on the delivery of city services. Further, request said report include 1) an inventory of assets, equipment, vehicles, facilities, staffing functions, and maintenance responsibilities that were previously shared within DPW; 2) how those resources and responsibilities have been allocated among each respective department and division since each section of the department was separated; and 3) what additional equipment, staffing, facilities, or other operational resources may now be needed as a result of said resources no longer being shared. (Mitra)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12v.** Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the status of the overgrowth in Elm Park's pond, including an explanation of the environmental concerns involved, timelines for addressing those concerns, and information on any actions being taken regarding the pond's water level. (Ojeda)

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12w.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the ninety (90) day trial period for the installation of four-way stop signs at several locations in Worcester, including the intersection of June St., Brownell St., and Hadwen Rd. Said report should include, but not be limited to, information pertaining to when the ninety (90) trial period will occur, what resident input will be used to measure the success of the stop sign controls and what criteria will be used to determine if the stop signs are warranted on a permanent basis. (Bergman, Rivera)

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12x.** Request City Manager consider ensuring two (2) Worcester Police Department (WPD) police academy classes are completed and ready for work before the end of calendar year 2027. Said considerations should include using funds from Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) for one class, and Fiscal Year 2028 (FY28) for the other. (Bergman)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of any plans to complete two (2) Worcester Police Department (WPD) police academy classes prior to the end of calendar year 2027, wherein one class would utilize funds from Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) and other would utilize funds from Fiscal Year 2028 (FY28). Further, request said report include an analysis of the fiscal impact of such a decision.” (See Item #20d CC).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

12y. Request City Manager, in consultation with relevant city departments, outreach providers, and people with lived experience, develop a plan to clean designated hotspots that also responds to the needs of unsheltered residents and the housing crisis. Further, request City Manager coordinate cleanups with respectful outreach, advance communication where practicable, connections to shelter, services, and housing. Further, request City Manager track the following: 1) number of cleanups; 2) 311 response times associated with cleanups; 3) debris and overflow; 4) repeat cleanups; 5) cleanliness scores; 6) complaints about cleanliness; 7) outreach contacts and/or service housing connections, where available. (King)

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

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 12z.** Request City Manager develop clear guidance related to when businesses should contact 311 or 911 that includes information related to how said businesses can request outreach related to emergencies involving unsheltered individuals. Further, request said guidance ensures non-emergency concerns involving unsheltered people can be routed to trained outreach teams, with 911 being reserved for emergencies. Further, request City Manager consult businesses, outreach providers, relevant city departments, and people with lived experience when developing said guidance. Further, request the following information be tracked as part of said guidance: 1) businesses reached; 2) routing times; 3) misdirected non-emergency calls; 4) first-visit resolutions; 5) connections to services, shelter, or housing, when available. (King)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the development of clear evidence-based guidance and best practices related to when businesses should contact 311 or 911 that includes information related to how said businesses can request outreach related to emergencies involving unsheltered individuals. Further, request said guidance ensures non-emergency concerns involving unsheltered people can be routed to trained outreach teams, with 911 being reserved for emergencies. Further, request City Manager consult businesses, outreach providers, relevant city departments, and people with lived experience when developing said guidance. Further, request the following information be tracked as part of said guidance: 1) businesses reached; 2) routing times; 3) misdirected non-emergency calls; 4) first-visit resolutions; 5) connections to services, shelter, or housing, when available. Further, request City Manager ensure said report emphasizes that said evidence-based guidance and best practices would be used for residents who are dysregulated and appear to be in need of a public health response.” – Not Put, as the Councilor further clarified the amendment later in the discussion.

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

Councilor King then moved to amend the item: “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the development of clear evidence-based guidance and best practices related to when businesses, residents and people who come within the city’s borders should contact 311 or 911 that includes information related to how said businesses can request outreach related to emergencies involving unsheltered individuals. Further, request said guidance ensures non-emergency concerns involving unsheltered people can be routed to trained outreach teams, with 911 being reserved for emergencies. Further, request City Manager consult businesses, outreach providers, relevant city departments, and people with lived experience when developing said guidance. Further, request the following information be tracked as part of said guidance: 1) businesses reached; 2) routing times; 3) misdirected non-emergency calls; 4) first-visit resolutions; 5) connections to services, shelter, or housing, when available. Further, request City Manager ensure said report emphasizes that said evidence-based guidance and best practices would be used for residents who are dysregulated and appear to be in need of a public health response. Further, request City Manager conduct a public education campaign once said guidance has been created.”

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

13. RESOLUTION

- 13a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby go on record commending MassDOT District 3 Highway Director for Central Massachusetts Barry J. Lorion for his support in ensuring the portion of McKeon Road under I-290 be resurfaced. (Fresolo)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, 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

14. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

- 14a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Order of Councilor Gary Rosen, Councilor Morris A. Bergman, Councilor Robert A. Bilotta, Councilor Tony Economou, Councilor John P. Fresolo, Councilor Khrystian E. King, Councilor Satya B. Mitra, Councilor Luis A. Ojeda, Councilor Jose A. Rivera, Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey and Mayor Joseph M. Petty - Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations hold a public hearing to determine the feasibility and advisability of the City Council initiating and/or supporting efforts to review the current modified Plan E City Charter, which was implemented in 1987 and amended in 2022: recommend Order be placed on file.

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

- 14b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication relative to various options available for making changes to the City Charter: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #14a CC)

- 14c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication detailing possible charter changes that could be done without the creation of a Charter Review Commission, charter changes that require approval of such a commission, as well as City Council's role in passing ordinance changes: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #14a CC)

- 14d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication relative to the process required to place a non-binding question on the ballot of the upcoming local election: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #14a CC)

- 14e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication relative to advertisements for the Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations meeting on Monday, September 28, 2026 related to a discussion of the City Charter: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #14a CC)

- 14f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk transmitting an informational communication concerning resident testimony brought forth at the Monday, August 17, 2026 Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations meeting related to the discussion of a potential review of the City Charter: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #14a CC)

15. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION

- 15a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION** Upon the 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: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept and adopt the item. Accepted and Adopted

- 15b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION** Upon the 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: recommend Report be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept the item. Accepted

16. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

- 16a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of the proposed ordinance amendment to establish a tow zone on portions of Albany Street and Fantasia Drive: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

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

- 16b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING** Upon the Petition of Daily Toribio request installation of a handicap parking space with ADA accessible curb cut at 62 Circuit Ave. North: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to accept items #16b CC through #16t CC. Accepted

- 16c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Sheila Reid request traffic enforcement of the stop signs at the intersection of Beechmont St. and Bancroft Tower Rd., in the interest in public safety: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Bill Hurley request increased speed enforcement on West Chester St., in the interest of public safety: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Christine Dolat request increased speed and traffic enforcement on Delawanda Dr., in an effort to deter speeding and illegal vehicle use in the neighborhood: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Ronald Prapuolenis request increased speed enforcement on Mountain St. West between West Boylston St. and Pullman St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Ronald Prapuolenis request installation of "Thickly Settled" signage on Mountain St. West in the vicinity of West Boylston St. and Pullman St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of traffic calming signage at the intersection of Saxon Rd. and Westbrook Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Francel Hollins et al. request installation of resident permit parking on the odd side of Providence St. from Dorchester St. to South St. Further, request installation of No Parking Anytime signage on the even side of Providence St. from Dorchester St. to South St. (Amended August 19, 2026): recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Jillian St. Pierre request removal of "No Parking Anytime" restriction on Theodore Tonna St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)

- 16k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor John P. Fresolo on behalf of Devan Wilson request “No Parking Anytime” signage on the even side of McGill St. be removed: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Francis Dufault request installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Grove St. and Chester St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Kim Ashe request installation of a green right arrow on Stafford St. at its intersection with James St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Thomas Vincent request the traffic lights at the intersection of Shore Dr. and Norton Dr. be reviewed for the purpose of extending the Shore Dr. light turning onto Norton Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Thomas Vincent request the green left turn signal on Shore Dr. at its intersection with Holden St. be extended: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mike Rejaey request installation of a designated right turn lane on Bigelow Davis Parkway at its intersection with Lake Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Caitlyn Austin request installation of resident permit parking on Beaver Brook Pkwy: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou request installation of “No Left Turn” signage on Grove St. for access to Lansing Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)
- 16s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Tony Economou request installation of “No Left Turn” signage on Holden St. for access to Lansing Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted (See Item #16b CC)

- 16t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey on behalf of Catherine Flagg request Fales St. at its intersection with Leeds St. be reviewed for speed calming measures, including the potential for the installation of speed humps and additional stop signs: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted (See Item #16b CC)

17. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 17a.** 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 and Held Under Privilege - King September 29, 2026)

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

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

Councilor Rosen then moved to place the item on file.

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 moved to place the item on file. Placed on file

- 17b.** 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 and September 29, 2026)

Leave to Withdraw (See Item #17c CC)

17c. ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – 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 September 29, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #17b CC and #17d CC.

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

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

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

Vice Chairperson Councilor King recognized Councilor Mitra, who moved to, “Request City Manager explore the possibility of installing rented, mobile bathrooms and showers in the city’s municipal parking lots until such a time that permanent bathrooms and showers are reviewed and completed.” (See Item #20a CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the costs associated with installing temporary and/or permanent bathroom and shower facilities in the city. Further, request said report also include information concerning funding sources and/or grants available for the installation of such facilities.” (See Item #20b CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a third time, who moved to withdraw item #17b CC.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Order adopted

- 17d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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 September 29, 2026)
Order adopted (See Item #17c CC)

18. TABLED ITEMS

- 18a.** 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
- 18b.** 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
- 18c.** 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
- 18d.** 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
- 18e.** 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
- 18f.** 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

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

- 19a.** ORDER of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – 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. – Item #13a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 19b.** ORDER of Councilor Satya B. Mitra – 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. – Item #13b CC Order adopted
- 19c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13c CC Order adopted
- 19d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13d CC Order adopted
- 19e.** ORDER of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda – 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. – Item #13e CC Order adopted
- 19f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13f CC Order adopted
- 19g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13g CC Order adopted
- 19h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13h CC Order adopted

- 19i.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – 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. – Item #13i CC Order adopted
- 19j.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13j CC Order adopted
- 19k.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13k CC Order adopted
- 19l.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13l CC Order adopted
- 19m.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the prior organization and role of the CSX Neighborhood Improvement Fund Advisory Committee. – Item #13m CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 19n.** ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman – 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.” – Item #13n Held Under Privilege

19o. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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.” – Item #13o Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays

19p. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #13p Held Under Privilege

20. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the October 6, 2026 City Council meeting.

20a. Motion Mitra @ #17c CC – Request City Manager explore the possibility of installing rented, mobile bathrooms and showers in the city’s municipal parking lots until such a time that permanent bathrooms and showers are reviewed and completed.

Order adopted (See Item #17c CC)

20b. Motion Toomey @ #17c CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the costs associated with installing temporary and/or permanent bathroom and shower facilities in the city. Further, request said report also include information concerning funding sources and/or grants available for the installation of such facilities.

Order adopted (See Item #17c CC)

20c. Motion King @ #12o CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report related to the city’s current and future workforce development, in response to artificial intelligence (AI) and increased/improved technology.

Order adopted (See Item #12o CC)

20d. Motion King @ #12x CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of any plans to complete two (2) Worcester Police Department (WPD) police academy classes prior to the end of calendar year 2027, wherein one class would utilize funds from Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) and other would utilize funds from Fiscal Year 2028 (FY28). Further, request said report include an analysis of the fiscal impact of such a decision.

Order adopted (See Item #12x CC)

20e. Motion Economou – Suspension of Rules – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby go on record recognizing the students and faculty at Francis J. McGrath Elementary School, Midland Street Elementary School, Worcester Arts Magnet School, and Columbus Park Preparatory Elementary School for earning state recognition for their academic progress toward accountability targets in English Language Arts and Mathematics, while ranking above the twentieth percentile of schools statewide.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Economou, who introduced the item.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. Resolution adopted