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# City Council, 1950-51

## MAYOR

Andrew B. Holmstrom 43 Metcalf St.

## MAYOR'S OFFICE STAFF

W. Danforth Hayes, Secretary  
Helen L. Carlson, Assistant Secretary

## COUNCILLORS

Allen K. Burrows 23 Somerset St.  
Ralph E. Duffy 2 Massachusetts Ave.  
Andrew B. Holmstrom 23 Metcalf St.  
James J. Marshall 9 Drury Lane  
James D. O'Brien 4 Hawthorne St.  
Emile L. Rousseau 1 Waycross St.  
Thomas C. Sweeney 11 Plantation St.  
Peter D. Tamaiolo 25 Strathmore Rd.  
George A. Wells 55 Windsor St.

Russell T. Ober, Clerk

1951	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1951	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Jan		1	2	3	4	5	6	Jul	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	28	29	30	31				29	30	31					
Feb		4	5	6	7	1	2	Aug	5	6	7	1	2	3	4
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	25	26	27	28					26	27	28	29	30	31	
Mar		4	5	6	7	1	2	Sep	2	3	4	5	6	7	1
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Apr		1	2	3	4	5	6	Oct	7	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30						28	29	30	31				
May		6	7	8	9	10	11	Nov	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	
Jun		3	4	5	6	7	8	Dec	2	3	4	5	6	7	1
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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# City of Worcester

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## STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 1951

**Finance**—Entire City Council.

**Military Affairs**—Councillors Wells,  
Marshall and Rousseau.

**Ordinances and Legislative Matters**  
—Entire City Council.

**Public Assistance** — Councillors  
O'Brien, Tomaiolo and Sweeney.

**Public Safety**—Councillors Sweeney,  
Wells and Rousseau.

**Public Service** — Councillors Rous-  
seau, Burrows and Duffy.

**Public Works** — Councillors Duffy,  
O'Brien and Sweeney.

**Traffic**—Councillors Marshall, Tomai-  
olo and Burrows.

# City Officers

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## \*City Manager

Everett F. Merrill

Francis J. McGrath, Administrative Asst.  
Mary E. Gardiner, Secretary

## \*\*City Clerk \*\*\*

## †Assistant City Clerks

First—Russell T. Ober  
Second—Helen M. Defino

## ††City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Harold J. Tunison

## †††City Solicitor

Archibald M. Hillman

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\*Elected by the City Council.

\*\*By vote at City Election, Nov. 7, 1939,  
placed under Civil Service.

\*\*\*Vacancy caused by resignation of Malcolm  
C. Midgley.

†Appointed by the City Clerk.

††By vote at State Election Nov. 5, 1940,  
placed under Civil Service.

†††Appointed by City Manager for two years.  
Term expires April 1, 1952.

- \*First Assistant City Solicitor**  
Harry J. Meleski
- \*Second Assistant City Solicitor**  
Henry P. Grady
- \*Third Assistant City Solicitor**  
Richard W. Mirick
- \*Fourth Assistant City Solicitor**  
Matthew R. McCann, Jr.
- \*\*City Auditor**  
Aubrey S. Batstone
- \*\*\*City Messenger**  
Michael F. Walsh
- Clerk of Committees**  
(City Clerk, ex-officio)
- \*\*\*Commissioner of Public Works**  
Earl R. Perry
- Bureau of Engineering**  
†Kenneth A. Mossman, Acting  
Chief Engineer
- Bureau of Public Buildings**  
†Willard Hedlund, Supt.
- Bureau of Street Lighting**  
†Horace H. Bigelow, Acting Supt.
- Bureau of Sewers**  
†Paul C. Hedenstad, Supt.

\*Appointed by the City Manager for two years. Terms expire April 1, 1952.

\*\*Elected by the City Council triennially. Term expires first Monday in January, 1953.

\*\*\*Appointed by the City Manager. Term expires January, 1954.

†Appointed by the Commissioner of Public Works under Civil Service.

**Bureau of Streets**  
†John F. Donohue, Supt.

**Bureau of Water**  
†Charles B. Hardy, Supt.

**\*Purchasing Agent**  
George A. Herpich

**Assessors of Taxes**  
Appointed by the City Manager  
for three years.

Joseph W. Carney, Chairman  
Term expires 1954

Archie J. Horne, Clerk  
Term expires 1953

Alfred A. Bianchi  
Term expires 1952

**\*\*Director of Veterans' Service**  
Eulick F. Ward

**Custodian of Tax Title Property**  
George J. Fox

Appointed by the City Manager

†Appointed by the Commissioner of Public Works, under Civil Service.

\*Appointed by the City Manager under provisions of an ordinance passed April 20, 1950.

\*\*Appointed by the City Manager under G. L. Ch. 115, Sec. 10 inserted by Sec. 1, Chap. 599, Acts of 1946.

**City Physician**

Appointed by the City Manager  
for term of three years.

Dr. Carlo P. Benaglia  
Term expires Feb., 1954

**Personnel Director**

Appointed by the City Manager under  
the provisions of an ordinance  
passed Dec. 8, 1949.

Eugene R. Gardiner

**Inspector of Milk, Butter, Cheese,  
Lard and Vinegar**

Appointed by the Board of Health,  
under Sec. 33 of Chap. 94 of the General  
Laws.

George D. Melican

**†Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Austin L. Kennedy (Acting)

**†Deputy Sealers of Weights and  
Measures**

John W. Brotherton  
Homer J. Melidy  
Edward L. McAuliffe  
Austin L. Kennedy  
John F. McLaughlin  
James E. Walsh  
John E. Hassett  
Timothy J. Reardon

†By rule of Civil Service Commissioners placed  
under Civil Service.

**\*Fence Viewers**

Wilfred B. Feiga  
Michael J. Hogan  
Benjamin G. Strukus

**\*Field Driver**

Leonard W. Russell

**\*Pound Keeper**

Leonard W. Russell

**\*\*Local Superintendent for the Sup-  
pression of Gypsy and Brown Tail  
Moths**

Herman B. Adams

**\*\*\*Forest Warden**

Herbert F. Travers

**Inspector of Animals**

Appointed by the City Manager in  
March annually, pursuant to Sec. 15,  
Chap. 129, of the General Laws.

James E. Masterson

\*Appointed by the City Manager annually in  
accordance with Chap. 49 of the General Laws.

\*\*Appointed by the City Manager, annually in  
January, in accordance with Chap. 132 of the  
General Laws.

\*\*\*Appointed by the City Manager, annually  
in January, in accordance with Chap. 48 of the  
General Laws.

**Labor Registrar Clerk**

Mabel M. Sullivan

**\*Engineers of the Fire Department**

Appointed by the City Manager to hold office during good behavior.

Herbert F. Travers, Chief	
Ray H. Stevens	Deputy Chief
William M. Carroll	Deputy Chief
Stephen J. Kelliher	Deputy Chief

**District Chiefs**

Edward J. Foley	James P. Fanning
John F. Nevins	James E. Cavanaugh
Oscar A. Lundquist	John J. Corcoran
Francis P. Cavanaugh	

Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph

Appointed by the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department.

**Chief of Police**

Appointed by the City Manager under the provisions of an ordinance passed December 1, 1900, (now Chap. 15, Revised Ordinances of 1943), to hold office during good behavior.

William P. Finneran

\*See Chap. 144 of Acts of 1935 re. Civil Service.

**Deputy Chiefs of Police**

Appointed under the same provisions as the Chief of Police.

Oscar W. Johnson, Supervisor
Daniel J. Sullivan, Inspector
Jeremiah T. O'Leary
Patrick F. Carroll

**Board of Appeals**

Constituted pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance (so called) passed Dec. 29, 1924 as amended. One member appointed by the City Manager, in January, annually for three years.

Philip F. Coe

Term expires January, 1953

George J. Lian

Term expires January, 1954

George J. Abdella

Term expires January, 1952

Alternate Member

Francis S. Bailey

Term expires January, 1954

**Board of Appeals (Veterans' Housing)**

Appointed by the City Manager May 20, 1946, under the provisions of Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1946.

Philip F. Coyle	Hyman S. Goodwin
A. Wayland Wood	

**Commissioner of Public Health**

Appointed by the City Manager in January, in accordance with Chap. 591 of the Acts of 1941, for a term of five years.

Dr. Alexander Witkow  
Term expires January, 1955

**Advisory Health Board**

Appointed by the City Manager in January in accordance with Chap. 591 of the Acts of 1941, for terms of three years.

Margaret E. Walsh  
Term expires January 1, 1952

Dr. A. Eugene Messier  
Term Expires January 1, 1953

Dr. Franklyn P. Bousquet  
Term expires January 1, 1954

**License Board**

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 12 of the Revised Ordinances of 1943.

Willard Hedlund, Superintendent of the Bureau of Public Buildings, Chairman

Russell T. Ober  
Acting City Clerk

Herbert F. Travers, Chief Engineer  
of the Fire Department

Earl R. Perry, Commissioner of  
Public Works

William P. Finneran, Chief of Police  
Russell T. Ober, Clerk

**Planning Board**

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 41, Sec. 81A of the Gen. Laws as amended. Members appointed by the City Manager annually for terms of five years.

Edward Early, Chairman  
Lester W. West, Secretary

Lester W. West  
Term expires June, 1954

Andrew H. Holt  
Term expires June, 1953

Edward Early  
Term expires June, 1952

G. Adolph Johnson  
Term expires June, 1951

Thomas F. J. Dillon  
Term expires June, 1955

**\*City Planning Director**

Charles E. Downe

**Board of Public Welfare**

Appointed by the City Manager in accordance with an ordinance passed Jan. 18, 1950 for terms of three years.

\*Appointed by the City Manager.



Edward A. Kennedy, Chairman  
Term expires January, 1954

Herman E. Johnson  
Term expires January, 1952

Mrs. Herbert Layport  
Term expires January, 1953

Gerhard Becker  
Director of Public Welfare

#### **Keeper of Almshouse**

Elected by the Board of Public Welfare  
Ellery E. Royal

#### **Registrars of Voters**

Except the City Clerk, one member appointed by the City Manager in February or March, annually, for three years.

Emil Zaeder, Chairman  
Term expires 1951

Joseph A. Sootkoos  
Term expires 1950

Albin L. Bjork  
Term expires 1952

Russell T. Ober, ex-officio, Acting Clerk

#### **Worcester Retirement Board**

Constituted pursuant to Chapter 32 of the General Laws, Sects. 26 to 31 I (Accepted by the city May 8, 1944). One member appointed by the City Manager, one member of the system elected by the members.

Aubrey S. Batstone, City Auditor  
ex-officio

Paul B. Hanrahan, (second member)  
Term expires Jan. 1, 1951

Gerhard Becker (third member)

#### **Sewerage Appeal Board**

Paul P. Spaulding  
Term expires April 30, 1952

Edward F. Donohue  
Term expires April 30, 1951

Ex-officiis

Earl R. Perry, Commissioner of  
Public Works

Dr. Alexander Witkow, Commissioner  
of Public Health

Archibald M. Hillman, City Solicitor

#### **Airport Commission**

Appointed by the City Manager under the provisions of Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1946, for terms of three years.

Robert W. Stoddard, Acting Chairman  
Term expires June, 1952

Henry A. Allen, Clerk  
Term expires June, 1953

Timothy S. Shea  
Term expires June, 1951

John F. Tinsley  
Term expires June, 1951

Thomas F. Killeen  
Term expires June, 1952

James J. Conroy  
Term expires June, 1953

\*Ralph F. Gow  
Term expires June, 1953

#### **Commissioners of Hope Cemetery**

One member appointed by the City Manager annually, for three years.

Clayton B. Angell, Chairman  
Term expires January, 1952

Linwood M. Erskine, Secretary  
Term expires January, 1952

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\*Appointed to fill unexpired term of Wallace T. Montague, resigned.

Joseph W. Riordan  
Term expires January, 1953

Timothy Flaherty  
Term expires January, 1953

Charles A. Harrington  
Term expires January, 1954

#### **Insurance Commission**

Established by Ordinance passed Jan. 27, 1941. One member appointed by the City Manager, for term of two years.

Percy D. Betterley  
Term expires January 31, 1953

Ex-officiis  
Aubrey S. Batstone, City Auditor  
Willard Hedlund, Supt. Bureau of  
Public Buildings

#### **Commissioners of the Jaques Fund and Other Funds of the City Hospital**

One member appointed by the City Manager annually, for three years.

Anthony J. Karpawich, Chairman  
Term expires January 1, 1954

Israel Josephs  
Term expires January 1, 1953

Roy H. Stevens, Jr.  
Term expires January 1, 1952  
Harold J. Tunison, Treasurer

#### **Lake Quinsigamond Commission**

Two members appointed by the City Manager in accordance with Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1936 for terms of three years.

Walter J. Moossa, Chairman  
Term expires 1953

Dr. Alfred N. Belisle  
Term expires 1952

Chief of Police (ex-officio)

#### **License Commission**

One member appointed by the City Manager in January, in accordance with Chap. 461 of the Acts of 1914, for terms of four years.

Charles F. Donnelly, Chairman  
Term expires January 1, 1954

Henry C. Alarie  
Term expires January 1, 1952

Michael E. Cosgrove  
Term expires January 1, 1953

#### **Parks and Recreation Commission**

Appointed by the City Manager in accordance with Chap. 204, of the Special Acts of 1917, for terms of three years.

William J. Regan, Chairman  
Term expires May, 1953

Mrs. Dorothy L. Salter, Secretary  
Term expires May, 1951

Mrs. Lillian N. Shea  
Term expires May, 1951

George A. Debs  
Term expires May, 1952

Alfred A. Saltus  
Term expires May, 1952

Francis J. Logan\*  
Term expires May, 1953

M. Joseph Stacey  
Term expires May, 1953

#### **Director and Executive Officer**

Herman B. Adams

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\*Louis G. McGoldrick, Military Substitute

### Directors of the Free Public Library

Two members recommended by City Manager and chosen by City Council, in December annually, for a term of six years from the first day of January next ensuing.

James J. Joyce, President  
Term expires 1954

Samuel Gurwitz, Secretary  
Term expires 1955

Joseph G. Ratte	Term expires	1952
William F. Troy	" "	1952
C. Clifton Hosmer	" "	1953
Gabriel A. Namen	" "	1953
William S. Italiano	" "	1954
Anthony G. Cusick	" "	1955
Martin J. Armstrong	" "	1956
Gerold C. O'Toole	" "	1956
Carl E. Wahlstrom	" "	1957
Thomas F. Fleming	" "	1957

Thurston Taylor, Librarian

### Trustees of the Aaron and Lucretia Bancroft Scholarship Fund

One member recommended by the City Manager and chosen by City Council, biennially, for six years.

Reginald Washburn  
Term expires February, 1957

Harry J. Meleski  
Term expires January 31, 1953

Dr. John J. Goldsberry  
Term expires January 31, 1955

### Trustees of the City Hospital

Appointed by the City Manager annually, for three years.

Cosimo J. Toscano, President  
Term expires 1953

Dr. Walter M. Mulvihill, Secretary  
Term expires 1952

Frank E. Colesworthy  
Term expires 1952

Archibald R. LeMieux  
Term expires 1953

N. Myra Glazier  
Term expires 1954

### Trustees of Belmont Hospital

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 276 of the Acts of 1939. Members appointed by City Manager in January, annually, for terms of three years.

Philip F. Mulvey, President  
Thomas J. Early, Secretary

Samuel C. Gwynne  
Term expires February, 1953

Philip F. Mulvey  
Term expires February, 1954

Thomas J. Early  
Term expires February, 1952

#### Members, Ex-Officiis

Dr. Alexander Witkow  
Commissioner of Public Health

Members of Advisory Health Board

Margaret E. Walsh  
Dr. A. Eugene Messier

### Trustees for G. A. R. Memorial Hall

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 29 of the Acts of 1930. Appointed by the City Manager to serve for terms of three years.

Thomas F. Foley, Chairman  
Term expires November 24, 1953

Alice K. Kallman, Clerk  
Term expires November 24, 1951

E. Walter Smith  
Term expires November 24, 1953

George F. Fuller  
Term expires November 24, 1951

George J. Cross  
Term expires November 24, 1952

### Trustees of Independent Industrial Schools

Constituted pursuant to an ordinance passed February 1, 1950. Members appointed by the City Manager for terms of three years.

Milton P. Higgins, President  
Irene E. Dumphy, Clerk

Norman L. Sharfman	Term expires	1953
George F. Wright	" "	1952
John J. Ladden	" "	1952
Mrs. Irene E. Dumphy	" "	1954
Milton P. Higgins	" "	1954

**Trustees of Joseph and Mary Jackson  
Scholarship Fund**

One member recommended by City Manager and chosen by City Council in accordance with the will of Mary Jackson, for terms of five years.

Ragnar W. Gustafson  
Term expires December, 1955

Dr. Arthur D. Ward  
Term expires December, 1951

Atty. Don Day Swain  
Term expires December, 1952

**Trustees of Municipal Memorial  
Auditorium**

Appointed by the City Manager, under provisions of Chap. 41, Sec. 105 of General Laws, for terms of three years.

Matthew R. McCann, Chairman

Matthew R. McCann  
Term expires June, 1951

Albert E. Hall  
Term expires June, 1952

James J. Redican  
Term expires June, 1952

John T. Sheehan  
Term expires June, 1953

Charles Kotsilibas Davis  
Term expires June, 1953

Andrew B. Holmstrom, Mayor, Ex-officio

**Housing Authority**

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 484 of the Acts of 1938. Four members appointed by the City Manager and one member appointed by the Housing Board. To serve for terms of five years.

Raymond P. Harold, Chairman

Members appointed by City Manager  
Joseph A. Gentile  
Term expires November 2, 1953

David M. Hayes

Term expires November 2, 1954

Raymond P. Harold

Term expires November 2, 1955

Samuel J. Donnelly

Term expires November 2, 1952

Member appointed by Housing Board

Timothy G. Fleming

Term expires November 21, 1951

#### **Trustees of Trust Funds**

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1943. One appointed by City Manager in January, annually, for two years.

John J. Flynn

Term expires January, 1952

Edward Medlinsky

Term expires February 1, 1951

#### **Secretary and Treasurer**

Harold J. Tunison

#### **Trustees of World War Memorial**

Constituted pursuant to an ordinance passed January 21, 1935. (Now Chap. 2 of Revised Ordinances of 1943.) Members appointed by the City Manager, annually, for terms of three years.

Joseph W. O'Connor, Chairman

Term expires February, 1952

Frank R. Crotty, Secretary

Term expires February, 1951

John D. Lynch

Term expires February, 1952

Alfred E. Rankin

Term expires February, 1951

J. Albert Banks

Term expires February, 1953

Andrew B. Holmstrom, Mayor, Ex-officio

**Trustees of World War Veterans  
Memorial Fund**

Constituted pursuant to order of City Council adopted March 27, 1933. Appointed by the City Manager under provisions of Sec. 105, Chap. 41 of General Laws, for terms of three years.

John J. Flynn, Chairman  
Term expires April, 1951

Ralph U. Cross  
Term expires April, 1950

Paul W. Glennon  
Term expires April, 1952

George F. Power  
Term expires April, 1952

Harrison G. Taylor  
Term expires April, 1950

Andrew B. Holmstrom, Mayor, Ex-officio

**School Committee**

Andrew B. Holmstrom, Chairman  
John J. Lawless, Vice-Chairman

Herman J. Dumas  
Katharine F. Erskine  
Italia M. D'Argenis Granata

John J. Lawless

Francis X. Powers

Kimball R. Woodbury

Andrew B. Holmstrom, Mayor, Ex-officio

**Superintendent of Schools**

Thomas F. Power

**Business Manager and Clerk**

Raymond L. Divoll



**MAYORS**

Levi Lincoln .....	1848
Died May 29, 1868	
*Henry Chapin .....	1849-50, 70
Died Oct. 13, 1878	
Peter C. Bacon .....	1851-2
Died Feb. 7, 1886	
John S. C. Knowlton .....	1853-4
Died June 11, 1871	
George W. Richardson .....	1855, 7
Died June 15, 1886	
Isaac Davis .....	1856, 8, 61
Died April 1, 1883	
Alexander H. Bullock .....	1859
Died January 17, 1882	
William W. Rice .....	1860
Died March 1, 1896	
P. Emory Aldrich .....	1862
Died March 4, 1895	
D. Waldo Lincoln .....	1863-4
Died July 1, 1880	
Phinehas Ball .....	1865
Died December 19, 1894	
†James B. Blake .....	1866-7-8-9-70
Died December 18, 1870.	

\*Elected Mayor, ad interim, by the City Council, in joint convention, December 19, 1870 to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of James B. Blake.

†Elected for the sixth time, December 12, 1870. Died December 18, 1870.

Edward Earle .....	1871
Died May 19, 1877	
George F. Verry .....	1872
Died October 5, 1883	
Clark Jillson .....	1873, 5-6
Died June 5, 1894	
Edward L. Davis .....	1874
Died March 2, 1912	
Charles B. Pratt .....	1877-8-9
Died May 9, 1898	
Frank H. Kelley .....	1880-1
Died October 25, 1890	
Elijah B. Stoddard .....	1882
Died September 27, 1903	
Samuel E. Hildreth .....	1883
Died June 26, 1893	
Charles G. Reed .....	1884-5
Died November 21, 1899	
Samuel Winslow .....	1886-7-8-9
Died October 21, 1894	
Francis A. Harrington .....	1890-1-2
Died August 28, 1922	
Henry A. Marsh .....	1893-4-5
Died November 6, 1914	
Augustus B. R. Sprague .....	1896-7
Died May 17, 1910	
†Rufus B. Dodge, Jr. ....	1898-9-1900
Died December 13, 1935	

†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.

Philip J. O'Connell .....	1901
Died March 2, 1931	
Edward F. Fletcher .....	1902-3
Died December 18, 1943	
Walter H. Blodgett .....	1904-5
Died January 6, 1923	
John T. Duggan .....	1906-7
Died September 5, 1927	
James Logan .....	1908-9-10-11
Died November 30, 1929	
David F. O'Connell .....	1912
Died August 12, 1923	
George M. Wright .....	1913-14-15-16
Died January 7, 1926	
Pehr G. Holmes .....	1917-18-19
Peter F. Sullivan .....	1920-21-22-23
Died May 21, 1931	
Michael J. O'Hara .....	1924-5-6-7-8-9-30-1
Died February 3, 1946	
John C. Mahoney .....	1932-3-4-5
Died July 12, 1946	
Walter J. Cookson .....	1936
Died June 11, 1936	
*John S. Sullivan .....	1936-7
Died April 12, 1949	
William A. Bennett .....	1938-9-40-1-2-3-4-5
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan .....	1946-7-8
Andrew B. Holmstrom .....	1950-51

\*Elected Oct. 6, 1936 to fill vacancy caused by the decease of Walter J. Cookson.

## 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, 38.41 square miles, or about 24,634 acres.

Average length 6.4 miles, width 6.0 miles.

Dwellings April 1948, 25,636; 1949, 25,972; 1950, 29,174.

Valuation, 1948, \$284,633,750; 1949, \$308,786,000; 1950, \$310,624,200.

Tax exclusive of polls, 1948, \$13,321,-795.50; 1949, \$12,660,226; 1950, \$15,-158,460.96.

Rate of taxation per \$1,000, 1948, \$46.80; 1949, \$41.00; 1950, \$48.80.

Assessed polls, male, 1948, 66,008; 1949, 65,174; 1950, 64,299.

Registered Male Voters, 1948, 53,081; 1949, 51,893.

Registered Female Voters, 1948, 53,551;  
1949, 52,053.

Registered Voters — Male and Female  
1950, 104,947.

Vote for President, 1940, 90,044; 1944,  
83,931 and 152 Federal War Ballots,  
1948, 94,461.

Vote for Governor, 1946, 72,891; 1948,  
94,461; 1950, 82,666.

Vote for Mayor, 1943, 53,492; 1945,  
58,874; 1947, 69,653; 1949, 76,377.

State Election, November 4, 1952.

Municipal Election, November 6, 1951.

Miles of Public Streets, 291.09.

Miles of Paved Streets, 75.68.

Miles of Asphalt Sidewalks, 138.10.

Miles of Granolithic Sidewalks, 134.08.

16,000-Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights,  
152.

11,200-Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights,  
25.

15,000-Lumen Lamps, 1089.

6,000-Lumen Lamps, 1420.

2,500-Lumen Lamps, 107.

1,000-Lumen Lamps, 5101.

Welsbach Gas Lights, 581.

Police Officers, exclusive of Chief and  
Deputy Chiefs of Police, 451.

Police Signals, 77.

Permanent Firemen, exclusive of Board  
of Engineers, 351.

### CITY HALL

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Corner stone laid September 12, 1896.  
Dedication exercises, April 28, 1898.  
Occupied May 1, 1898.

Length, 219 feet, width, 85 feet.

Height from grade line to 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

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Green Hill Park, 501.439 acres; Boynton Park, 114.66 acres; Lake Park, 110 acres; Elm Park, 88 acres; \*Chandler Hill Park, 81,288 acres; Hadwen Park, 50.14 acres; Burncoat Park, 41.51 acres; Salisbury Park, 19.99 acres; Institute Park, 25.44 acres; Crompton Park, 14.81 acres; University Park, 13.69 acres; Dodge Park, 13 acres; Middle River Park, 8.1 acres; Common (exclusive of City Hall site), 4.8 acres; North Shore Reservation, 4.055 acres; Ramshorn Island, 1.5 acres; Cascades, 34.68 acres; Columbus Park, 8 acres; Vernon Hill, 16.43 acres; Kendrick Field, 14.87 acres; Beaver Brook, 16.30 acres; Greenwood, 14.95 acres; Indian Lake, 1.63 acres; Logan Field, 11.28 acres; South Worcester, 4.87 acres; Bell Pond, 3.5 acres; Shale Street, .777 acres; Holmes Field, 8 acres; Coes Pond, 1.87 acres; Harrington, 6 acres; Cookson Field, 18.63 acres; Fairmont Square, .95 acres; Grant Square, 1.55 acres; Morgan, 11.2 acres; Rockwood Field, 15.78 acres; Apricot Street, 2.39 acres; Burncoat Street, 1.26 acres; Holden Street, .506 acres; Gold Street, .235 acres; Bennett

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\*Fee in the Commonwealth.

Field, 5.67 acres; John Hapgood Brooks Square, .12 acres; Wetherell Estate, 12.33 acres; Mulcahy Field, 3.45 acres; Flagg Street Square, .32 acres; Beaconsfield Road Square, 1.24 acres; Freeman M. Saltus Play Area, .3 acres; North Street Lots, .977 acres; Jos. and Paul Banis Play Area, .467 acres. Total 1316.26 acres.

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## RESERVOIRS

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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, 15 acres; 364.35 feet, 19,307,000 gallons.
- Kettle Brook, No. 2, 30.36 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, 118.51 acres; 604.73 feet, 513,746,000 gallons.

### Low Service Reservoirs

Holden, No. 2, 52.63 acres; 237.80 feet,  
257,398,000 gallons.

Holden, No. 1, 130 acres; 269.85 feet,  
729,319,000 gallons.

Kendall, 171.82 acres; 333 feet, 792,163,-  
000 gallons.

Pine Hill, 350.9 acres; 429 feet, 2,970,-  
967,000 gallons.

Elevation of Main Street at City Hall,  
above tide water, 481 feet.

Water pressure at City Hall (high ser-  
vice), 145 pounds per square inch.

Water pressure at City Hall (low ser-  
vice), 90 pounds per square inch.

### Quinapoxet Supply.

City of Worcester may pump an av-  
erage of 10 million gallons per diem  
each year in accordance with Gen-  
eral Laws, Chap. 375, Acts of 1926.

### WATER STATISTICS

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Miles of Main Pipe	468.8
Miles of Service Pipes in Use	329.803
Number of Service Pipes	30,606
Fire Hydrants	3,881
Gates	6,191
Meters	30,288
Total Valuation of Water Works, to Dec. 31, 1950	\$16,500,000.00

## SEWER STATISTICS

Miles of Sanitary Sewers	222.563
Miles of Combined Sewers	70.297
Miles of Surface Sewers	192.324
Total miles of Sewers	489.184
Number of Manholes	13,552
Number of Catch Basins	7,213
Number of House Connections	35,957
Number of Miles of House Connections	318.55
Gallons of Sewage for fiscal year ending December 31, 1950	9,168.13
Total cost of sewerage system December 31, 1950	\$25,032,184.93

## POPULATION OF WORCESTER

1722—	200	1880—	58,291
1765—	1,475	1885—	68,389
1775—	1,925	1890—	84,655
1790—	2,095	1895—	98,767
1800—	2,411	1900—	118,421
1810—	2,577	1905—	128,135
1820—	2,962	1910—	145,986
1830—	4,172	1915—	162,697
1840—	7,497	1920—	179,754
1850—	17,049	1925—	190,757
1860—	24,960	1930—	196,837
1865—	30,058	1935—	190,471
1870—	41,105	1940—	193,402
1875—	49,317	1945—	198,741

1950—201,885

Births Recorded	Marriages Recorded	Deaths Recorded
1933—3252	1274	2692
1934—3368	1675	2730
1935—3501	1652	2732
1936—3420	1783	2874
1937—3663	1928	2932
1938—3661	1756	2740
1939—3616	2152	2735
1940—3884	2537	2927
1941—4241	3058	2896
1942—5241	2748	3044
1943—5124	1937	3079
1944—4618	1747	2940
1945—4565	2081	3005
1946—6054	3171	3002
1947—6581	2942	2952
1948—5908	2661	3019
1949—5893	2266	2849

## **RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

of the

**City of Worcester, Massachusetts**

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Rule 1. At all meetings of the City Council five (5) Councilors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### **DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CHAIR**

Rule 2. On the first Monday of January, following the regular municipal election, the city council shall, by a majority vote of all the members elected, elect a mayor from its own members who shall preside at all meetings of the city council and perform such other duties as are prescribed in section one hundred (100) of Chapter 43 of the General Laws, and any acts in amendment thereof or supplementary thereto. The City Council shall, in like manner, elect a vice-chairman.

Rule 3. 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, a temporary chairman shall be chosen, who shall serve during the absence of both the mayor and vice-chairman.

Rule 4. He 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, regularly seconded; and no other business shall be in order till 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 5. He shall declare all votes. If any member doubts the vote, the chair, without further debate upon the question, shall require the members voting in the affirmative and negative, respectively, to rise and stand until counted, and shall declare the results; but no such declaration shall be made



unless a quorum of the city council has voted.

Rule 6. All final votes of the city council on questions involving the expenditure of fifty dollars or more, or upon the request of any member any vote of the city council shall be by yeas and nays and shall be entered on the records.

Rule 7. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by a standing committee of the city council, such order or resolution shall upon presentation be referred to such committee.

All petitions, remonstrances, memorials or communications shall in like manner be referred to an appropriate committee.

When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the motion shall be put in the following order:

1. To a standing committee of the city council.
2. To a special committee of the city council.

Any member offering a motion, order or resolution which is referred to a committee shall be given a hearing on the same by the committee before a report is made thereon, provided he so requests at the time of offering the order, or before final action by the committee.

Rule 8. 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.

After a motion has been put by the president, it shall not be withdrawn, except by unanimous consent.

Rule 9. When a question is under debate the chair shall receive no motion, but

- To adjourn
- To lay on the table
- For the previous question
- To postpone to a certain day.
- To refer
- To amend
- To postpone indefinitely



which several motions shall have precedence in the above order. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of an ordinance shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely. 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.

Rule 10. The previous questions shall be put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" and all further amendments or debates of the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

Rule 11. When two or more members rise at once, the chair shall name the member who is entitled to the floor.

#### **RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

Rule 12. Every member, when about to speak shall rise and respectfully address the chair, and wait until he is recognized; shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

Rule 13. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to a call to order for explanation.

Rule 14. No member shall vote on any question, or serve on any committee, where his private interest is immediately concerned distinct from that of the public.

Rule 15. Every member present when a question is put shall vote unless the city council for special reasons excuses him. 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 16. A question having been taken, it shall not be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, but a motion to reconsider may be made at the next meeting, provided written notice of such motion shall be filed with the city clerk within thirty-six hours; but no more than one motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be entertained.

### REGULAR MEETINGS

Rule 17. Regular meetings of the city council shall be held weekly on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

During the months of July and August, one meeting each month. They shall be held in the council chambers.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS

Rule 18. The mayor, or vice-chairman of the city council, or any four members thereof, may at any time call a special meeting by causing written notices, stating the time and purpose of holding such meeting 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 usual dwelling place, at least twelve hours before the time of such meeting.

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)

Rule 18A. An item not on the calendar of a regular or special meeting shall not be considered nor acted upon in the event that there is one vote in objection thereto.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 19. At every regular meeting of this city council the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the records, if requested by the City Council.
2. Communications from the City Manager.
3. Public Hearings.
4. Under the provisions of Chapter 43, Section 98 of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, citizens and employees of the city shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting of the City Council in regard to any matter considered thereat; the time allowed for each person and employee shall be limited to ten minutes on each matter upon which they wish to express their opinion unless the City Council shall by vote allow additional time on such matter.
5. Presentation of petitions, memorials, and remonstrances.
6. Communications and reports from city officers.
7. Reports of committees.

8. Motions, orders, or resolutions.
9. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.
10. Motions for reconsideration.

Rule 20. The seats of the members of the city council shall be numbered, and determined by lot; and no member shall change his seat but by permission of the chair.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Rule 21. All petitions, memorials or remonstrances addressed to the city council shall be filed with the city clerk and presented by the chair or by a member in his place who may explain the subject thereof.

No petition, remonstrance, resolution or other communication, submitted by any improvement association, civic society, club or other unincorporated organization, or its officers, shall be considered by the city council or printed in its proceedings unless such organization shall have filed with the city clerk a statement sworn to by one of its officers, specifying the number of

members in good standing, the time and place of meeting and a list of the officers for the current year.

Rule 22. All papers of whatever description which may require action by the city council, shall be presented to the City Clerk not later than 2 p.m. on the Friday preceding the day of each regular meeting. Papers presented after that hour on such day will not be considered until the next meeting.

Rule 23. The City Clerk shall prepare a list of all matters to come before the City Council at each meeting in accordance with the established order of business and shall mail to the residence of each Councillor a copy of the same not later than twenty-four hours prior to said meeting.

Rule 24. The City Clerk is authorized by these rules to order and publish notice of hearings on petitions presented to him requiring public hearings before the Council.

Rule 25. There shall be appointed standing committees of the City Council as follows:

1. Committee on Finance, to consist of the mayor and eight (8) councillors, to consider all matters of appropriations and loans, and in general any matters affecting the financial interests of the city; to consider all official bonds.
2. Committee on Ordinances and Legislative Matters to consist of the mayor and eight (8) councillors.
3. Committee on Public Service, 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 lighting system.
4. Committee on Public Safety, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to police, fire and public health.
5. Committee on Traffic, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to traffic conditions.

6. Committee on Public Works, to consist of three (3) councillors to consider all matters pertaining to streets, water, sewers, public buildings and engineering.
7. 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.
8. Committee on Public Assistance, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters affecting policies and expenditures for welfare and relief.

All committees of this council shall be appointed by the Mayor.

Rule 26. Every committee of the city council to which any subject may be referred, shall report therein within four (4) weeks from the time such subject is referred to it, or ask for further time. In case the chairman of any committee shall fail for ten (10) days from the time any subject has been referred to it, to call a meeting of the committee, a majority of the committee may call a meeting of said committee.

Notice of all committee meetings must be given at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time for meeting, but meetings may be held at any time by unanimous consent of all of the members of the committee.

Rule 27. All committees shall cause records to be kept of their proceedings in books provided therefor. All reports and papers submitted to the city council shall be legibly written. The City Clerk or one of his assistants shall make copies of any papers to be reported by the committee, at the request of the chairman thereof.

Reports of all committees, whether by ordinance, resolve or otherwise, shall be made to the city council, and no report shall be received unless agreed to in committee actually assembled.

Rule 28. The Mayor shall be ex-officio chairman of any committee of which he is a member, and on all other committees the councillor first named shall be chairman, and in case of his resignation, or inability to serve, the member of the committee next in order shall be chairman.

## MEMBERS' LOBBY

Rule 29. No person will be admitted within the rail in the city council chamber or in the members' lobby connected with said chamber at any meeting of the city council, except upon permission of the mayor.

## HEARINGS

Rule 30. The time devoted to public hearings at any meeting of the city council shall not be more than two (2) hours at any one sitting. Any hearing not completed within the specified time may be continued to another meeting. 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. Ten (10) minutes shall be allowed each speaker to express his views on the matter being heard by the city council.

In all hearings before the City Council the case of the petitioner shall be

first submitted, except in matters affecting acceptance of highways or taking by right of eminent domain.

### **ORDINANCES, ORDERS, ETC.**

Rule 31. All by-laws passed by the city council shall be termed ordinances, and the enacting style shall be "Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Worcester." In all votes by which the city council expresses anything by order or command the form of expression shall be "Ordered," and in all votes by which the city council expresses opinions, principles, facts, or purposes, the form shall be "Resolved."

Rule 32. The City Clerk shall determine the newspaper of the city in which shall be published any loan order or any ordinance and said publication shall be made in each newspaper in regular order, beginning with the oldest publication.

Rule 33. Every ordinance and every order, resolution or vote shall after its passage remain in the possession of the city clerk for thirty-six (36) hours after the day of meeting for the purpose of giving any councillor an opportunity to file notice of his intention to move reconsideration.

### **AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION**

Rule 34. None of the foregoing rules and orders shall be suspended, amended or repealed at any meeting unless two-thirds of all the members of the council consent thereto.

### **CUSHING'S LAW**

Rule 35. The council shall be governed by "Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies" in all questions of parliamentary practice not provided for by special rules or orders.



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