

CITY OF WORCESTER

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Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Esther Howland (South) Chamber

Convened: 6:34 P.M.

Recessed: 9:36 P.M.

Reconvened: 9:46 P.M.

Adjourned: 11:51 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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DISTRICT COUNCILORS

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 Bilotta participated in the meeting remotely.

4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

- 4a. Mayor Petty read a Proclamation declaring the month of September 2026 as Worcester LGBTQIA+ Pride Season. The Proclamation was presented to members of the LGBTQIA+ Community, including Jon Pittsley, who spoke concerning the item.

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 July 21, 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. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
2. Gordon Davis, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
3. Rev. Joseph Rizzuti, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
4. Fred Taylor, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
5. Aretha Kharashquah, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
6. Sue Swanson on behalf of Drew Schnoebelen, Worcester residents, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
7. Grace Ross, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
8. Abby Mortillaro, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
9. Donald Borek, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #22a CC
10. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #14b CC and spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
11. Dante Comparetto, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC and spoke in favor of item #22b CC
12. Senator Robyn Kennedy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC and #8b CC and spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
13. Fran Anthes, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC and #8b CC and spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
14. Chrys Demetry, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
15. Tom Marino, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
16. Kevin Ksen, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
17. Rhonda Hicks a.k.a. Wahya Guste Wolfpaw, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
18. Casey Panarelli, Shrewsbury resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
19. Martha Assefa, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC and #8b CC and spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
20. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #15c CC and spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #22a CC
21. Randy Feldman, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC and #8b CC and spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
22. Embers De Tukula, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
23. Steve Hart, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
24. Heather Prunier Stanek, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC and spoke in favor of item #22b CC
25. David Coyne, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
26. Wilson Lam, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #11d CC
27. Amy Thibodeaux, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10t CC and #15k CC
28. Feanna Jattan-Singh, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC and spoke in favor of item #14b CC
29. Margot Barnet, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
30. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC, #8b CC, and #22b CC and spoke in opposition to item #22a CC

31. Jillian Phillips, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC and #8b CC
32. David Fort, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
33. (no name given), (no resident given), spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
34. Maria (no last name given), Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
35. Giselle Rivera-Flores, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #8a CC and #8b CC and spoke in opposition to item #22a CC
36. David Corazzini, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #12b CC
37. Lorenzo Atwood, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #11b CC

7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS - 6:30 P.M.

- 7a.** Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: VELANDER ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: VELANDER ST.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to open the hearings for items #7a CC through #7c CC. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty asked if any abutters wished to be heard on the item. Hearing no speakers, Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to close the hearings. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

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

- 7b.** Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: WASHINGTON SQ.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: WASHINGTON SQ.

Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a CC)

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

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

Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7a 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 August 18, 2026, in regard to the following item: ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager install signage at appropriate locations throughout the city stating the property may not be used for civil immigration enforcement activities. Further, request City Manager create a draft ordinance for City Council consideration related to the enforcement of such signage (see attached for an image of such signage in the City of Lynn).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas - Bilotta, Fresolo, King, Ojeda, Petty) (Nays - Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey)

- 8b. 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 August 18, 2026, in regard to the following item: ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager, as part of any draft ordinance related to the prohibition of civil immigration enforcement activities on certain and appropriate properties, ensure language be included in said ordinance that requires signage be listed at such properties in all appropriate languages.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 4 Yeas and 7 Nays (Yeas - Bilotta, King, Ojeda, Petty) (Nays - Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to reconsider the item. Reconsideration approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas - Bilotta, Fresolo, King, Ojeda, Petty) (Nays - Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey).

9. FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS - Biannual Economic Development Reports

10. PETITIONS - Part I

- 10a. Patrick Grady request a shade tree be planted on West Boylston St. in the pre-existing tree pit the vicinity of the Worcester Public Library Frances Perkins Branch, located at 470 West Boylston St. (see attached).

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #10a CC through #10c CC to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery. Referred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 10b.** Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Kerry Berger request removal of two (2) trees in the vicinity of 81 Morningside Rd., due to the trees being hollowed out and leaning towards the property.
Referred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item #10a CC)
- 10c.** Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of David Krendal, Trustee, request the dead street tree between 45 and 47 Valley Hill Dr. be removed, in the interest of public safety.
Referred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item #10a CC)
- 10d.** Cristina DePina request regulations be established to ensure cats are not allowed to roam freely.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 10e.** Edward Weisser request installation of streetlights on Lake Ave. North from Quinsigamond State Park to Lincoln St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #10e CC through #10x CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 10f.** Edward Weisser request installation of streetlights on Winneconnett Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10g.** Edward Weisser request installation of streetlights on Dominion Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10h.** Edward Weisser request installation of streetlights on Belcourt Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10i.** Edward Weisser request installation of streetlights on Natural History Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10j.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request curb cuts be completed for the crosswalk at the eastern intersection of Laurel St. and Everett Gaylord Blvd.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10k.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the southern portion of the fencing at Harrington Field Playground, located at 720 Franklin St., be extended to improve safety at the location.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10l.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the sidewalk on the southern side of Temple St. be repaired.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10m.** Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Rosemary McCarthy request installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Circuit Ave. East and Ferdinand St.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 10n.** Councilor Khrystian E. King request sidewalk repair on Brandon Rd.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10o.** Councilor Khrystian E. King request Brandon Rd. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10p.** Councilor Khrystian E. King request sidewalk repair on Rowena St.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10q.** Wilson Navarro Dominquez et al. request Riley St. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10r.** Julie Ann Lamacchia request the sinkhole located in front of 35 Arbutus Rd. be repaired.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10s.** William Walsh request Healy Rd. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10t.** Councilor Satya B. Mitra on behalf of Amy and Chad Thibodeaux request Hancock Hill Rd. from Forest St. to Ardmore Rd. be resurfaced.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10u.** Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda on behalf of Mayra Callahan request Hancock St. from Main St. to Hollis St. be given the honorary street name designation of Juana and Daniel Candelario Way.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10v.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda on behalf of Kelly M. Fay Rodriguez and Joselina Fay request Oread St. from Main St. to Beacon St. be given the honorary street name designation of Ruth Rodriguez-Fay Way.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10w.** Dianelly Soto request installation of streetlights in the vicinity of the crosswalks located at the Winthrop St. and Vernon St. intersection.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10x.** Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request Piedmont St. from Jaques Ave. to Davis St. be given the honorary street name designation of Meanes "Moe" Mooradian Way.
Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10e CC)
- 10y.** Councilor John P. Fresolo on behalf of Donald Borek request installation of 20 MPH speed limit signage on Enid St. to replace the current 30 MPH signage on the street.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #10y CC and #10z CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

- 10z.** Councilor Gary Rosen on behalf of Deirdre Healy request installation of speed limit signage on Pleasant St. between Newton Square and Tatnuck Square.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10y CC)

11. PETITIONS - Part II

- 11a.** Councilor Gary Rosen on behalf of Deirdre Healy request installation of “Do Not Block Intersection” signage on Pleasant St. at its intersection with Vesper St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #11a CC through #11z CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 11b.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of convex mirrors on Millbrook St. across from 171 and 173 Millbrook St.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11c.** Councilor John P. Fresolo on behalf of Justice Nyame request installation of “Children Playing” signage in the vicinity of 6 Hale St.
Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mitra, who spoke concerning the item.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11d.** Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of speed humps on Kenberma Rd. near its intersection with Samoset Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11e.** Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of a speed table on Granite St. near Cliff St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11f.** Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Rosemary McCarthy request the curbs at the intersection of Circuit Ave. East and Ferdinand St. be painted yellow.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11g.** Jimmie Barry request removal of the handicap parking space in front of 1 Belvidere Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11h.** Sandra DiRoberto request installation of a speed hump on Dominion Rd. at its intersection with Ansonia Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)

- 11i.** Daniel DiMassa request installation of speed humps on Flagg St. between Berwick St. and Audubon Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11j.** Taylor Boucher request installation of speed humps on Fairmont Ave. between Plantation St. and Hamilton St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11k.** Taylor Boucher request installation of additional "One Way" signage on Fairmont Ave. at its intersection with Dartmouth St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11l.** Taylor Boucher request installation of additional "One Way" signage on Fairmont Ave. at its intersection with Clarendon St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11m.** Dianelly Soto request installation of flashing crosswalk signage at both crosswalks located in the vicinity of the Winthrop St. and Vernon St. intersection.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11n.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the installation of two (2) permanent speed monitors on Shrewsbury St., westbound and eastbound.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11o.** Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of two (2) permanent speed monitors on Belmont St., between Officer Manny Familia Way and Lincoln Sq., eastbound and westbound.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11p.** John Morello request installation of stop signage facing both directions on Lake Ave. at its intersection with Bigelow Davis Pkwy.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11q.** Richard Salaices request existing resident permit parking on Dominion Rd. be extended to include 17 Dominion Rd.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11r.** Sara Espino request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of West St. and William St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)

- 11s. Jesse Metivier request installation of resident permit parking on Locust Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11t. Jesse Metivier request installation of resident permit parking on Alvarado Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11u. Jesse Metivier request installation of resident permit parking on Lake View St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11v. Igor Bison request installation of "No Parking Here to Corner" signage at the intersection of Rodney St. and Catharine St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11w. Igor Bison request the intersection of Rodney St. and Catharine St. be reviewed for appropriate parking restrictions, such as a permanent winter parking ban or "No Parking Anytime" signage.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11x. Deborah Pavlakos request removal of a handicap parking space in front of 1 Berkman St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11y. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of resident permit parking on Goulding St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)
- 11z. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of resident permit parking on Dean St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a CC)

12. PETITIONS - Part III

- 12a. Juan Gonzalez, Jr. et al. request installation of a truck ban/weight restriction for the through traffic of trucks on Riley St.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #12a CC through #12n CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 12b. David Corazzini request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 50 Bristol St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)

- 12c.** Angel Reyes request removal of a handicap parking space in front of 54 Ward St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12d.** Anthony Chandler request installation of two (2) speed humps on Forest St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12e.** Bob Bilodeau request installation of vertical barricades at the crosswalks located in the vicinity of 181 Lake Ave. (see attached).
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12f.** Juana Vasquez request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 13 1/2 Hancock St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12g.** Desiree Matos request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 171 Chandler St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12h.** Gina Perna request installation of a pedestrian crossing button on the even side of Shrewsbury St. at the crosswalk located in the vicinity of 348 Shrewsbury St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12i.** Mary Norfleet request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 3 Clement St.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12j.** Victoria Donkor request removal of a handicap parking space in front of 2 Stowell Ave.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12k.** Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of the residents of Valley Hill Dr. and Valley Hill Ln. request installation of three (3) way stop signs with stop bars at the intersection of Valley Hill Dr. and Valley Hill Ln., in the interest of public safety.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)
- 12l.** Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of the resident of Valley Hill Dr. request installation of a speed hump in the vicinity of 66 Valley Hill Dr., in the interest of public safety.
Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)

12m. Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of the resident of Valley Hill Dr. request installation of speed limit signage on Valley Hill Dr., in the interest of public safety.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)

12n. Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of the residents of Valley Hill Dr. request installation of rumble strips on the hill portions of Valley Hill Dr., in the interest of public safety.

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #12a CC)

12o. Ilanit Megidesh request efforts be made to reduce the city's population of the invasive bird species know as the European Starling.

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

13. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

13.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Daniel Padilla to Constable.

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

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Angel Rosario to Constable.

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

13.2 APPOINTMENTS

City Council Confirmation

- A. Recommend appointment of Lauren Tiberio, Jennifer Maddox, and John Finn to the Accessibility Advisory Commission.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved for a roll call vote to appoint each member individually.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment of Lauren Tiberio to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment of Jennifer Maddox to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment of John Finn to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

13.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

William Bagley, Jr., Esq., Chief Human Resources Officer

- A. Recommend approval of an amendment to the Salary Ordinance.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the three (3) proposed Ordinances. Voted to advertise three (3) proposed Ordinances on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

13.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer

- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to Economic Development Initiatives.

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

Held Under Privilege - Bilotta

- B. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Housing and Neighborhood Development Activities.

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

Held Under Privilege - Bilotta

- C. Informational Communication Relative to Semi-Annual TIF/TIE Reporting June 30, 2026.

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

Held Under Privilege - Bilotta

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

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

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

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

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

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

13.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY
Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner

13.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT
Martin Dyer, Fire Chief

13.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT
Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief

- 13.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner
- 13.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**
Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor
- 13.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Administration
Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner
- 13.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Building and Zoning Division
David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner
- 13.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**
Housing and Health Inspections Division
Lee R. Hall, Director
- 13.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Administration
Seema Dixit, Commissioner
- 13.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Elder Affairs
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 13.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Veterans Services
Alex R. Arriaga, Interim Veterans Services Director
- 13.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Youth Opportunities
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 13.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 13.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**
Election Commission Division
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

13.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Brian Allen, Superintendent

13.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Administration

Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer

13.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Assessing Division

Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor

13.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget Office Division

Erin E. Taylor, Director

13.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Purchasing Division

Christopher Gagliastro, Director

13.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Treasury and Collections Division

Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the upcoming DCU Special Tax District Borrowing.

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

13.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities

13.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer

13.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer

13.34 FINANCE ITEMS

Capital Transfers

13.35 FINANCE ITEMS

Grants and Donations

- A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,923,714.10) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #13.35A CM through #13.35H CM, #13.36ACM, #13.36B CM and #13.37A CM through #13.37C 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 Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$200,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office.

Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)

- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation of Sixty-Two (62) free tickets to the College of the Holy Cross football game on Aug. 29, 2026 that were claimed by City of Worcester employees.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)

- D. Recommend the adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$200.00) from Jean and Dennis Fees in memory of Souraya Adjami, in support of the Worcester Senior Center.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)

- E. Recommend the adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,000.00) from Monique Adjami Shevlin, Victoria Adjami, and Ronald J. Adjami in memory of Souraya Adjami, in support of the Worcester Senior Center.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)

- F. Recommend the adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$50.00) from Jeff and Vicki Hill in memory of Souraya Adjami, in support of the Worcester Senior Center.

Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)

- G. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$2,200.00) from the Worcester Public Library Foundation.
Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)
- H. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) from UMass Memorial Medical Center, Inc. Community Benefits Department.
Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)

13.36 FINANCE ITEMS

Operational Transfers

- A. Recommend that Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Eight Cents (\$5,957.08) be transferred from various Community Development Block Grant Year 51 grant accounts and be appropriated to GRT-101664, CDBG Year 51 Small Business Assistance, to allow for timely expenditure of federal grant funds.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)
- B. Recommend approval of year-end operating transfers to make adjustments to municipal accounts to balance the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)

13.37 FINANCE ITEMS

Prior Year

- A. Recommend that Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$29,228.60) 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 #13.35A CM)
- B. Recommend that One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (\$1,389.58) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2027 Cost Center #CC1044, Fire Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)
- C. Recommend that Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$3,957.69) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2027 Parks cost centers to allow payment of prior year invoices.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13.35A CM)

13.38 FINANCE
Loan Orders

13.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

14. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 14a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Clerk work with City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report detailing City Council's role related to ordinance changes.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #14a CC through #14r CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 14b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Clerk work with City Solicitor to provide City Council with a report detailing possible charter changes that could be done without the creation of a Charter Review Commission in addition to charter changes that require approval of such a commission.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing resident testimony brought forth at the Monday, August 17, 2026 Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations meeting.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS -
Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing the process required to place a non-binding question on the ballot of the upcoming local election.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -
Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the amount of money the city receives from sales and/or settlements associated with tobacco, vapes and nicotine products, as well as how much of those monies are spent on tobacco cessation and prevention purposes.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -
Request City Clerk provide the minutes and recording of the Standing Committee on Public Health and Human Services meeting on August 24, 2026 to the Worcester Public Schools administration.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)

- 14g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager create a public service campaign related to preventing the city's youth from using tobacco, nicotine and vaping products.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install advanced signage for the curves and the roadway on Byron St.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install a MUTCD compliant Playground Advisory sign on Ames St. approaching Vernon Hill Park.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility design and install a crosswalk on Beverly Rd. at its intersection with Rexhame Rd. that includes ADA/PROWAG compliant ramps, MUTCD compliant pavement markings and MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage, pending funding.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install ADA/PROWAG compliant ramps and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the intersection of Willowbrook Ln. and Salisbury St., pending funding
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14l.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage at the intersection of Willowbrook Ln. and Salisbury St.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14m.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install a crosswalk across Elm St. at its intersection with Maple St., pending funding.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14n.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review Gage St. at its intersection with Ford St. and Berkeley St. for the feasibility of prohibiting parking across the street from Ford St./the northern side of Gage St.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)
- 14o.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MassDOT compliant speed limit signs on May St. between Chandler St. and Pleasant St.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)

14p. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility prioritize and address safety concerns for left turning traffic on Park Ave. at its intersection with Pleasant St. during the upcoming Bottleneck Traffic Signal Improvement Project.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)

14q. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install a Sharp Curve sign on Tampa St. in the vicinity of 47 Tampa St.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)

14r. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MassDOT compliant speed limit signage on Plantation St.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #14a CC)

15. ORDERS

15a. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the preparations occurring within the department for the upcoming winter weather and snowstorm season. Said report should include a breakdown of the department's available personnel, equipment and anticipated improvements in snow and ice removal operations. (Economou)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

15b. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing the conversion of private streets into public streets in the city. Said report should include information related to 1) how many miles of private streets currently exist in the city; 2) the process used by residents to convert streets from private to public; 3) the legality of and fiscal amount required to have the city pay to convert all private streets to public streets; and 4) the process used by other municipalities to convert their private streets into public streets. (Mitra)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15c.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning any responsibility the city has to ensure private streets are kept at a basic, minimum standard that allows public safety vehicles to pass through the road. Further, request said report include information concerning how the city could allocate funding to ensure the roads are kept at said standard. (Mitra)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15d.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report detailing the monetary allocations required to resurface each of the city's major arteries, as defined in the city's pavement management program, respectively. Said report should only include major arteries that are in need of such repairs. (Mitra)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15e.** Request City Manager consider reviewing existing Homelessness Response Action Plans in communities such as Seattle, Portland, Sacramento and Spokane for the purpose of adopting a similar plan in Worcester, in an effort to enhance the city's ability to serve the many needs of the growing unhoused population. Said Homelessness Response Action Plan should include but not be limited to 1) the utilization of key, existing support systems in the city like shelters, social and job-finding services, food banks, and medical care; and 2) entering into formal, interlocal agreements with several surrounding cities and towns to share the financial and operational expenses of a regional homelessness response. (Rosen)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15f.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning best practices the public can use to report and take action against the invasive insect known as the spotted lanternfly. (Rivera)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15g.** Request City Manager create an immediate action plan to address the recent violent incidents that have occurred in and around the Worcester Common/Downtown Central Business District, which have taken place over the last several months. (Economou)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rosen, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15h.** Request Standing Committee on Public Safety invite all social service agencies working with homeless and addiction treatment programs to discuss their efforts in assisting the city in ameliorating the public safety issues occurring over the past few months. (Toomey)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rosen, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15i.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works ensure various subpar street and sidewalk projects throughout the city are reviewed and addressed by reinstalling improved materials and/or by redesigning and reinstalling work done below acceptable standards. Said reinstallations/replacements should include: 1) the installation of more suitable loam and hydroseeding for new grass along Florida Ave. and Park Ave., from Salisbury St. to Highland St.; 2) the improvement of driveway installations that were worked on last year along Florida Ave.; 3) the removal of the sand between the bricks on Germain St., with polymeric sand being installed in its place; 4) the installation of more suitable loam and hydroseeding along the grass strip of Germain St.; 5) the removal and replacement of the section of sidewalk that has heaved and cracked on Burncoat St. in the vicinity and opposite of Arbutus Rd. and Rollinson Rd.; and 6) the redesign and reinstallation of the grade change of the sidewalk as you approach Thorndyke Rd. along Burncoat St. from the north. (Economou)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rosen, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15j.** Request City Manager install two (2) WooBin trash receptacles on Southbridge St. in the vicinity of 114 and 148 Southbridge St. (Mitra)
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Rosen, who moved to Hold the Item Under Privilege.

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15k.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works ensure sanitation staff do not use private driveways to turn their vehicles around when collecting trash on city streets. Further, request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works also ensure sanitation staff do not leave garbage debris, including glass, on city streets when they compress trash within their collection trucks. (Mitra)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

- 15l.** Request Standing Committee on Public Works hold a discussion relative to ways the city can improve its process used by the Department of Transportation and Mobility and Department of Public Works to make local street and sidewalk rehabilitation/resurfacing project selections with each of the city's District Councilors. Said discussion should include the timeline required to ensure streets and sidewalks are resurfaced in a timely manner. (Fresolo)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

16. RESOLUTION

- 16a.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby recognize September as National Service Dog Month. (Bilotta)

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

Held Under Privilege - Rosen

17. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

- 17a.** REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Mark A. Borenstein request the Off-Street Accessory Parking Requirements set forth in Article IV, Table 4.4 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance be amended by eliminating the separate off-street parking requirements for single, two or three family dwelling and multi-family dwelling uses and creating one new category entitled, single, two, three family or multi-family dwelling uses, and requiring one (1) parking space per dwelling unit for such uses.

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

18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

18a. 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, August 17, 2026 related to a discussion of the City Charter: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #18a CC and #18b CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

18b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a process to establish a charter review commission: recommend Communication be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #18a CC)

19. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - PART I

19a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Sherry Robinson request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage between 4 and 8 Perry Ave. to deter vehicles from blocking the driveways: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt items #19a CC through #19g CC. Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

19b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Molly Beauvis request installation of 25 MPH speed limit signage on Mower St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19c. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Nathalie Gibson request installation of warning signage on Coes St. adjacent to the Stearns Tavern in both directions to alert motorists of the sharp curve: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19d. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of a truck ban/weight restriction for the through traffic of trucks on Hamilton St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

19e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of a truck ban/weight restriction for the through traffic of trucks on Lake Ave.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)

- 19f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Report of the Committee on Public Works Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of traffic bollards at 173 Grove St., to the north and south of driveway to prevent illegal parking and improve driver, cyclist and pedestrian visibility: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)
- 19g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of crosswalks on North Pkwy. at any and all appropriate locations: recommend approval of the accompanying Order.
Accepted and adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19a CC)
- 19h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Luis A. Ojeda on behalf of Brenda Jenkins request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 11 Benefit St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #19h CC through #19z CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 19i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Rebecca Distefano request removal of handicap parking space in front of 41 Everard St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mario Makhlef request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage in front of the pathway located at 26 King St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Therese Richardson request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on one side of lower Byron St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Walas Almeida request installation of speed limit signage facing traffic traveling downhill in the vicinity of 604 Burncoat St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Petition of Nathalie Gibson request center solid yellow line be painted on Coes St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)

- 19n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of a "Go Slow Children" sign on the portion of Ames St. between Vernon St. and Stockton St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Alexander Volkov request installation of "Children" signage in front of 457 Granite St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Brian Thamel request installation of a crosswalk with flashing beacon lights between 335/337 and 338 Park Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19q.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joseph Corazzini request installation of an additional crosswalk at 271 Salisbury St. and Forest St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19r.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Patrick Grady request installation of solar-powered flashing crosswalk indicators at the crosswalk located on Gold Star Blvd. in the vicinity of its intersection with Woodbury St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19s.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Jodi Bishop request installation of a rapid flashing beacon crosswalk in the vicinity of Beverly Rd. and Rexhame Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19t.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Michael Benz request installation of a rapid flashing beacon, improved crosswalk signage and additional line painting at the intersection of Willowbrook Ln. and Salisbury St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)
- 19u.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a rapid flashing beacon on Elm St., at its intersection with Maple St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)

19v. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Dana Felicitti request installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the crosswalk on Grove St. at its intersection with Chadwick St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)

19w. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Dana Felicitti request installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the crosswalk on Gold Star Blvd. at its intersection with Chadwick St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)

19x. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Dana Felicitti request installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the crosswalk in the vicinity of 60 Gold Star Blvd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)

19y. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of crosswalks at appropriate locations on North Lake Ave. between North Rd. and Belcourt Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)

19z. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Satya B. Mitra request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Richmond Ave. and Pleasant St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #19h CC)

20. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - PART II

20a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Satya B. Mitra and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of William Aldridge, owner of Theatre Café, request removal of the existing parking regulations on the odd side of Main St. from Federal St. to Franklin St., with One (1) Hour Parking from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. being installed in its place: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to accept items #20a CC through #20n CC. Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

20b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Satya B. Mitra and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of William Aldridge, owner of Theatre Café, request removal of the existing parking regulations in front of 484 Main St., the site of the former Denholm Building, with One (1) Hour Parking from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. being installed in its place: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

- 20c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Jason Dasilva request installation of two (2) hour parking directly in front of 43 and 47 Stafford St., with parking being allowed closest to the curb and the bike lane being made more consistent with other sections of Stafford St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Alyssa Benefit request removal of resident permit parking on South Flagg St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Olsi Gjinko request removal of resident permit parking on Shirley St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Katherine O'Leary request installation of a speed monitoring sign on Lovell St. going uphill towards May St., in the vicinity of the rotary: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Heather Flavin request installation of a dynamic speed monitor display on May St. between Chandler St. and Pleasant St.:P recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Raymond Augustine request installation of radar enforced speed limit warning signage facing both direction in the vicinity of 22 Valmor St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Lauren Cordeiro request installation of turn signal lights and a turning lane at the intersection of Park Ave. and Pleasant St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)
- 20j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Michael Rapsomanikis request installation of designated left turn lanes on Park Ave. at its intersection with Pleasant St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

20k. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Nicole Anuszczyk request the School Zone signage on Blackstone River Rd. be reviewed for the feasibility of changing the time from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

20l. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Nicole Anuszczyk request the existing School Zone signage on Blackstone River Rd. be updated to include flashing beacons: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

20m. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of thru way street signage at the northern corner of Tampa St., in the vicinity of 47 Tampa St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

20n. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the intersection of Plantation St. and Orient St. be reviewed for the purpose of installing speed calming measures at the location: recommend Petition be placed on file.

Accepted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #20a CC)

21. TO BE ORDAINED

21a. Amending Section 5(B) of Chapter 4 of the General Revised Ordinances of 2008 Related to Placement of Items for Collection.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #21a CC through #21w CC collectively.

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

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

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

21b. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #159 Ingleside Avenue.

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

21c. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in the vicinity of #370 Main Street.

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

21d. Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in the vicinity of #7 Commonwealth Avenue.

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

- 21e.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Remove Handicap Parking in the vicinity of #118 Tower Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21f.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking on Sturgis Street in the vicinity of #195 Lincoln Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21g.** Amending Section 70 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit Left Turns from Grafton Street to Roosevelt School at 1006 Grafton Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21h.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit Parking in front of 22 Waverly Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21i.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit Parking on the Even Side of a portion of Demarco Terrace.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21j.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit Parking on the Even Side of a portion of Sterling Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21k.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit Parking in front of 3 Thayer Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21l.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit On-Street Parking on portions of Grafton Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21m.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Dryden Street at Edgeworth Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21n.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Sophia Drive at Tennyson Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21o.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Wedgewood Road at Westmorland Drive.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21p.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Whittier Street at Edgeworth Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)

- 21q.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Establish a Commercial Loading Zone and Two-Hour Metered Parking on a portion of Main Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21r.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide 15 Minute Parking on a portion of Grand Street at 103 Canterbury Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21s.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #9 Preston Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21t.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #23 Kendrick Avenue.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21u.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in the vicinity of #72 Richland Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21v.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in front of #117 Merrifield Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)
- 21w.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Provide Handicap Parking in the vicinity of #151 Chandler Street.
Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #21a CC)

22. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 22a.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report and recommendation regarding a municipal civilian review board. (Held Under Privilege - King July 21, 2026 and Held Under Privilege - Petty August 18, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the Chief Equity Officer, who provided City Council with a presentation concerning processes used by the administration's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office, as well as the administration's recommendation not to move forward with a Civilian Review Board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilor Ojeda then moved to, "Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the reasons why the city has seen an increase in the number of individuals being arrested over the past five (5) years, in an effort to educate residents at neighborhood meetings and reduce the number of arrests occurring in the city through proactive community engagement." (See Item #25b CC).

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

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

Councilor Mitra then moved to, "Request City Manager work with the Chief Equity Officer and Police Chief to provide City Council with a biannual report detailing the various SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound) goals and objectives of the Worcester Police Department (WPD), in an effort to increase accountability and transparency within the community. Said report should include, but not be limited to, information related to the number of instances where misconduct of officers occurred, as well as the number of times the excessive use of force was used." (See Item #25c CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Equity Officer and Police Chief, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bilotta.

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

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

Councilor Rosen then moved to place the item on file.

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

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Clerk work with the Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau to provide City Council with a copy of their report titled, “Overdue for Civilian Oversight: A Pathway for Lasting Police Reform.” – Withdrawn.

Mayor Petty then moved, “That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend Rule 21 of the Rules of City Council to allow for Councilor Khrystian E. King to speak beyond the typically allotted then (10) minutes on item #22a CC. Motion denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, Fresolo, King, Ojeda, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey). (See Item #25d CC).

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a third time, who moved to withdraw his motion.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt Councilor Mitra’s motion, item #25c CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt Councilor Ojeda’s motion, item #25b CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Rosen’s motion to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bilotta, King, Ojeda)

- 22b.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey - Request Standing Committee on Public Safety hold a public discussion regarding the closure of the Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation of the Worcester Police Department (WPD) and City of Worcester. (Held Under Privilege - Toomey August 18, 2026)

Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas - Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays - Bilotta, King, Ojeda).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved for reconsideration of the item. Reconsideration denied on a roll call vote of 7 Yeas and 4 Nays (Yeas - Bilotta, Economou, Fresolo, King, Mitra, Ojeda, Petty) (Nays - Bergman, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey).

- 22c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Tony Economou - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility research installing in-road warning light crosswalk systems in the city to enhance pedestrian and motor vehicle safety in areas with high pedestrian traffic (see attached for links to example videos on YouTube). (Held Under Privilege - King August 18, 2026)

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

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

Mayor Petty 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 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Bilotta absent)

23. TABLED ITEMS

- 23a.** 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

- 23b.** 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

- 23c.** 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

- 23d.** 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

23e. 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

23f. 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

24. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the August 18, 2026 City Council meeting.

24a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby postpone its August 18, 2026 meeting and move all items, except for items #8a CC through #8z CC, #9a CC through #9z CC, #10a CC through #10x CC, #11.35A CM through #10.35V CC, #10.36A CM, and #11.37A CM through #11.37H CM to its next scheduled meeting on September 8, 2026. – Item #26a Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 5 Nays

25. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the September 8, 2026 City Council meeting.

25a. Motion Petty @ #6a CC – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend its rules to allow for the public participation section of the agenda on September 8, 2026 to occur one (1) hour beyond the typically allotted thirty (30) minutes.

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #6a CC)

25b. Motion Ojeda @ #22a CC – Request City Manager request Police Chief provide City Council with a report concerning the reasons why the city has seen an increase in the number of individuals being arrested over the past five (5) years, in an effort to educate residents at neighborhood meetings and reduce the number of arrests occurring in the city through proactive community engagement.

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

25c. Motion Mitra @ #22a CC – Request City Manager work with the Chief Equity Officer and Police Chief to provide City Council with a biannual report detailing the various SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound) goals and objectives of the Worcester Police Department (WPD), in an effort to increase accountability and transparency within the community. Said report should include, but not be limited to, information related to the number of instances where misconduct of officers occurred, as well as the number of times the excessive use of force was used.

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

25d. Motion Petty @ #22a CC – That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby suspend Rule 21 of the Rules of City Council to allow for Councilor Khrystian E. King to speak beyond the typically allotted then (10) minutes on item #22a CC.

Order denied on a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 6 Nays (Yeas – Bilotta, Fresolo, King, Ojeda, Petty) (Nays – Bergman, Economou, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey) (See Item #22a CC)

25e. Motion King – Suspension of Rules – Request Standing Committee on Education meet jointly with the School Committee’s Standing Committee on Operations and Governance for the purpose of reviewing matters pertaining to public education, the public libraries, arts, culture and higher education listed on their agenda.

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

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