MANUAL

For the

CITY COUNCIL

Of the

CITY OF

Worcester, Massachusetts

1992 - 1993

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor - 1992-1993

Jordan Levy 30 Whisper Drive Elected under Article 2, Section 2-2(b) of the City Charter

Vice Chairman

Timothy J. Cooney, Jr. 51 Mary Ann Drive

Mayor's Office Staff

Craig A.J. Manseau, Chief Secretary Maureen G. Duffy, Assistant Secretary

Councillors-at-Large

John B. Anderson 17 Bancroft Tower Road Timothy J. Cooney, Jr. Robert J. Hennigan 51 Mary Ann Drive 1 Chesterfield Road 30 Whisper Drive Jordan Levy Konstantina B. Lukes 24 Hadwen Road Raymond V. Mariano 14 Fox Hollow

District Councillors

Stephen T. Patton 16 Hapgood Road District #1 - Wards 1 and 2

Mary D. Scano 14 Pilgram Avenue District #2 - Wards 3 and 4

Paul P. Clancy, Jr. 62 Miscoe Road District #3 - Wards 5 and 6

Janice L. Nadeau 67 Southgate Street District #4 - Wards 8 and 10

Wayne A. Griffin 62 Commodore Road District #5 - Wards 7 and 9

STANDING COMMITTEES of the City Council, 1992 - 1993

COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Clancy (Chairman), Hennigan, Patton

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Clancy (Chairman), Nadeau, Scano

EDUCATION

Patton (Chairman), Anderson, Clancy

ELDER AFFAIRS

Scano (Chairman), Lukes, Mariano

ETHNIC AND MINORITY AFFAIRS

Griffin (Chairman), Mariano, Nadeau

FEES AND CHARGES

Lukes (Chairman), Clancy, Cooney

FINANCE

Mayor and Entire Council

HEALTH

Lukes (Chairman), Hennigan, Scano

HOUSING

Nadeau (Chairman), Patton, Scano

LAND USE

Anderson (Chairman), Griffin, Mariano

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Nadeau (Chairman), Clancy, Hennigan

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Lukes (Chairman), Cooney, Scano

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

Hennigan (Chairman), Anderson, Patton

ORDINANCES

Mayor and Entire Council

PARKS AND RECREATION

Griffin (Chairman), Cooney, Patton

PUBLIC SAFETY

Anderson (Chairman), Griffin, Scano

STANDING COMMITTES - CONTINUED

PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Cooney, (Chairman), Lukes, Nadeau

PUBLIC WORKS
Mariano (Chairman), Anderson, Hennigan

RULES AND REGULATIONS
Mariano (Chairman), Anderson, Hennigan

TRAFFIC AND PARKING
Cooney (Chairman), Griffin, Patton

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1992 - 1993

Chairman

Mayor Jordan Levy 1992 - 1993

Vice Chairman

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.

Committee Members

Edward M. Augustus, Jr. 87 Lakewood Avenue

Dr. Harriette Chandler 7 Brook Hill Drive

Dr. Stephen E. Mills 17 Wetherell Street

Brian A. O'Connell 1029 Pleasant Street

James M. Rafferty, III 1 Kenilworth Road

S. Gary Rosen 35 Walworth Street

CITY OFFICERS

City Manager
William J. Mulford

Assistant City Manager for Operations Charles T. O'Connor, Jr.

Assistant City Manager for Finance Timothy A. Cronin

Assistant City Manager for Economic Development Vacant

Operations Coordinator
Joseph G. McCarthy

City Clerk
Robert J. O'Keefe

Assistant City Clerks
David J. Rushford
Mary G. Babbidge

Airport Director Vacant

Assessor Paul F. Leary

Deputy Assessor Steven P. McCarthy

Auditor
James A. DelSignore

Deputy Auditor
Thomas Clawson

Belmont Home Administrator Arthur S. Tirella

City Messenger
Thomas W. Taylor

City Physician
John Kelly, M.D.

Civil Defense Director
Vacant

Data Processing Director Ricardo R. Valdes

Elizabeth Mullaney

Employment & Training Executive Director Stephen R. Willand

Equal Opportunity Director
Vacant

Fire Chief
Dennis L. Budd

Deputy Fire Chiefs
Joseph M. Dooley
Dwight Goodale
Francis R. Charpentier
Vacant

District Fire Chiefs
Clifton J. DeCourcy
Walter C. Giard
Kenneth C. Henderson
John F. Horgan
John P. McNamara
Laurence J. Mulry
Stanley C. Rogacz
Gerard A. Dio

Fire Alarm Superintendent Vacant

Forest Warden
Dennis L. Budd

Handicapped Affairs Director Lawrence M. Raymond

Human Rights Executive Director Vacant

Law Department City Solicitor
Gary S. Brackett

Deputy City Solicitor Bridget M. Murphy

Assistant City Solicitors
M. Allison Hamm
Diana H. Horan
Elaine M. Lucas
David M. Moore
John F. O'Day

Donald V. Rider, Jr. Michael E. Traynor

Insurance Risk Manager Stephen S. Sumner

Workers Compensation Agent and Claims Manager Arthur C. Carilo, Jr.

Parking Administrator Richard H. Widak

Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commissioner Thomas W. Taylor

Personnel Director
Eugene R. Gardiner

Planning and Community Development Director Stephen F. O'Neil

Police Chief
Edward P. Gardella

Deputy Chiefs of Police John J. Feeley Carlo Genatossio Vacant

Public Health & Code Enforcement Commissioner Arnold Gurwitz, M.D.

Deputy Commissioner of Public Health & Code Enforcement Joseph G. McCarthy

Director of Public Health John A. Gagliastro

Code Enforcement Director/Building Commissioner
David Holden

Code Inspector/Chief
Michael O'Mara

Director of Nurses
Joan Conroy, Acting

Air, Water, Hazardous Materials, Chief Sanitarian Robert J. Peterson

Environmental Health, Chief Sanitarian David L. Crocker

Food Inspection, Chief Sanitarian Richard A. Wiberg

Lead Paint Prevention, Chief Sanitarian Francis X. Birch

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Philip P. Madaio

Public Library Head Librarian Penelope B. Johnson

Public Schools Superintendent

Dr. John E. Durkin

Deputy Superintendent of Education, Research & Development Thomas P. Friend

Assistant to Superintendent/Clerk of School Committee Dr. Helen A. Friel

Business Manager Roger Odoardi

School Plant Manager Richard Bedard

Personnel Manager of Schools
John F. Simoncini

Public Works Commissioner F. Worth Landers

Deputy Commissioner Robert L. Moylan, Jr.

Assistant Commissioner-Operations
Andrew C. Murch

Assistant Commissioner of Engineering Vacant

Director of Water
Konstantin Eliadi

Assistant Director of Streets
Peter Paldino

Director of Equipment Maintenance
Thomas H. Garr

Director of Sewers
Anthony R. Meriano

Purchasing Director
John C. Orrell

Tax Title Property Custodian
Timothy A. Cronin

Traffic Engineer
Robert D. Johnson

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes
Timothy A. Cronin

Tree Warden
Thomas W. Taylor

Veterans' Services Director

William D. Sivert

Vocational School Superintendent

Joseph E. Lemenager

Worcester Housing Authority Executive Director & Secretary Brian M. McQuade

Worcester Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Michael S. Latka

Worcester Regional Transit Authority Administrator Robert E. Ojala

MEMBERSHIP OF ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Airport Commission

Steven M. Budish, Chairman Robert O. Bonin Dudley Bowker Edward J. Kursonis, II Karen M. Langford John P. Pierce Austin W. Keane	May 31, 199 May 31, 199 May 31, 199 May 31, 199 May 31, 199 May 31, 199 May 31, 199	4 2 3 2 3
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Auditorium, Trustees of the Worcester Memorial

Francis Shugrue, Chairman Harold Press Richard F. Wright, Sr. Margaret M. Mullins Vacancy	May May	31, 31,	1993 1992 1994 1993
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Bancroft, Aaron & Lucretia Scholarship Fund Trustees

Laura Constance Howie Paul R. Douillard Marion S. McAvey	January December December	31,	1994
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Civic Center Commission

Joseph Casdin Lillian M. Eid, Chair Edward F. Hackett Harvard W. Isakson Brian J. Buckley	October October October October December	4,	1992 1991 1994	(expired)
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Conservation Commission *two vacancies

Patricia E. Austin, Chair	September 13,	1994
John J. Donahue	September 13,	1992
Norma F. Fox	September 13,	1994
Nickolas W. Moudios	September 13,	1994
Lincoln E. Pearson	September 13,	1993
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Election Commission

Albert B. Gammal, Jr.	March	31,	1994
Chrysanthi M. Charlambides	March	31,	1994
Edward L. Cure	March	31,	1994
Christine Johnson	March	31,	1994
Charles J. Oroszko	March	31,	1994
William Sivert, Executive Secre	tary		

G.A.R. Memorial Hall Trustees

Janet R. McCorison	November 24, 1994
Jean Flanagan	November 24, 1994
Robert Tremblay	November 24, 1992
Duane T. Sargisson	November 24, 1992
Irving J. Yarock, Chair	November 24, 1990 (expired)

Health Board

Carl E. Baylis, Esq.	December	31,	1994
Joan Donoghue Johnston	December	31,	1993
Benson Kane	December	31,	1992
David Lubin, D.D.S.	December	31,	1994
Linda M. Young, M.D.	December	31,	1993

Historical Commission

Christopher J. Grady, Chairman	December	31,	1993
M. Gwyneth Bombard	December		
Elizabeth A. Haddad	December	31,	1994
Rosamond S. Rockwell	December	31,	1992
Andrew Noove	December	31,	1992

Alternate Members - 1 alternate vacancy

D~	Anthony	Polito	December	31.	1992
Dr.	Anthony	POTICO	December	JI,	1772

Hope Cemetery Commission

Ann C. Nelson	December December	•		
William G. Carr, Jr. Mario V. Zona	December	•		
Douglas R. Cassidy	December	•		
Frank P. Mero	December	31,	1991	(expired)

Human Rights Commission

Francis A. Leahy, Chairman	April 13.	1992	(expired)
Raul Elizade	April 13,	1992	(expired)
Carl J. McCarthy	April 13,	1993	(onpiled)
Joseph T. Daly	April 13,		
Linda M. Doherty	April 13,		
Dr. Gershon Weisenberg	April 13,		
W. Theodore Harris, Jr.	April 13,		
Arthur Losapio	April 13,	1992	(expired)
Dr. Catherine Quint	April 13,	1994	, , ====/

Joseph and Mary Jackson Scholarship Fund Trustees

Dr. George W. Ballantyne, Jr. Gordon A. Cross Sumner B. Tilton, Jr.	December 31, 1985 (expired)
Time D. Titcom, Ut.	December 31, 1987 (expired)

Lake Quinsigamond Commission

Chief Edward Gardella		5
Lincoln E. Pearson	September 13,	1993

Worcester Free Public Library

Michael J. Keating, President	D = = = = 1		
Manual D. Reacting, President	December		
Mary E. Lynch	December	31.	1992
Veronica Griffin	December		
Mark R. Leslie			
	December	31,	1997
Barbara C. Kohin	December	31.	1994
Stephen Soreff	December		
James F. Murphy	December		
Robert J. Heman, Jr.	December	31,	1995
A. Marie McCarthy	December	31,	1995
Angela G. Dorenkamp	December	31,	1996
Paul J. Lombardozzi	December	31,	1996
Timothy Murray	December		

License Commission

Nancy L. Virzi, Chairman	December 31, 1994	1
Andrew Athy	December 31, 1994	
Albert J. Vuona, Jr.	December 31, 1992	

Off-Street Parking Board

Attorney John T. Buell, Chairman	June 30, 1994
Raymond A. Destratis Mary J. Italiano Michael F. O'Rourke	June 30, 1991 (expired) June 30, 1994
Paul F. Simmarano	June 30, 1992 June 30, 1991 (expired)

Parks and Recreation Commission

Philip Samko, Chairman	April 30,		
Michael J. Grandone, Jr.	April 30,	1992	(expired)
Stephen Greaney	April 30,		
Kenneth Kaufman	April 30,	1992	(expired)
Daniel D. Sullivan	April 30,	1994	
Elliott Fisher	April 30,		
James T. Butcher	April 30,	1993	

Planning Board

John T. Reynolds, Chairman	May	31,	1995
George Russell	May	31,	1993
Thomas P. O'Connor	May	31,	1996
Joan H. Bagley	May	31,	1994
Vacancy			

Rent Review Board

Timothy McGee, Chairman		1991 (expired)
Carol Hamilton	December 31,	1991 (expired)
William F. McCullogh	December 31,	1993
George C. Valeri	December 31,	1991 (expired)
Rita Vanderbeck		1991 (expired)
Joseph Wamback	December 31,	1991 (expired)
Vacancy		

Retirement Board

Paul Fell, Chairman Harvey Jacobsen James A. DelSignore, Ex-Officio Elizabeth A. Early, Executive Secretary

Sewerage Appeal Board

No Appointees

Trust Funds Commission

Timothy A. Cronin, Ex-Officio Timothy D. Rivard Scott A. Johnson, Jr. Vacancy	February 1, February 1,		(expired)
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Vocational Education Board of Trustees

Libro Cianci, Chairman	December 31, 1994
Joseph Cohen	December 31, 1993
Bernard McCluskey	December 31, 1992
James F. Murphy	December 31, 1992
Floretta M. DeBoise	December 31, 1994

Worcester Housing Authority

Frank Vuona, Chairman Melvin Budish Richard R. Foley Lorener McClain Monsignor Francis J. Scollen	November November November November	2, 2, 2,	1993 1994 1995
(State) Brian McQuade, Executive Direc	tor & Secr	eta	ary

Worcester Redevelopment Authority

Julia M. Carrigan (State Appointee)	April 15,	1995
Ronald Scott	April 15,	1993
Frank X. Sena	April 15,	
John H. McCabe	April 15,	
P. Kevin Condron, Chairman	April 15,	

World War Memorial at Lincoln Square

Francis K. Maher, Chairman	January	31.	1985	(expired)
Yale Cohen				(expired)
Walter B. Dennan				(expired)
Dr. Marvin Fossner				(expired)
Joseph Mara	January	31,	1985	(expired)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Michael A. Salvidio, Chairman	September	17,	1989	(expired)
Steven J. Antinelli George M. Melican Steven S. Proko Michael S. Ferguson	September September September September	17, 17,	1988 1990	(expired)

Alternate Members

Joseph B.	_	September	17,	1990	(expired)
Janet Lee	Lombardi	September	17,	1992	

FOURTEEN YEAR HISTORY BY GRADE UP TO OCT 1,1991 1991 1990 1989 1988 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980 1979 1978 YEAR= GRADE= K 2138-2215-2173-2173-2064-1898-1826-1659-1602-1489-1606-1588-1624-1767 GRADE= 1 2157-2154-2200-2115-1888-1849-1745-1745-1640-1708-1664-1742-1836-1911 GRADE= 2 2004-2037-1964-1850-1835-1716-1625-1500-1595-1597-1603-1713-1787-1962 GRADE= 3 1910-1903-1818-1791-1674-1612-1480-1559-1540-1523-1658-1747-1875-1971-GRADE= 4 1856-1773-1804-1701-1650-1533-1554-1467-1462-1576-1666-1818-1896-1965-GRADE= 5 1705-1762-1701-1664-1517-1548-1503-1433-1571-1590-1722-1882-1912-1919-GRADE = 6 1730-1659-1637-1556-1525-1520-1425-1504-1507-1681-1767-1852-1849-2046-1548-1524-1574-1609-1632-1574-1596-1620-1802-1845-1896-1934-2031-2129-GRADE= 7 GRADE= 8 1466-1500-1617-1598-1509-1583-1578-1744-1784-1823-1810-2050-2052-2243-GRADE= 9 1172-1183-1210-1248-1295-1368-1338-1405-1360-1306-1431-1508-1622-1781-GRADE=10 1131-1127-1157-1223-1182-1279-1247-1191-1307-1465-1485-1617-1671-1810-GRADE=11 1002-1033-1122-1084-1140-1131-1086-1095-1240-1334-1470-1531-1626-1596-GRADE=12 924 -968 -919 -1000-1030-925 -998 -1119-1215-1349-1388-1452-1353-1427-FRE-SCH 309 -228 -185 -154 -128 -156 -137 -115 -154 -105 -110 -103 -63 -60 UNGRADED 3 0-254 -421 -625 -649 -632 -622 -729 -576 -686 -562 -593 0- 0-20490 19787 20401 21852 23759 TOTALS= 21052 21081 21020 20317 19788 21120 23223 25180 21066 TEN YEAR TOTAL INCREASE OR DECREASE BY GRADE UP TO OCT 1,1991 1984 1983 1982 10 YR AVER 1985 1990 1989 1988 1987 1986 1991 YEAR= 143 151 102 49.6 23 86 -10 -19 27 51 1 -58 GRADE -98.5 -29 -120 -140-113-57 2 -150 -38 -14-163-151 GRADE -36 -57-80 -51.2-32 -42 -13-20 -61 -44 3 - 127GRADE -73 -61 -18.2-82 53 -5 4 -47 -45 13 27 38 GRADE -76 -19.2-29 -5 36 0 14 -16 - á GRADE 5 -68 -42 -67 -83 -41 -26.76 - 32-42 -2739 -23 17 -8 GRADE 121 78 54.3 92 113 149 7 -111 -11318 84 112 GRADE -51 -73 -47 -58 -13 -42 -74 8 -34 -65 GRADE 8 -58 -504 -366.1 -379-463 -406 -434-388-261 -258 -2109 -328 GRADE 1 -83.5 -169 34 -59 -158 GRADE 10 -52 -83 -91 -72 -186 -212 -225 -151 -139.6-105 GRADE 11 -125 -124-101 -98 -139-116 -97 -121 -119 -121-128.8GRADE 12 -109 -165 -140 -101-161 -154FIVE YEAR TOTAL INCREASE OR DECREASE BY GRADE UP TO OCT 1,1991

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1987
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YEAR =
                               51
                                            -1.8
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                                      -10
GRADE
       1 -58
       2 -150
                 -163
                        -151
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                                      -14
                                            -103.2
GRAFE
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                                            -51.2
       3 -127
                 -61
                        -32
                                      -42
GRADE
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                 -45
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GRADE
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GRADE
       5 -68
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GRADE
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       6 - 32
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                        -388
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                        -91
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                                     -186
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                                            -117.4
                 -124
                        -101
                               -98
                                     -139
      11 -125
GRADE
                                            -133.8
GRADE 12 -109
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MAYORS

Levi Lincoln1848 Born October 25, 1782 Died May 29, 1868	
*Henry Chapin	
Peter C. Bacon	
John S. D. Knowlton	
George W. Richardson	
Isaac Davis	
Alexander H. Bullock	
William W. Rice	
P. Emory Aldrich	#0 < 10 × 10 × 10 × 10 × 10 × 10 × 10 × 1
D. Waldo Lincoln	
Phinehas Ball	
**James B. Blake	70
*Elected Mayor, ad interim, by the City Council, in convention, December 19, 1870 to fill the vacancy by decease of James B. Blake.	joint / the
**Elected for the sixth time, December 12, 1870. Died December 18, 1870.	

Edward Earle1871 Born February 10, 1811 Died May 19, 1877
George F. Verry1872 Born July 14, 1826 Died October 5, 1883
Clark Jillson1873,5-6 Born April 11, 1825 Died June 5, 1894
Edward L. Davis
Charles B. Pratt
Frank H. Kelly1880-1 Born September 9, 1827 Died October 25, 1890
Elijah B. Stoddard1882 Born June 5, 1826 Died September 27, 1903
Samuel E. Hildreth
Charles G. Reed
Samuel Winslow
Francis A. Harrington
Henry A. Marsh
Augustus B.R. Sprague

*Rufus B. Dodge, Jr
Philip J. O'Connell
Edward F. Fletcher
Walter H. Blodget1904-5 Born 1850 Died January 6, 1923
John T. Duggan1906-7 Born October 27, 1855 Died September 5, 1927
James Logan
David F. O'Connell
George M. Wright
Pehr G. Holmes
Peter F. Sullivan
Michael J. O'Hara1924-5-6-7-8-9-30-1 Born 1878 Died February 3, 1946
John C. Mahoney
Walter J. Cookson1936 Born April 17, 1876 Died June 11, 1936

*By reason of a tie vote for Mayor at the election of December, 1900, whereby there was no choice, Rufus B. Dodge, Jr. held the office until February 25, 1901.

*John S. Sullivan1936-7 Born December 18, 1875 Died April 12, 1949
William A. Bennett
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan1946-7-8-9 Born October 10, 1904 Died August 24, 1962
Andrew B. Holstrom
James D. O'Brien
Joseph C. Casdin1959 Born March 10, 1914
John M. SheaJanAug. 1962 Born December 8, 1902 (resigned Aug. 31, 1962) Died November 3, 1988
Joseph C. CasdinSept. 1, 1962-April 30, 1963 Born March 10, 1914 (resigned April 30, 1963)
Paul V. Mullaney1963-4-5 Born November 22, 1919
George A. Wells1966 Born October 7, 1910 (resigned Jan. 3, 1967)
Joseph C. Casdin1967-8 Born March 10, 1914
John M. Shea
George A. Wells
*Elected October 6, 1936 to fill vacancy caused by the decease of Walter J. Cookson.

Born June 23, 1915 (resigned Jan. 3, 1972)
Thomas J. Early
Joseph M. Tinsley1973 Born June 23, 1915
Israel Katz1974-5 Born May 20, 1907 Died August 13, 1979
Thomas J. Early
Jordan Levy1980-1 Born November 4, 1943
Sara J. Robertson1982-3 Born July 22, 1934
Joseph M. Tinsley1984-5 Born June 23, 1915
John B. Anderson1986 Born January 1, 1935
Timothy J. Cooney, Jr
Jordan Levy

WORCESTER "Heart of the Commonwealth"

First settled in 1674, named and resettled 1684. Permanently settled, 1713. Incorporated as a town 1722, as a city 1848. Area 38.441 sq. miles, or about 24,634 arces. Average length 6.4 miles: width 6 miles.

Dwellings Apr. 1953, 28,482; 1956, 29,280; 1959, 29,537; 1962, 30,006; 1965, 30,606; 1968, 31,103; 1971, 30,569; 1974, 30,275; 1977, 30,524; 1980, 30,067; 1983, 30,115; 1986, 31,618; 1989, 33,600; 1992, 38,773;	1951, 1954, 1957, 1960, 1963, 1966, 1972, 1975, 1978, 1981, 1984, 1987,	27,409; 28,640; 29,775; 29,755; 30,324; 30,843; 31,104; 30,320; 30,304; 30,482; 29,951; 31,210; 31,977; 35,100;	1952, 27,426; 1955, 28,719; 1958, 29,618; 1961, 29,890; 1964, 30,596; 1967, 31,143; 1970, 30,783; 1973, 30,000; 1976, 30,578; 1979, 30,514; 1982, 30,078; 1985, 31,409; 1988, 32,086; 1991, 38,573;
Valuation			\$331 255 700
1953 1954	• • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	334,434,550
1955			340,437,150
1956			343,673,400
1957			347,774,950
1958			35/,1/2,050
1959			358,800,550
1960	• • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	360,761,130
1961	• • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	265 033 750
1962	• • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	370 282 500
1964	• • • • •		374.832,600
1965			377,710,600
1966			388,837,850
1967			388,530,600
1968			390,403,500
1969			395,552,650
1970			405,641,900
1971			413,013,900
1972		• • • • • • • • • •	423,218,050
1973	• • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	442 161 950
1974	• • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	462 762 900
1975	• • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	457.363.150
1976	• • • • •		452,204,275
1978			453,604,125
1979			458,415,525
1980			463,168,275
1001			466,022,5/0
1982			413,520,020
1983			420,351,630

1984	Total Taxable Assessed Value 2,453,164,909	Total Exempt Assessed Value 1,032,961,000
1985	2,688,296,587	1,047,940,860
1986	2,726,493,611	1,046,815,860
1987	4,515,360,100	1,547,436,100
1988	4,637,906,943	1,473,568,700
1989	5,863,251,926	1,622,025,570
1990	7,117,818,452	1,779,572,600
1991	7,008,169,362	1,879,388,200
1992	6,542,179,437	1,877,848,300
Tax, excl	lusive of polls;	
1953	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$16,562,785.00
1954	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	17,390,596.60
1955	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	19,064,480.40
1956	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	21,307,750.80
195/	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	22,535,816.76
1958	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	25,609,243.57
1959	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	25,403,078.94
1960	•••••••	
1961	••••••	
1902	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	28,103,732.00
1963	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	29,844,688.27
1965	•••••••••	
1966	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
1967	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
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1969	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
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1972		61,281,973.64
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1976	***********	
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1978	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
1979		
1980	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	84,481,893.36
1981		71 . 767 . 475 . 78
1982		71.934 764 00
1983		61 . 001 . 500 . 00
1984		
1985		63 . 958 . 547 . 00
1986		66 . 366 . 292 . 00
1987		
1988		
1989		
1990		
1991		
1992	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	97,682,607.00

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1951, $ 48.40;
Rate of taxation per $1,000
                                          1954,
                                                $ 52.00;
                     1953, $ 50.00;
  1952, $ 50.80;
                                          1957, $ 64.80;
                     1956, $ 62.00;
  1955, $ 56.00;
                                          1960, $ 73.40;
                     1959, $ 70.80;
  1958, $ 71.70;
                                          1963, $ 80.60;
  1961, $ 73.40;
                     1962, $ 76.80;
                                          1966, $ 88.40;
                     1965, $ 88.40;
  1964, $ 88.40;
                     1968, $ 99.80;
                                          1969, $119.60;
        $ 99.80;
  1967,
                                          1972, $144.80;
                     1971, $140.60;
  1970, $124.40;
                                          1975, $148.10;
                     1974, $144.50;
  1973, $150.60;
                                          1978, $166.60;
  1976, $158.00;
                     1977, $166.60;
                                          1981, $154.00;
  1979, $164.40;
                     1980, $182.40;
                     1983, $129.80;
  1982, $154.00;
                  Residential
  1984, $ 20.00
                  Commercial & Industrial
  1984, $ 31.16
  1985, $ 20.30
                  Residential
                  Commercial & Industrial
  1985, $ 32.17
  1986, $ 20.30
                  Residential
  1986, $ 32.17
                  Commercial & Industrial
  1987, $ 13.00
                  Residential
  1987, $ 21.71
                  Commercial & Industrial
  1988, $ 13.39
                  Residential
                  Commercial & Industrial
  1988, $ 22.37
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                  Residential
  1989,
            9.75
        $ 21.00
                  Commercial & Industrial
  1989,
                  Residential
        $
  1990,
            9.50
  1990, $ 21.00
                  Commercial & Industrial
                  Residential
  1991, $
            9.68
                  Commercial & Industrial
  1991, $ 21.64
                  Residential
  1992, $ 11.23
  1992, $ 25.08
                  Commercial & Industrial
Assessed Polls: Male
                      1950, 64,299;
                                          1951, 63,581;
  1949, 65,174;
                                          1954, 62,294;
  1952, 63,610;
                      1953, 62,037;
                                          1957, 57,720;
                      1956, 61,181;
  1955, 61,549;
                                          1960, 56,332;
                      1959, 55,932;
  1958, 57,288;
                      1962, 53,332;
                                          1963, 52,832;
  1961, 55,387;
  1964, None; (Abolished by Law)
Registered Voters (Male & Female)
                                          1954, 101,481;
                      1953, 103,313;
  1952, 108,465;
                                          1957,
                                                  97,150;
          97,459;
                      1956, 101,977;
  1955,
                                          1960,
                                                  98,744;
                             93,400;
                      1959,
  1958,
          96,259;
                                                  91,752;
                                          1963,
                             94,424;
          95,062;
                      1962,
  1961,
                                                  86,779;
                             91,254;
                                          1966,
          94,982;
                      1965,
  1964,
                                                  85,708;
          87,450;
                             90,350;
                                          1969,
                      1968,
  1967,
                             86,195;
                                          1972,
                                                  91,450;
          84,904;
                      1971,
  1970,
                                                  83,757;
                             85,957;
                                          1975,
                      1974,
          87,889;
  1973,
                                          1978,
                                                  82,196;
                             85,529;
  1976,
          87,657;
                      1977,
                             83,756;
                                                  80,308;
                                          1981,
          79,961;
                      1980,
  1979,
                                          1984,
                                                  82,872;
                             78,123;
          79,879;
                      1983,
  1982,
                                                  67,982;
          74,463;
                             75,671;
                                          1987,
                      1986,
  1985,
                                          1990,
                                                  73,003;
                      1989,
                             69,596;
          79,111;
  1988,
          74,429;
  1991,
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Vote for President: 1940, 90,044;
                                           1944, 83,931;
 and 152 Federal War Ballots;
   1948, 94,461;
                      1952, 97,421;
                                           1956, 50,853;
   1960, 91,362;
                      1964, 82,629;
                                          1968, 76,650;
   1970, 71,121;
                      1976, 69,742;
                                          1980, 64,263;
   1984, 62,261;
                      1988, 59,143;
 Vote for Governor:
                      1946, 72,891;
                                          1948, 94,461;
   1950, 82,666;
                      1952, 96,341;
                                          1954, 41,208;
   1956, 49,890;
                      1958, 75,708;
                                          1960, 91,362;
   1962, 78,975;
                      1964, 82,366;
                                          1966, 71,497;
   1970, 31,365;
                      1974, 57,404;
                                          1978, 53,833;
   1982, 52,356;
                      1986, 41,479;
                                          1988, 51,650;
 Vote for Mayor:
   1943, 53,492;
                      1945, 58,874;
                                          1947, 69,653;
   1987, 23,163;
                      1989, 27,199;
                                          1991, 33,031;
Vote for Councillors (Plan E):
   1949, 74,708;
                      1951, 58,573;
                                          1953, 56,766;
  1955, 63,804;
                      1957, 61,460;
                                          1959, 67,102;
  1961, 64,981;
                      1963, 65,632;
                                          1965, 56,774;
  1967, 48,562;
                      1969, 43,876;
                                          1971, 48,455;
  1973, 46,137;
                      1975, 45,418;
                                          1977, 37,396;
  1979, 39,487;
                     1981, 31,842;
                                          1983, 36,479;
  1985, 30,609;
                     1987, 38,668;
                                          1989, 29,614;
Vote for Councillor-at-Large:
  1987, 38,688;
                     1989, 29,614;
                                         1991, 35,418;
Vote for District Councillors:
District #1
  1987,
         9,389;
                     1989, 7,855;
                                         1991, 8,768;
District #2
  1987,
         7,008;
                     1989, 4,979;
                                         1991, 5,285;
District #3
  1987,
         7,293;
                     1989, 5,166;
                                         1991, 6,069;
District #4
         4,926;
  1987,
                     1989, 3,507;
                                         1991, 3,802;
District #5
  1987, 10,052;
                     1989, 8,107;
                                         1991, 8,183;
State Election, November 3, 1992
Municipal Election, November 2, 1993
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officers, exclusive of Chief and Deputy Chiefs of Police

- 8 Captains
- 19 Lieutenants
- 37 Sergeants
- 277 Police Officers
- 341 Total

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters, exclusive of Chief and Deputy Fire Chiefs

- 10 District Chiefs
- 25 Captains
- 77 Lieutenants
- 313 Firefighters
- 425 Total

CITY HALL

Cornerstone laid September 12, 1886
Dedication exercises, April 28, 1898.
Occupied May 1, 1898
Length, 219 feet; width, 85 feet.
Height from grade line top of cornice, 65 feet:
to top of tower, 205 feet.
Cost of Building, \$590,000. Furnishings, \$38,000.
Grading, etc. \$22,000. Total \$650,000.
Architects, Peabody & Stearns, Boston.
Builders, Norcross Brothers, Worcester.

PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Public Parks	Acreage
Blithewood	3.46
Boynton	114.66
Burncoat	27.6
Cascade	70.7
Cristoforo Colombo	
Columbus	
Common	
Crompton	
Dodge	
Elm	
Fairmount Sq	
Farber Field	
Grant Sq	
Green Hill	
Hadwen	
Holland Rink Playground	
Institute	
Lake	
Middle River	8.1

Morgan Oread Castle Ramshorn Island Salisbury-Bancroft Shore Park Ty Cobb Field University Total Acreage	Tower							3.12 11.79 12.00
Public Playgrounds Apricot St Bailey-Prouty								
Apricot St						•		Acreage
Bailey-Prouty	• • • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	2 . 39
Banis, Jos. & Paul	Dlav	7~		• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	1.00
Beaver Brook	Flay	Area	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	47
Beaver Brook	• • • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •		12.81
DIOON VALLEY	P 1 A V	4200						
Kendrick	8	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	1.63
Lake View	• • • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • •	• • • •	15.05
Lake View	• • • • •	••••	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •		1.20
Wetherell Est			8.		257	• • • •	• • • •	6 72
		-	•	ii.	0	• • • •	• • • •	107.50
								197.50
Total Acreage							_	
			• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	· • 1,	207.49

RESERVOIRS

Area in acres, elevation above City Hall and Storage Capacity

High Service Reservoirs

Lynde Brook--132 acres; 342.75 feet; 717,422,000 gallons.
Kettle Brook, No. 1--11.50 acres; 364.35 feet; 19,307,000 gallons.
Kettle Brook, No. 2--30.76 acres; 507.5 feet; 127,310,000 gallons.
Kettle Brook, No. 3--37.41 acres; 559 feet; 152,306,000 gallons.
Kettle Brook, No. 4--118.61 acres; 604.73 feet; 513,746,000 gallons.

Low Service Reservoirs

Holden, No. 1--130 acres; 269.85 feet;
729,319,000 gallons.
Holden, No. 2--52.63 acres; 237.80 feet;
257,398,000 gallons.
Kendall--175 acres; 333 feet;
792,163,000 gallons.
Pine Hill--345 acres; 429 feet;
2,970,967,000 gallons.
Quinapoxet--280 acres; 250 feet;
1,100,000,000 gallons.
Elevation of Main street at City Hall, above tide water,
481 feet
Water pressure at City Hall:
High Service--145 pounds per sq. in.
Low Service--101 pounds per sq. in.

WATER STATISTICS

Miles of Main Pipe	574.89
Fire Hydrants (Public)	5,097
Meters	38,319
Total Valuation of Water Works	\$468,875,000
December 31, 1991	

SEWER STATISTICS

Miles of Sanitary Sewers	368.10
Miles of Combined Sewers	55.60
Miles of Surface Sewers	337.18
Total Miles of Sewers	760.88
Number of Manholes	26,380
Number of Catch Basins	13,774
Number of House Corrections	33,033
C.C.F. of Recorded Sewer Usage for 1989	7,666,410
Total Valuation of Sewerage System December 31, 1991	\$447,000,000

STREET STATISTICS

Miles of Public Streets	405
Miles of Private Streets	407.05
Miles of Asphalt Sidewalks	109.21
Miles of Concrete Sidewalks	174.85
1,000 Lumen Incand. Lights	140.83
2 500 Lumon Tropped Title	2,377
2,500 Lumen Incand. Lights	. 15
4,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	2,588
6,000 Lumen Incand. Lights	279
8,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	2,137
9,600 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	
11,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	. 231
22,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	36
4,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	2,034
50,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	868
63,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	305
Gas Lights	40
27,500 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	29
16 000 Lumon Sodium Vapor Lights	684
16,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	72
Total Street Lights	11,666
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POPULATION OF WORCESTER

1722 200			
1765 1,475			1900118,421
1775 1,925	9		1905128,135
1790 2,095		35	1910145,986
			1915162,697
1800 2,411			1920179,754
1810 2,577			1925190,757
1820 2,962			1930196,837
1830 4,172			1935190,471
1840 7,497			1940190,4/1
185017,049			1940193,402
186024,960			1945198,741
186530,058			1950203,486
187041,105			1955202,612
187549,317			1960186,587
188058,291			1965180,341
188568,389			1970176,572
189084,655			1975172,342
189598,767			1980161,799
107330,/6/			1985164,655
	•		1990158,833
	S 2		==== 150,055

		Marriages	Deaths
Year	Births	2266	2849
1949	5893	2255	2841
1950	5771	2289	3002
1951	6205	2122	3031
1952	6307	2105	3052
1953	6352	1946	2944
1954	6452	1951	3066
1955	6522	1984	3008
1956	6522	1848	3077
1957	6864	1699	3078
1958	6606	1571	3119
1959	6498	1657	3213
1960	6451	1543	3125
1961	6412		3091
1962	6222	1549	3144
1963	6176	1549	3167
1964	5738	1571	3251
1965	5586	1729	3141
1966	5505	1714	3252
1967	5374	1837	3284
1968	5244	1877	3218
1969	5282	2018	3240
1970	5408	1894	3132
1971	5137	1968	3192
1972	4746	1953	3308
1973	4736	1898	3209
1974	4155	1933	3166
1975	4203	1815	3195
1976	4538	1722	
1977	4617	1815	2935
1978	4788	1860	3091
1979	4937	1933	3050
1980	5240	1614	3342
1981	5224	1629	3202
1982	5308	1613	3227
1982	5502	1634	3393
	5768	1604	3401
1984	6031	1619	3423
1985	6014	1666	3474
1986	6346	1598	3317
1987	6753	1627	3431
1988	7186	1606	3490
1989	7183	1521	3382
1990	6825	1382	3463
1991	0020		

RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Rule 1. At all meetings of the City Council six (6) Councillors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

No business of the City Council may be considered or debated and the Council shall be in recess at any meeting where a quorum of the City Council is not present within the Council Chamber or meeting hall.

Duties and Powers of the Chair

- Rule 2. The Mayor shall take the chair at the hour to which the City Council has adjourned and call the members to order. In the absence of the Mayor, the Vice Chairman of the City Council shall preside and, in the absence of both, the most senior member with continuous service of the City Council shall serve during the absence of both the Mayor and Vice Chairman.
- Rule 3. The chair shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order, in preference to other members; shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the City Council; and no other business shall be in order until the question on the appeal shall have been decided. The question shall be put as follows: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the City Council?" The vote shall be by roll call, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a majority of the votes are to the contrary.
- Rule 4. The chair shall declare all votes. If any member doubts the vote, the chair, without further debate upon the question, shall require the Clerk to call the roll of affirmative and negative votes and the chair shall declare the results; but no such declaration shall be made unless a quorum of the City Council has voted.

Rule 5. The chair shall put all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

Rule 6. The chair shall determine who is entitled to take the floor and in what order as guided by the rules of the City Council.

In determining the order in which Councillors are allowed to speak, the chair shall give preference to that member who has not yet spoken on the subject under discussion.

Rule 7. When the Mayor wishes to relinquish the chair, he or she shall do so consistent with the process outlined in Rule 2. Such substitution shall not continue beyond the will of the presiding officer so relinquishing the chair or beyond an adjournment.

Rule 8. If the presiding officer wishes to express an opinion on any subject under debate, he or she shall relinquish the chair as provided in the rules established in this section. He or she shall not resume the chair until he or she is through speaking and all points of order arising as a part of that debate have been decided.

Rights and Duties of Members

- Rule 9. Every member who wishes to speak shall indicate his or her intention to the chair who shall determine the order of speaking.
- Rule 10. When speaking a member shall rise and respectfully address their comments, at all times, through the chair. At all times, the member shall confine himself or herself to the question or issue being discussed and avoid personalities.
- Rule 11. After being recognized by the chair no Councillor shall speak for more than five (5) minutes at a time. Additional time may be granted to a speaker, as determined by the chair, if comments made by the City Manager or other individuals in response to questions, have taken an unusual amount of time.
- Rule 12. On a particular issue being discussed, at a specific meeting of the City Council, no Councillor will be recognized by the chair to speak more than twice.
- Rule 13. When speaking, voting, calling the roll and announcing votes, all members of the City Council, the City Manager, the City Clerk, department heads or members of the public shall use a microphone.
- Rule 14. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to raise a question of order; to a point of personal privilege, to a question of parliamentary procedure or to doubt the presence of a quorum.
- Rule 15. A member may rise to a point of personal privilege with the permission of the chair, but shall not discuss pending questions and shall confine his or her remarks to statements which have been made regarding his rights, reputation, or conduct in his capacity as a City Councillor.

Rule 16. A member may rise to ask questions of parliamentary inquiry with the permission of the chair, but shall not discuss pending questions.

Rule 17. No member shall vote on any question, or serve on any committee, where his or her private interest is immediately concerned distinct from that of the public.

Rule 18. When considering a council order properly before the City Council, if the filer states his or her intention to have that item referred to a standing committee of the City Council, the City Manager, or other appropriate individual or body, the first time he or she rises to speak to that item, he or she will be allowed to speak to that item as permitted by the Rules of the City Council. No other debate will be allowed except to oppose or amend the motion of referral or to request clarification of the item.

Rule 19. Every member present when a question is put shall vote unless the City Council for special reasons excuses him or her. Application to be so excused on any question must be made before the City Council has decided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons and shall be decided without debate.

Rule 20. The seats of the members of the City Council shall be numbered, and determined by lot at the first meeting of each Council term; and no member shall change his or her seat but by permission of the chair.

Committees of the City Council

- Rule 21. All committees of the City Council shall be appointed by the Mayor under the guidelines established in this section.
- Rule 22. There shall be appointed Standing Committees of the City Council as follows:
- a. Committee on Commerce and Development, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to Commerce, Industry, Labor, Urban Renewal, Development and Planning.
- b. Committee on Community Development, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all aspects of Community Development Block Grant funding.
- c. Committee on Education, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to public vocational education, public education as offered by the City of Worcester or its departments, and the public libraries.
- d. Committee on Elder Affairs, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to the problems and issues affecting elderly citizens.
- e. Committee on Ethnic and Minority Affairs, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to ethnic and minority affairs, youth, human resources, handicapped, personnel policies, employee training and problems facing groups not otherwise represented in a Rule 22 Committee.
- f. Committee on Fees and Charges, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to fees or charges assessed by the City of Worcester or any of its departments.

- g. Committee on Finance, to consist of the Mayor and ten (10) Councillors, to consider all matters of appropriations, loans and official bonds and in general any matters, affecting the financial interests of the city.
- h. Committee on Health, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters relating to health care, public health, employee insurance, and hospitals.
- i. Committee on Housing, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters relating to housing.
- j. Committee on Land Use, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters involving the acquisition and preservation of open space and all zoning and other general land use issues.
- k. Committee on Legislative Affairs, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to state and federal legislation affecting Worcester. Said committee to meet periodically with elected members of the General Court so that the city can lobby for or against pending legislation that would have an impact on the community.
- 1. Committee on Military Affairs and Veterans' Service, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to veterans organizations and veterans in general and military affairs.
- m. Committee on Municipal Operations, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters involving problems in municipal operations and procedures not otherwise the responsibility of another Standing or Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council.
- n. Committee on Ordinances, to consist of the Mayor and ten (10) Councillors.

- o. Committee on Parks and Recreation, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to the parks, playgrounds, recreational activities and Hope Cemetery.
- p. Committee on Public Safety, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to police, fire departments and ambulance service.
- q. Committee on Public Service and Transportation, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all complaints that may be sent to the City Council against public service corporations and to consider all matters affecting public street lighting, cable television, and transportation.
- r. Committee on Public Works, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters, except fees for service, pertaining to streets, water, sewers, public buildings, engineering and energy.
- s. Committee on Rules and Regulations, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to periodically review the rules and regulations of the City Council and any other matter affecting or determining the conduct of a City Council meeting or a meeting of a Standing or Ad Hoc committee of the City Council.
- t. Committee on Traffic and Parking, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to traffic conditions, on and off-street parking.

All Standing Committees of the City Council shall have general budget and policy oversight relationships with City Departments as listed:

COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Auditorium
Civic Center Commission
License Commission

Development Office
Worcester Redevelopment Authority

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning & Community Development

EDUCATION

Public library
Public Schools
Vocational Schools

ETHNIC AND MINORITY AFFAIRS

Employment/Training
Equal Opportunity
Handicapped Affairs
Human Rights Commission
Personnel

ELDER AFFAIRS

Elder Affairs

HEALTH

Belmont Home
Health Department
Group Health Insurance

HOUSING .

Code Inspection
Worcester Housing Authority

LAND USE

Bureau of Land Use
Conservation Commission

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

Assessor

Auditing City Clerk

City Council

Data Processing

Election Commission

City Manager's Office

Labor Relations

Law Department

Purchasing

Retirement System

Treasurer/Collector

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Veterans Services

PARKS AND RECREATION

Cultural Commission

Parks, Recreation and Cemetery

PUBLIC SAFETY

Civil Defense

Fire

Police

PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION

Airport

Street Lights

Worcester Regional Transit Authority

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Traffic Engineering

- Rule 23. The City Council shall refrain from authorizing the establishment of Ad Hoc committees except in those instances when an item:
 - a. cannot be considered by an existing Standing Committee of the City Council,
 - is limited in the scope of responsibilities to a narrow/ single area of responsibility,
 - c. is limited in time and is established to exist for a specific period time.

If such an Ad Hoc committee is established, it shall have a clearly defined purpose and have a date established at which time it will automatically be dissolved unless reestablished by a vote of the City Council.

If no such date has been established, the Ad Hoc committee will be automatically dissolved at the end of the current term of Office of the City Council which established the Ad Hoc committee.

Rule 24. The Mayor shall be ex-officio chairman of any committee of which he or she is a member, and on all other committees the Councillor first named by the Mayor upon initial appointment to a committee shall be chairman, and in case of his or her resignation, or inability to serve, the member of the committee next in order as named by the Mayor shall be chairman.

Regular Meetings

Rule 25. Regular meetings of the City Council shall be held weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chamber located inside City Hall, unless at a previous meeting, by a majority vote, the City Council determines another day, time and/or place. City Council meetings may, by a majority vote, be held at any other suitable public building within the City of Worcester.

Rule 26. During the months of July and August, the City Council shall hold one regular meeting each month.

Rule 27. No Council meeting shall be allowed to proceed after midnight. Items still pending action at that time shall be carried forward as the "First Item of Business" at the next regular or special Council meeting.

Special Meetings

Rule 28. The Mayor, or if the Mayor is unable to serve, the Vice Chairman of the City Council, or any five (5) members thereof, may call a special meeting by causing written notices at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, stating the time and purpose of holding such meetings and signed by the person or persons calling the same, to be delivered in hand to each member of the City Council, or left at his or her usual dwelling place, at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time of such meeting.

Rule 29. An emergency meeting of the City Council may be called as permitted by state law (G.L.c,39, s 23B). In such instances and only when absolutely necessary, the Mayor may waive the twenty-four (24) hour notice period outlined in Rule 28.

Rule 30. Meetings of the City Council may also be held at any time when all members of the City Council are present and consent thereto. (G.L., c 43, s 98).

Filing Procedures and Notifications

Rule 31. A reasonable good faith effort should be made to notify the principal petitioner of any item to be heard before a Standing or Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council of the date, time and place at which his or her petition will be heard by the Committee.

No final action shall be taken on a citizens petition unless the City Clerk's office can attest to said good faith effort.

Rule 32. Notice of all committee meetings must be given at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time for meeting except in the case of an emergency as may be permitted by state law.

Rule 33. No petition, remonstrance, resolution or other communication which deals with personalities or with matters not within the general supervision of government shall be considered by the City Council. The City Clerk, with the assistance of the City Solicitor, shall determine when an item is not appropriate for placement on the City Council agenda.

Rule 34. A petition or any other item which would appear on the City Council or City Manager agendas must generally state the business to be discussed. Items which do not state the business to be discussed shall not be placed on the agenda.

Rule 35. All papers of whatever description which may require action by the City Council, shall be presented to the City Clerk not later than 4:15 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the day of each regular meeting. Papers presented after that hour on such day will not be considered until the next meeting.

Rule 36. The City Manager's recommendations and reports including pertinent data relating to the same, shall be presented to the City

Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the day of each regular meeting. Papers, excluding emergency items, presented after that hour on such day will not be considered until the next meeting.

Rule 37. The City Clerk shall prepare a calendar of all matters to come before the City Council and the Committee on Finance and Ordinances at each meeting in accordance with the established order of business and shall cause to be delivered to the City Council office in City Hall a copy of the same no later than 5:00 p.m. the Friday preceding a Tuesday meeting. Copies of this calendar shall be available to the public at each meeting.

For all citizen petitions, committee reports and chairman's orders, the City Clerk shall indicate the appropriate action recommended for the Council's consideration.

Rule 38. That for all communications with the City Council, all documents will be available for public inspection except when such public inspection will:

- a. Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- b. Jeopardize the City's position or otherwise interfere with collective bargaining strategy or litigation.
- c. Jeopardize effective law enforcement, or
- d. Impede or jeopardize the effective operation of the City government.

Order of Business

Rule 39. At every regular meeting of this City Council the order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance/Star Spangled Banner.
- c. Roll Call
- d. Proclamations, Resolutions and Acknowledgments The Mayor or City Council may acknowledge citizens or groups as they deem appropriate and as previously authorized by the Mayor or by a vote of the City Council.
- e. Public Hearings
- f. Motions of Reconsideration
- g. First Items of Business
- h. Items of Citizen Interest

 That "Items of Citizen Interest" be only those items on the

 Council's or Manager's calendars. Any suspension, if entertained

 by the Council, unless of an emergency nature, shall only be

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- j. Petitions
- k. Communications from the City Manager
- 1. Motions, Orders, or Resolutions
- m. Recess to Finance Committee, if necessary No final action is to be taken on any item pending in Finance and Ordinance. Final action can only be taken in the regular proceedings of a City Council meeting.
- n. Recess to Ordinance Committee, if necessary
- o. Communications and Reports from City Officers

Council Meeting Process and Procedures

- Rule 40. That discussion at a particular Council meeting on a single subject be limited to no more than one (1) hour or until each Councillor who wishes to speak is given an opportunity to do so.
- Rule 41. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time, within forty-eight (48) hours, after an item has been decided provided that the motion to reconsider has been accepted by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the City Council. However, no more than one (1) motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be entertained. In the computation of the forty-eight (48) hours, Saturday and Sunday shall be excluded.
- Rule 42. An item once duly considered and voted, if found in the negative, or if reconsidered, shall not be placed before the City Council within ninety (90) days of the last action taken by the City Council.
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Rule 47. Smoking shall not be allowed at meetings of the City Council or at Committee Meetings of the City Council. The City Manager shall designate areas appropriate for smoking in all City of Worcester public buildings.

Rule 48. That prior to confirmation of appointments by the City Manager that those individuals nominated must first appear prior to or at the time of confirmation.

Rule 49. When a question is under debate the chair shall receive no motion, but

To adjourn
To recess
To leave to withdraw a motion
To lay on the table
For the previous question
To postpone to a certain day
To refer
To place on file
To amend
To postpone indefinitely

which several motions shall have precedence in the above order. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, except upon immediate repetition, and that motion, the motion to lay on the table, the motion to take from the table, and the motion for a previous question shall be decided without debate.

Citizen Participation

Rule 50. Consistent with the City's Charter, at any meeting of the City Council, the citizens and employees of the City shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard regarding any matter presently under consideration by the City Council.

It will be the responsibility of the chair, as guided by the rules established by the City Council, to determine citizen participation.

Rule 51. All petitions filed, by a citizen, with the City Council, shall automatically be referred without debate to the proper committee, board, commission, department or the City Manager for investigation, recommendation, or disposition except for questions of clarification, amendment or opposition by members of the City Council. The City Clerk, in the preparation of the City Council agenda, shall note the recommended action on the agenda.

Whenever possible, the body or individual to whom the petition was referred will make every reasonable effort to complete its work on the petition within sixty (60) days.

Rule 52. In those instances where the referral of a petition shall, by its referral, cause to render the petition moot or cause a negative response to the petition, or for any petition which cannot be referred as outlined in Rule 50, the City Council shall allow only the primary petitioner the opportunity to address the City Council. It shall be the duty of the chair to determine such instances subject to the challenge of the City Council. Consistent with other Council rules the time for that presentation shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

Once a citizen has been given the opportunity to address the City Council, members of the Council will be allowed to speak guided by the rules of the Council governing Council participation.

Rule 53. On any matter being considered for final disposition by the City Council, any citizen shall have the opportunity to address the City Council. Consistent with other Council rules the time for that presentation shall not exceed five (5) minutes. When speaking, a citizen shall address all his or her remarks to the chair. He or she shall be requested to state his or her name and residential address prior to addressing the issue under consideration.

Rule 54. On all matters appearing on either the City Council or City Manager's calendar that will be referred to a committee, board, commission, department or the City Manager for investigation, recommendations or disposition and which will, at some other time, appear on the City Council or City Manager's calendar for final disposition, debate will be limited to members of the City Council, the City Manager, or department heads.

Rule 55. On any matter being considered by the Finance Committee, any citizen shall have an opportunity to address the City Council. Consistent with other Council rules that time shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

Rule 56. Any individual, except attorneys at law, appearing before the City Council at a public hearing and claiming to represent another as agent or otherwise in the matter being heard shall file with the City Council a written authorization signed by the individual, organization or corporation whose interests such individual represents. Said individual will be given the opportunity to address the City Council consistent with the rules established in this section.

Rule 57. No person will be admitted within the rail in the City Council Chamber at any meeting of the City Council, except upon permission of the Mayor.

Additional Rules of the City Council

Rule 58. No action is to be taken on any proposed amendment to the rules until the next regular meeting after the amendment has been proposed.

None of the foregoing rules or orders shall be amended or repealed unless two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Council consent thereto.

Rule 59. For all questions of parliamentary practices or order not specifically provided for in The Rules of the City Council, the Council shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order."

Votes Required

- Rule 60. The following votes shall be required for passage:
 - a. For approval of budget-majority vote 6 votes.G.L.c,44, section 32, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-2(b).
 - b. For intra-departmental (within the same department) transfer of funds - upon recommendation of City Manager and majority vote - 6 votes. G.L.c.44, section 33B, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-4.
 - c. For inter-department (from one department to another) transfer of funds - upon recommendation of City Manager and 2/3 vote (8 votes) plus assent of departmental head from whose department funds are being transferred. G.L.c. 44, section 33B, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-4.
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 - e. For approval of Loan Orders whether within or outside of the Debt Limit 2/3 vote 8 votes. G.L.c,44, sections 7 and 8. Except debts for temporary loans outside the debt limit majority vote 6 votes. G.L.c.44, section 8.
 - f. For approval of appropriations for purchase or taking of land or any other interest therein, 2/3 vote - 8 votes. G.L.c.40, section 14, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-6.
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- i. For decreeing of a public street majority vote 6 votes.

 HWHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6(b). But such orders usually carry an appropriation for such taking under G.L.c.40, section 14 and therefore paragraph f, above applies.
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If written protest, stating the reasons, is filed with the City Clerk prior to final action by the Council, and is duly signed by owners of at least 20% of the area of the land proposed to be included in the change or of the area of the land immediately adjacent extending 300 feet therefrom, then 3/4 of the entire Council - 9 votes - are required. G.L.c.40A, section 5. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6(b).

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- p. Any motion to advertise shall not be deemed to have been approved unless such motion shall have receive the same number of votes as is required to ordain the proposed Ordinance or Order.

Public Library Trustee

Rule 61. INSERT PROCESS FOR APPLICATION HERE

Rule 62. The Clerk shall present to the City Council a list of all applicants for a position as trustee of the Public Library prior to the Council meeting in accordance with other rules established herein.

Rule 63. Unless otherwise voted by the City Council, a vote to elect trustees to the Public Library, shall be taken on the first regular Council meeting in December. In the case of a vacancy, the Council shall establish a date for such a vote no later than sixty (60) days after the Clerk has been notified of the vacancy.

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