

**CITY OF WORCESTER**  
**JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2026**  
**Esther Howland (South) Chamber**  
**Convened: 6:31 P.M.**  
**Adjourned: 9:40 P.M.**

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**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

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

**3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair. Councilor King participated in the meeting remotely until his arrival in the Chamber at 7:06 P.M.**

**4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

- 4a.** Mayor Petty provided Lee Anne Hooley, Cheryl Conn, Bianca Rullo, Joel Keisling and Karen Wall with a Certificate of Mayoral Recognition for their parts in Worcester's Talking Book Library winning the Subregional Library of the Year Award from the National Library Services for the Blind and Print Disabled/Library of Congress.

**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 29, 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. Abby Mortillaro, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #11b CC and spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #13b CC
2. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to items #9.7A CM, #9.11A CM and #9.11B CM and spoke in favor of item #9.26A CM
3. Gary Hunter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #13b CC and spoke in opposition to item #11b CC
4. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke concerning an item not listed on the agenda, spoke in opposition to item #11b CC and spoke in favor of items #13a CC and #13b CC
5. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #9.39A CM and #11b CC and spoke in favor of items #12a CC through #12f CC
6. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor of nor opposed to item #9.14A CM

## 7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

7a. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: CHADWICK ST.

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

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to open hearings for items #7a CC through #7d 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 items. Hearing no speakers, Mayor Petty moved 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: FRANKLIN ST. & ARCTIC ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: FRANKLIN ST. & ARCTIC ST.

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

7c. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: GRAFTON ST.

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

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

7d. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: PLEASANT ST.

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

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

## 8. PETITIONS

- 8a. Asaad Challab request sewer extension of approximately eighty-five (85) feet for 72A and 72B Arlington St.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 8b. Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey request installation of a crosswalk across Plantation St., from the Biotech Two parking lot, located at 373 Plantation St., to Mercadante Funeral Home, located at 370 Plantation St.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #8b CC through #8e CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 8c. Amaris Gonzalez request removal of the handicap parking space in front of 63 Airlie St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8b CC)**
- 8d. Laura Abbascia request a traffic and speeding study be conducted on Westview Rd. for the purpose of installing traffic calming measures, including speed humps.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8b CC)**
- 8e. Gladymill Canales request installation of speed humps on Wyman St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8b CC)**

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

## **9.1 APPOINTMENTS**

### **Non-City Council Confirmation**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Appointment of Nayari Veras and Chris Michelotti to the Worcester Arts Council.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place items #9.1A CM and #9.1B CM 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 Aashish Dhungana to the Conservation Commission.

**Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.1A CM)**

## **9.2 APPOINTMENTS**

### **City Council Confirmation**

## **9.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

- A. Recommend Adoption of an Amendment to Salary Ordinance.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinances associated with items #9.3A CM and #9.3B CM. Voted to advertise twenty-five (25) ordinances on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- B. Recommend Adoption of an Amendment to Salary Ordinance Relative to Public Health Nursing.

**Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.3A CM)**

## **9.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer**

## **9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

### **Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer**

## **9.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

### **Division of Human Rights and Accessibility**

### **Patricia M. LaFore, Director**

**9.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Administration Division**

**John K. Westerling, Commissioner**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communications Relative to Winter Readiness for the Coming 2026–2027 Winter Season.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bilotta.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Fresolo.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mitra.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rosen.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

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

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

- B. Recommend Adoption of Central Square Technologies Five-Year Contract.  
**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**
- C. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to DPW Fall Leaf Collection 2026.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.**
- Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee**

**9.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Engineering and Architectural Services Division  
John K. Westerling, Commissioner**

**9.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Operations Division  
John K. Westerling, Commissioner**

**9.10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY**

**Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner**

**9.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**

**Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Miles of Bicycle Accommodations Added in 2026.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee**

**B. Transmitting Informational Communication Concerning Traffic Safety Initiatives on Belmont Street and Lake Avenue.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager ensure the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility and Superintendent of Public Schools collaborate to provide students with proper notification and explanations related to the installation of various pedestrian safety measures when they are implemented in the vicinity of schools." (See Item #14a CC).

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

**9.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Martin Dyer, Fire Chief**

**9.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief**

**9.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

**Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner**

A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Enrollment Numbers of ALERTWorcester.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to recuse herself from the item and did not participate in the discussion.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Rivera.

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

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Emergency Communications and Management, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mitra.

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

**9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**

**Alexandra H. Kalkounis, Esq., City Solicitor**

**9.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Administration**

**Nicholas Antanavica, Commissioner**

**9.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Building and Zoning Division**

**David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner**

**9.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**

**Housing and Health Inspections Division**

**Lee R. Hall, Director**

**9.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration**

**Seema Dixit, Commissioner**

**9.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Division of Elder Affairs**

**Amy Vogel Waters, Director**

**9.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Division of Veterans Services**

**Alex R. Arriaga, Interim Veterans Services Director**

**9.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Division of Youth Opportunities**

**Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director**

**9.23 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Jason L. Homer, Executive Director**

**9.24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**Election Commission Division**

**Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk**

**9.25 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**Brian Allen, Superintendent**

**9.26 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Administration**

**Timothy McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer**

**A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Proposed New Rules 61, 62, and 63 of the Rules of City Council.**

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

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

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

**Mayor Petty 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 10 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay – King)**

**9.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Assessing Division**

**Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor**

**9.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Budget Office Division**

**Erin E. Taylor, Director**

**9.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Purchasing Division**

**Christopher Gagliastro, Director**

**9.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Treasury and Collections Division**

**Francisco Hernandez, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes**

**9.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities**

A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Worcester Ballpark Commission.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee.  
Referred to Public Works Committee

**9.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE**

**John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer**

A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Zero Waste Master Plan.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #9.32B CM.

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee. Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

B. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Department of Sustainability & Resilience Project Updates – Climate Resilience and Current Zero Waste Programs.

Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.32A CM)

**9.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer**

**9.34 FINANCE ITEMS**

**Capital Transfers**

**9.35 FINANCE ITEMS**

**Grants and Donations**

**9.36 FINANCE ITEMS**

**Operational Transfers**

**9.37 FINANCE ITEMS**

**Prior Year**

- A. Recommend that Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Fifty Four Cents (\$47,836.54) be Authorized from Various Fiscal Year 2027 Department of Public Works Cost Centers for the Payment of Prior Year Invoices.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.37A CM and #9.37B CM. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- B. Recommend That One Hundred Sixty Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$160.80) be Authorized from Fiscal Year 2027 Cost Center #CC1008, Department of Sustainability & Resilience Ordinary Maintenance, for the Payment of a Prior Year Invoice.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.37A CM)**

**9.38 FINANCE**

**Loan Orders**

**9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Worcester's 3-Star Certified Welcoming Designation Through Welcoming America.

**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**

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10a.** Robert V. Stearns, City Auditor, transmitting an informational communication detailing a completed school safety audit.

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

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

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a copy of the two (2) year strategic plan that relates to the city’s Safe Routes to School Taskforce.” (See Item #14b CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility consider the installation of a hybrid beacon system for the crosswalks in the vicinity of Chandler Elementary Community School, located at 114 Chandler St.” (See Item #14c CC).

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

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

Mayor Petty moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning parking limitations and regulations in place in and around Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St., as well as Rice Square Elementary School, located at 76 Massasoit Rd., to determine any potential improvements that can be made at the locations.” (See Item #14d CC).

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

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

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

- 10b.** Robert V. Stearns, City Auditor, recommending approval of an increase in the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) maximum base from \$16,000 to \$17,000 starting July 1, 2027.

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

- 10c.** Robert V. Stearns, City Auditor, transmitting an informational communication relative to how the Sale of Lots and Graves fund can be used at Hope Cemetery.

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

**10d.** Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk, transmitting an informational quarterly report outlining the various City Council Orders and Chairman's Orders adopted over the previous three (3) months, for the period of July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

**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**

## **11. HELD UNDER PRIVILEGE**

**11a.** Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 135 KENBERMA RD.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: 135 KENBERMA RD. (Held Under Privilege - Fresolo October 6, 2026)

**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Fresolo, who moved to place the item on file.**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Fresolo's motion to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 11b.** ORDER of Councilor Jose A. Rivera - 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. (Held Under Privilege - King October 6, 2026)

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rosen, who moved to amend the item to read as follows: "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 either 5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m., with public participation occurring from the set time of either 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each meeting."

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

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to, "Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations review Rule Five (5) of the Rules of City Council, which allows for the mayor, or if the mayor is unable to serve, the vice chair of the city council, or any five (5) members thereof, to call a special meeting by causing written notices stating the time and purpose of holding such meetings, in an effort to determine any potential amendments to the rule that would better assist City Council in completing its regular business." (See Item #14e CC).

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee as amended. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee as amended on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bilotta, King, Ojeda)

## **12. TABLED ITEMS**

- 12a.** 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**

**12b.** 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**

**12c.** 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**

**12d.** 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**

**12e.** 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**

**12f.** 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**

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

**13a.** ORDER of Councilor Satya B. Mitra – 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. – Item #20a CC Order adopted

**13b.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – 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. – Item #20b CC Order adopted

- 13c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #20c CC Order adopted
- 13d.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – 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. – Item #20d CC Order adopted
- 13e.** RESOLUTION of Councilor Tony Economou – 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. – Item #20e CC Resolution adopted

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

- 14a.** Motion King @ #9.11B CM – Request City Manager ensure the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility and Superintendent of Public Schools collaborate to provide students with proper notification and explanations related to the installation of various pedestrian safety measures when they are implemented in the vicinity of schools.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.11B CM)**
- 14b.** Motion King @ #10a CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a copy of the two (2) year strategic plan that relates to the city’s Safe Routes to School Taskforce.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)**
- 14c.** Motion King @ #10a CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility consider the installation of a hybrid beacon system for the crosswalks in the vicinity of Chandler Elementary Community School, located at 114 Chandler St.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)**
- 14d.** Motion Petty @ #10a CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning parking limitations and regulations in place in and around Roosevelt Elementary School, located at 1006 Grafton St., as well as Rice Square Elementary School, located at 76 Massasoit Rd., to determine any potential improvements that can be made at the locations.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #10a CC)**

- 14e.** Motion King @ #11b CC – Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations review Rule Five (5) of the Rules of City Council, which allows for the mayor, or if the mayor is unable to serve, the vice chair of the city council, or any five (5) members thereof, to call a special meeting by causing written notices stating the time and purpose of holding such meetings, in an effort to determine any potential amendments to the rule that would better assist City Council in completing its regular business.

**Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 8 Yeas and 3 Nays (Yeas – Bergman, Economou, Fresolo, Mitra, Rivera, Rosen, Toomey, Petty) (Nays – Bilotta, King, Ojeda) (See Item #11b CC)**