

**MANUAL**

For The

**CITY COUNCIL**

Of The

**CITY OF**

**WORCESTER, MA**

1996 - 1997

C I T Y C O U N C I L

**Mayor - 1996 - 1997**

Raymond V. Mariano 14 Fox Hollow  
Elected under Article 2, Section 2-2(b) of the City  
Charter

**Mayor's Office Staff**

Robert F. Pezzella, Chief Secretary  
Andrea L. Glass, Assistant Secretary

**Councillors-at-Large**

John B. Anderson	17 Bancroft Tower Road
John T. Buell	42 Holden Street
Timothy J. Cooney, Jr.	51 Mary Ann Drive
Konstantina B. Lukes	24 Hadwen Road
Raymond V. Mariano	14 Fox Hollow
S. Gary Rosen	35 Walworth Street

**District Councillors**

Stephen T. Patton District #1 - Wards 1 and 2	16 Hapgood Road
Michael C. Perotto District #2 - Wards 3 and 4	8 Norfolk St.
Paul P. Clancy, Jr. District #3 - Wards 5 and 6	62 Miscoe Road
Janice L. Nadeau District #4 - Wards 8 and 10	67 Southgate Street
Wayne A. Griffin District #5 - Wards 7 and 9	62 Commodore Road

**S T A N D I N G   C O M M I T T E E S**  
of the City Council, 1996- 1997

**COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Clancy (Chairman), Cooney, Patton

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Perotto (Chairman), Nadeau, Clancy

**EDUCATION**

Patton (Chairman), Clancy, Rosen

**ELDER AFFAIRS**

Perotto (Chairman), Anderson, Rosen

**ETHNIC AND MINORITY AFFAIRS**

Clancy (Chairman), Griffin, Lukes

**FEES AND CHARGES**

Griffin (Chairman), Lukes, Cooney

**FINANCE**

Mayor and Entire Council

**HEALTH**

Nadeau (Chairman), Anderson, Buell

**HOUSING**

Nadeau (Chairman), Lukes, Perotto

**LAND USE**

Anderson (Chairman), Griffin, Patton

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Anderson (Chairman), Patton, Clancy

**MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Griffin (Chairman), Lukes, Anderson

**MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS**

Buell (Chairman), Cooney, Nadeau

**ORDINANCES**

Mayor and Entire Council

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Cooney, (Chairman), Perotto, Nadeau

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION**

Buell (Chairman), Rosen, Cooney

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Rosen (Chairman), Perotto, Patton

**REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

Lukes (Chairman), Griffin, Buell

**STANDING COMMITTEES - CONTINUED**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Rosen (Chairman), Perotto, Buell

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Cooney (Chairman), Anderson, Buell

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

Lukes (Chairman), Griffin, Nadeau

**YOUTH, PARKS & RECREATION**

Patton (Chairman), Clancy, Rosen

**W O R C E S T E R P U B L I C S C H O O L S**

Dr. James L. Garvey, Superintendent

Dr. James A. Caradonio, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Helen A. Friel, Asst. to the Superintendent/  
Clerk of the School Committee

Roger Odoardi, Business Manager

Richard Bedard, School Plant Manager

Thomas Kennedy, Human Resources Manager

**S C H O O L C O M M I T T E E 1996 - 1997**

**Chairman**

Mayor Raymond V. Mariano

**Vice Chairman**

Brian O'Connell

**Committee Members**

Brian O'Connell	1029 Pleasant Street
Stephen Mills	17 Wetherell Street
Mary J. Mullaney	24 Howland Terrace
Edith Morgan	42 Shattuck Street
Philip J. Niddrie	10 Zenith Drive
Shirley Wright	6 Biltmore Road

CITY OFFICERS

**City Manager**

Thomas R. Hoover

**Assistant City Manager**

John C. Orrell

**Assistant City Manager for Finance**

William A. Kennedy, Jr.

**Chief Development Officer**

David P. Forsberg

**City Clerk**

Robert J. O'Keefe

**Assistant City Clerks**

David J. Rushford

Mary G. Babbidge

**Airport Director**

Eugene B. Conrad, Jr.

**Assessor**

Paul F. Leary

**Deputy Assessor**

Steven P. McCarthy

**Auditor**

James A. DelSignore

**Deputy Auditor**

Thomas Clawson

**City Physician**

John Kelly, M.D.

**Civil Defense Director**

William Trotta

**Communications Director**

Robert Chisholm

**Information Services Director**

Paul R. Covello

**Implementation Systems Director**

Anthony F. Ingrisano

**Elder Affairs Coordinator**

Elizabeth Mullaney

**Employment & Training Director**  
Stephen R. Willand

**Fire Chief**  
Dennis L. Budd

**Deputy Fire Chiefs**  
Francis R. Charpentier  
John D. Fenton  
Ralph M. Lombardi  
Stanley Rogacz  
John P. McNamara

**District Fire Chiefs**  
Clifton J. DeCourcy  
Gerard A. Dio  
Walter C. Giard  
Timothy J. Gray  
Stuart Howe  
Laurence J. Mulry  
Randy A. Chavoor  
Ronald A. DeFusco  
Ronald R. Fritz

**Forest Warden**  
Dennis L. Budd

**Human Resources Director**  
Janice Borg Silverman

**Assistant Director of Human Resources and Affirmative  
Action Officer**  
Lawrence M. Raymond

**Law Department City Solicitor**  
David M. Moore

**Deputy City Solicitor**  
Michael E. Traynor

**Assistant City Solicitors**  
Keith A. Hood  
Diana H. Horan  
Elizabeth M. Sanning  
John F. O'Day  
Polly A. Tatum  
Donald V. Rider, Jr.  
Stephen F. Madaus

**Parking Administrator**  
Richard H. Widak

**Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commissioner**  
Thomas W. Taylor

**Planning and Community Development Director**  
Stephen F. O'Neil

**Police Chief**  
Edward P. Gardella

**Deputy Chiefs of Police**  
Carlo J. Genatossio  
Harold McRae  
James Gallagher

**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

**Director of Code Enforcement/Building Commissioner**  
David F. Holden

**Director of Public Health Nurses**  
Christine Damiano

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

**Environmental Health, Chief Sanitarian**  
David L. Crocker

**Food Inspection, Chief Sanitarian**  
Francis X. Birch

**Lead Paint Prevention, Chief Sanitarian**  
Michael O'Mara

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**  
Philip P. Madaio

**Public Library Head Librarian**  
Penelope B. Johnson

**Public Works Commissioner**  
Robert L. Moylan, Jr.

**Deputy Commissioner of Public Works**  
Andrew C. Murch

**Assistant Commissioner-Operations-Public Works**  
Anthony Meriano

**Assistant Commissioner of Engineering-Public Works**  
Edward S. Carrigan

**Director of Traffic Engineering**  
Joseph Borbone

**Director of Water**  
Konstantin Eliadi

**Director of Streets**  
Peter Paldino

**Director of Equipment Maintenance**  
Thomas H. Garr

**Director of Sewers**  
Matthew Labovites

**Purchasing Director**  
Charles T. O'Connor, Jr.

**Tax Title Property Custodian**  
Thomas F. Zidelis

**Treasurer and Collector of Taxes**  
Thomas F. Zidelis

**Tree Warden**  
Thomas W. Taylor

**Veterans' Services Agent-Director**  
Anthony F. Ingrisano

**Vocational School Superintendent**  
John C. Orrell, Acting Superintendent

**Workers Compensation Agent & Claims Manager**  
Arthur C. Carilo, Jr.

**Worcester Housing Authority Executive Director & Secretary**  
Michelle M. Booth

**Worcester Redevelopment Authority Executive Director**  
Michael S. Latka

**Worcester Regional Transit Authority Administrator**  
Robert E. Ojala



## MEMBERSHIP OF ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### Affirmative Action Advisory Committee

Michael K. Oduro	December 31, 1993
Iris Berroa Marin, M.D.	December 31, 1993
Frederick C. Rushton	December 31, 1993

### Airport Commission

John M. Nelson	May 31, 1998
Phyllis R. Freilich	May 31, 1998
Edward J. Kursonis, II	May 31, 1996
Stanley Leibowitz	May 31, 1998
John P. Pierce	May 31, 1996
Austin W. Keane, Chairman	May 31, 1996
Linda M. Courtney	May 31, 1997

### Auditorium, Trustees of the Worcester Memorial

Robert J. Langlois	May 31, 1996
Margaret M. Mullins	May 31, 1996
Paul F. Jackson	May 31, 1998
Andrew J. Yess	May 31, 1998
Russell P. Larson, Chairman	May 31, 1997

### Bancroft, Aaron & Lucretia Scholarship Fund Trustees

Laura Constance Howie	January 31, 1996
Paul R. Douillard	December 31, 1997
Marion S. McAvey, Chairman	December 31, 1998

### Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District

F. Worth Landers	March 31, 1997
Charles Woodbury	March 31, 1997
Alternate:	
Robert L. Moylan, Jr.	March 31, 1997

### Cable Television Advisory Committee

James T. Flynn, Jr.	October 31, 1997
Joseph F. Paparella	October 31, 1997
Karen L. Stern	October 31, 1998
J. Martin Shanahan	October 31, 1997
Raymond P. Bilodeau	December 31, 1997
Thomas W. Wharton	December 31, 1997
M. Gwyneth Bombard	October 31, 1998
Stephen L. Corey	October 31, 1998
Warren E. Houle	October 31, 1998
Otto Kunz	October 31, 1998
Candace M. Jaegle	October 31, 1998
George J. Neuman	January 31, 1999

### **Citizens Advisory Council**

Janet A. Nuzzolilo	March 31, 1996
Dr. Shirley S. Siff	March 31, 1996
William C. Tattan, Vice-Chairman	March 31, 1996
Joyce Barbale, Interim Secretary	March 31, 1996
Robert F. McCauley, Chairman	March 31, 1996
Gary Vecchio	March 31, 1996
Carl J. McCarthy	March 31, 1996
John J. Walsh, Jr.	March 31, 1996
Ann L. Flynn	March 31, 1996
Helen M. Whall	March 31, 1996
Steven M. Genduso	March 31, 1996

### **Civic Center Commission**

Harvard W. Isakson, Chairman	October 4, 1999
Brian J. Buckley	October 31, 2000
Nicholas P. Manzello	October 4, 1996
Donna T. Salvidio	October 4, 1997
John M. Harrity	October 4, 1998

### **Community Development Advisory Committee**

Laura Gail McNaughton	June 30, 1996
Diana Biancheria	June 30, 1996
John Carnegie, Chairman	June 30, 1996
Anthony Quatela, Jr.	June 30, 1997
Richard J. Mason	June 30, 1997
Christopher W. Glynn	June 30, 1997
John A. Shea	June 30, 1998

### **Conservation Commission**

Lincoln E. Pearson	September 13, 1996
John A. McGuinness	September 30, 1998
Peter B. Schneider, M.D., Chairman	September 13, 1997
Alvaro Mora	September 13, 1996
Ray A. Frieden	September 13, 1997
Marilyn Levitsky	September 13, 1997
Michael J. Moore	September 30, 1998

### **Cultural Commission**

Lee R. Morin, Chairman	December 31, 1996
Geoffrey L. Lampshire	December 31, 1996
Linda A. Oroszko, Vice-Chairman	December 31, 1996
Geneva E. Brown	December 31, 1998
Erwin H. Miller	December 31, 1996
Honee Hess	December 31, 1997
Bruce Plummer	December 31, 1997
Randell B. Ormo	December 31, 1998
Roz Levine	December 31, 1998

## Advisory Committee For Persons With Disabilities

James M. Perry	May 31, 1996
Marjorie M. Cohen	May 31, 1996
Jason Hamilton	May 31, 1996
Idella J. Szydlik	May 31, 1998
Hersh V. Verma	May 31, 1998
Cheryl A. Koki	May 31, 1998
Scott J. Babbitt	May 31, 1998
Ann L. Gamelin	May 31, 1998
Nancy I. Repice	May 31, 1998
Michael F. Mitchell, Sr.	May 31, 1998
John F. Cronin	May 31, 1998
Madeline Shepard	May 31, 1998

## Mayor Thomas J. Early Scholarship Committee

Robert S. Bowditch	July 31, 1997
Ann Marie Curtis, Chairman	July 31, 1997
Francis S. Harvey, Sr.	July 31, 1997
Susan M. Shankle	July 31, 1998
Maryanne Abraham	July 31, 1997
Dr. James L. Garvey, Ex Officio Superintendent of Schools	

## Elder Affairs Commission

Dr. Lee F. Bartlett	October 13, 1997
Margaret George	October 13, 1997
Thomas J. Cullinane, Chairman	October 13, 1997
Jeannette K. Verzillo	October 13, 1997
Joan Sadowsky	October 13, 1996
Patricia A. Horgan	October 13, 1998
William S. Coleman, III	October 13, 1998
William J. Cahill	October 13, 1997
Joseph F. Fontaine	October 13, 1996
Catherine H. Levine	October 13, 1996
Joseph E. Carpenter	October 13, 1996
Edward T. Saska	October 31, 1996
Jean McInerney-Clark	October 31, 1998
Lois S. Feldman	October 31, 1998

## Election Commission

Charles J. Oroszko, Chairman	March 31, 1998
Chysanthi M. Charlabides	March 31, 1998
Duane Sargisson	March 31, 1998
Beverly Chester	March 31, 1998
Lena Barry	March 31, 1998

## G.A.R. Memorial Hall Trustees

Irving J. Yarok, Chairman	November 24, 1996
Janet K. McCorison	November 24, 1997
Jean Flanagan	November 24, 1997
Duane T. Sargisson	November 30, 1998

## Health Board

Joan Donoghue Johnston, Chairman	December 31, 1996
Howard M. Silver	December 31, 1998
Lynda M. Young, M.D.	December 31, 1996
Robert O. Bonin	December 31, 1997
Edward M. Morin	December 31, 1997

## Historical Commission

Christopher J. Grady, Chairman	December 31, 1996
Andrew Noone	December 31, 1998
Richard L. Clifford	December 31, 1996
Bruce G. Bunke	December 31, 1997
Joan B. Dean	December 31, 1997
Alternate Members	
Dr. Anthony Polito	December 31, 1998
Edward F. Quinlan	December 31, 1998

## Hope Cemetery Commission

Ann C. Nelson	December 31, 1998
Mario V. Zona, Chairman	December 31, 1996
Garabed Hovhanesian	December 31, 1996
Vartan Vartanian	December 31, 1996

## Human Rights Commission

Linda M. Doherty, Chairman	April 13, 1996
Joseph T. Daly	April 13, 1996
E. Theodore Harris, Jr.	April 13, 1997
Dr. Catherine Quint	April 13, 1997
Martha Diaz	April 30, 1998
Leonard B. Price	April 30, 1998
Lawrence W. Vernaglia	April 30, 1997
Cleveland Davis III	April 30, 1998

## Industrial Development Finance Authority

Isabel M. Maloney	March 31, 2000
Mary Layport Spahr	March 31, 1996
John Chojnicki	March 31, 1997
Carolyn A. Grenier	March 31, 1998
Thomas E. Murphy, Chairman	March 31, 1998
William Purcell	

## Joseph and Mary Jackson Scholarship Fund Trustees

Dr. George W. Ballantyne, Jr.	December 31, 1986
Gordon A. Cross	December 31, 1985
Duane T. Sargisson	October 28, 1987

## Lake Quinsigamond Commission

Robert McGinley, Chairman	
Dr. Donald J. Gauch	
Chief Edward Gardella	
John Wilson	
Thomas Esip	
Lincoln E. Pearson	

## Worcester Free Public Library Board of Directors

Leonard Cooper	1995 - 00
Michael Pakaluk	1995 - 00
Mark R. Leslie	1992 - 97
Angela G. Dorenkamp	1991 - 96
Constance A. Morrison	1994 - 96
Timothy Murray	1992 - 97
Richard B. Larson	1993 - 98
Jeffrey R. Mazza	1993 - 98
James N. Blodgett	1994 - 99
Stephen Soreff, M.D.	1994 - 99
Mary E. O'Neil	1995 - 01
Norman J. Richardson	1995 - 01

## License Commission

Albert J. Vuona, Jr.	December 31, 1996
Jordan Levy, Chairman	December 31, 1997
Barbara J. Sinnott	December 31, 1998

## Off-Street Parking Board

Paul F. Simmarano, Chairman	June 30, 1996
Sheldon L. Hampton	June 30, 1996
Ann M. Walsh	June 30, 1998
Richard U. Cross	June 30, 1998
John M. Lazzaro	June 30, 1998

## Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commission

Stephen Greaney	April 30, 1996
James T. Butcher, Chairman	April 30, 1996
Douglas J. Hannam	April 30, 1998
Paul F. Cantiani	April 30, 1997
Joseph M. Capone	April 30, 1997
Elizabeth A. Proko	April 30, 1998
Joseph A. Sacco	April 30, 1998

## Planning Board

George Russell, Chairman	May 31, 1998
Joan H. Bagley	May 31, 1999
Joseph G. Sova	May 31, 1997
Joseph M. McGinn	May 31, 1996
Perry O. Hanson III	May 31, 2000

## Retirement Board

Paul Fell, Chairman	December 31, 1996
Stephen T. Wentzell	December 31, 1998
James A. DelSignore, Ex-Officio	
Elizabeth A. Early, Executive Secretary	

## Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

Marilyn J. Martin	December 31, 1996
Carolann Bombard, Chairman	December 31, 1996
Katherine L. Chesley	December 31, 1997
Barbara Brandt Happy	December 31, 1995
Frances Langille Secretary/Treasurer	December 31, 1998
Linda Rost	August 31, 1997
June Johnson	August 31, 1997
Virginia M. Chojnicki	August 31, 1997
Patricia A. Vanasse, Vice Chairman	August 31, 1997
Martha Flint	August 31, 1997
Joan Bress	March 31, 1998
Kathleen R. Law	March 31, 1998
Carol A. Kozlowski	December 31, 1998
Eleanore F. Corey	December 31, 1997
Beverly M. Brooks	August 31, 1997
Joanne M. Gray	December 31, 1996

## Trust Funds Commission

Scott A. Johnson, Sr.	January 31, 1999
Mary Ann Riley	January 31, 1999
James J. Paugh, III	January 31, 1999
Thomas F. Zidelis, Ex-Officio	

## Vocational Education Board of Trustees

Richard A. Bonofiglio	December 31, 1997
Michael Curtis	December 31, 1996
Susan Gately	December 31, 1998
Robert E. Melican	December 31, 1997

## Worcester Housing Authority

Melvin Budish	November 2, 1998
James P. Lennon	November 2, 1999
Julia M. Senckowski	November 30, 2000
Joseph P. Carlson	November 30, 2000
Monsignor Francis J. Scollen (State Appointee)	November 21, 1999
Michelle M. Booth, Executive Director	

## Worcester Redevelopment Authority

P. Kevin Condron, Chairman	April 15, 1998
Linda C. Nelson (State Appointee)	April 15, 2000
Ronald Scott	April 15, 1998
Francis X. Sena	April 15, 1999
John H. McCabe	April 15, 1996

## World War Memorial at Lincoln Square

John A. Gilmartin	August 31, 1996
Christopher B. Dougherty	August 31, 1998
Larry E. Flowers	August 31, 1998
John E. McAuliffe	August 31, 1997
Sean M. Rice	August 31, 1996

**City Manager's Youth Advisory Council**

Lynne Simonds, Chairman  
Thomas W. Taylor  
Lisa Peihler-Jones  
Tim Snowber  
Donna McCarthy

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Michael S. Ferguson, Chairman	September 17, 1996
Steven J. Antinelli	September 17, 1997
C. Edouard St. Martin	September 17, 1998
John N. Barbale, Jr.	September 17, 1999
Sara J. Robertson	September 30, 1998
<b>Alternate Members</b>	
Charles J. Buffone	September 30, 2000
John T. Reynolds	September 17, 1997

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS  
 TWELVE YEAR HISTORY BY GRADE UP TO OCTOBER 1, 1995

GRADE	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984
K	2461	2447	2319	2230	2138	2215	2173	2173	2064	1898	1826	1659
1	2432	2232	2196	2107	2157	2154	2200	2115	1888	1849	1745	1745
2	2155	2056	2022	2012	2004	2037	1964	1850	1835	1716	1625	1500
3	1993	1955	1967	1925	1910	1903	1818	1791	1674	1612	1480	1559
4	1970	1937	1915	1925	1856	1773	1804	1701	1650	1533	1554	1467
5	1913	1898	1902	1811	1705	1762	1701	1664	1517	1548	1503	1433
6	1888	1857	1801	1672	1730	1659	1637	1556	1525	1520	1425	1504
7	1735	1744	1611	1585	1548	1524	1574	1609	1632	1574	1596	1620
8	1610	1458	1531	1512	1466	1500	1617	1598	1509	1583	1578	1744
9	1256	1357	1257	1162	1172	1183	1210	1248	1295	1368	1338	1405
10	1220	1169	1116	1121	1131	1127	1157	1223	1182	1279	1247	1191
11	1141	1037	944	1011	1002	1033	1122	1084	1140	1131	1086	1095
12	994	855	895	954	924	968	919	1000	1030	925	998	1119
PRE-SCH	651	566	448	377	309	228	185	154	128	156	137	115
UNGRADED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254	421	625	649
TOTALS	23419	22568	21924	21404	21052	21066	21081	20766	20323	20113	19763	19805



WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS  
 CHANGES IN GRADE SIZE FROM 1 YEAR TO THE NEXT. FOLLOWED BY 10 & 5 YEAR AVERAGES

GRADES	94>95	93>94	92>93	91>92	90>91	89>90	88>89	87>88	86>87	85>86	84>85	10 YR	5 YR
K-1	-15	-87	-34	-31	-58	-19	27	51	-10	23	86	-15.3	-45
1-2	-77	-140	-85	-145	-150	-163	-151	-38	-14	-29	-120	-99.2	-119.4
2-3	-63	-67	-45	-79	-127	-61	-32	-44	-42	-13	-20	-57.3	-76.2
3-4	15	-30	-10	15	-47	-45	13	27	38	53	-5	2.9	-11.4
4-5	-24	-17	-23	-45	-68	-42	0	14	-16	-6	36	-22.7	-35.4
5-6	-10	-45	-10	-33	-32	-42	-27	39	-23	17	-8	-16.6	-26
6-7	-122	-57	-61	-145	-111	-113	18	84	112	149	92	-24.6	-99.2
7-8	-134	-153	-54	-36	-58	-74	8	-34	-65	-13	-42	-61.3	-87
8-9	-202	-174	-255	-304	-328	-434	-388	-261	-288	-210	-406	-284	-252.6
9-10	-137	-88	-46	-51	-52	-83	-91	-72	-186	-59	-158	-86.5	-74.8
10-11	-28	-79	-177	-120	-125	-124	-101	-98	-139	-116	-105	-111	-105.8
11-12	-43	-89	-116	-48	-109	-154	-165	-140	-101	-161	-97	-113	-81

**MAYORS**

- Levi Lincoln.....1848  
Born October 25, 1782  
Died May 29, 1868
- \*Henry Chapin.....1849-50,70  
Born May 13, 1811  
Died October 13, 1878
- Peter C. Bacon.....1851,2  
Born November 11, 1804  
Died February 7, 1886
- John S. D. Knowlton.....1853,4  
Born December, 1798  
Died June 11, 1871
- George W. Richardson.....1855,7  
Born 1808  
Died June 15, 1886
- Isaac Davis.....1856,8,61  
Born June 2, 1799  
Died April 1, 1883
- Alexander H. Bullock.....1859  
Born March 2, 1816  
Died January 17, 1882
- William W. Rice.....1860  
Born March 7, 1826  
Died March 1, 1896
- P. Emory Aldrich.....1862  
Born 1813  
Died March 4, 1895
- D. Waldo Lincoln.....1863-4  
Born January 16, 1813  
Died July 1, 1880
- Phinehas Ball.....1865  
Born January 18, 1824  
Died December 19, 1894
- \*\*James B. Blake.....1866-7-8-9-70  
Born June 19, 1827  
Died December 18, 1870
- \*Elected Mayor, ad interim, by the City Council, in joint convention, December 19, 1870 to fill the vacancy by the decease of James B. Blake.
- \*\*Elected for the sixth time, December 12, 1870. Died December 18, 1870.

Edward Earle.....1871  
 Born February 10, 1811  
 Died May 19, 1877

George F. Verry.....1872  
 Born July 14, 1826  
 Died October 5, 1883

Clark Jillson.....1873,5-6  
 Born April 11, 1825  
 Died June 5, 1894

Edward L. Davis.....1874  
 Born April 22, 1834  
 Died March 2, 1912

Charles B. Pratt.....1877-8-9  
 Born February 14, 1824  
 Died May 9, 1898

Frank H. Kelly.....1880-1  
 Born September 9, 1827  
 Died October 25, 1890

Elijah B. Stoddard.....1882  
 Born June 5, 1826  
 Died September 27, 1903

Samuel E. Hildreth.....1883  
 December 8, 1829  
 Died June 26, 1893

Charles G. Reed.....1884-5  
 Born April 22, 1835  
 Died November 21, 1899

Samuel Winslow.....1886-7-8-9  
 Born February 28, 1827  
 Died October 21, 1894

Francis A. Harrington.....1890-1-2  
 Born November 17, 1846  
 Died August 28, 1922

Henry A. Marsh.....1893-4-5  
 Born September 7, 1836  
 Died November 6, 1914

Augustus B.R. Sprague.....1896-7  
 Born March 7, 1827  
 Died May 17, 1910

\*Rufus B. Dodge, Jr. ....1898-9-1900  
 Born November 24, 1861  
 Died December 13, 1935

Philip J. O'Connell.....1901  
 Born December 18, 1870  
 Died March 2, 1931

Edward F. Fletcher.....1902-3  
 Born June 17, 1854  
 Died December 18, 1943

Walter H. Blodget.....1904-5  
 Born 1850  
 Died January 6, 1923

John T. Duggan.....1906-7  
 Born October 27, 1855  
 Died September 5, 1927

James Logan.....1908-9-10-11  
 Born May 6, 1852  
 Died November 30, 1929

David F. O'Connell.....1912  
 Born February 8, 1859  
 Died August 12, 1923

George M. Wright.....1913-14-15-16  
 Born April 12, 1865  
 Died January 7, 1926

Pehr G. Holmes.....1917-18-19  
 Born 1881  
 Died December 19, 1952

Peter F. Sullivan.....1920-21-22-23  
 Born June 29, 1871  
 Died May 21, 1931

Michael J. O'Hara.....1924-5-6-7-8-9-30-1  
 Born 1878  
 Died February 3, 1946

John C. Mahoney.....1932-3-4-5  
 Born 1878  
 Died July 12, 1946

Walter J. Cookson.....1936  
 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. Sullivan.....1936-7  
 Born December 18, 1875  
 Died April 12, 1949

William A. Bennett.....1938-9-40-1-2-3-4-5  
 Born March 7, 1887  
 Died September 15, 1970

Charles F. Jeff Sullivan.....1946-7-8-9  
 Born October 10, 1904  
 Died August 24, 1962

Andrew B. Holmstrom.....1950-1-2-3  
 Born April 10, 1895  
 Died January 13, 1970

James D. O'Brien.....1954-5-6-7-8,60-1  
 Born June 12, 1908  
 (resigned January 2, 1959)  
 Died June 9, 1965

Joseph C. Casdin.....1959  
 Born March 10, 1914

John M. Shea.....Jan.-Aug. 1962  
 Born December 8, 1902  
 (resigned Aug. 31, 1962)  
 Died November 3, 1988

Joseph C. Casdin.....Sept. 1, 1962-April 30, 1963  
 Born March 10, 1914  
 (resigned April 30, 1963)

Paul V. Mullaney.....1963-4-5  
 Born November 22, 1919

George A. Wells.....1966  
 Born October 7, 1910  
 (resigned Jan. 3, 1967)

Joseph C. Casdin.....1967-8  
 Born March 10, 1914

John M. Shea.....1969  
 Born December 8, 1902  
 (resigned Jan. 5, 1970)  
 Died November 3, 1988

George A. Wells.....1970  
 Born October 7, 1910  
 (resigned Jan. 4, 1971)  
 Died October 19, 1978

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

Joseph M. Tinsley.....1971  
 Born June 23, 1915  
 (resigned Jan. 3, 1972)

Thomas J. Early.....1972  
 Born July 18, 1917  
 (resigned Jan. 2, 1973)

Joseph M. Tinsley.....1973  
 Born June 23, 1915

Israel Katz.....1974-5  
 Born May 20, 1907  
 Died August 13, 1979

Thomas J. Early.....1976-7-8-9  
 Born July 18, 1917  
 Died January 23, 1992

Jordan Levy.....1980-1  
 Born November 4, 1943

Sara J. Robertson.....1982-3  
 Born July 22, 1934

Joseph M. Tinsley.....1984-5  
 Born June 23, 1915

John B. Anderson.....1986  
 Born January 1, 1935

Timothy J. Cooney, Jr. ....1987  
 Born November 22, 1940

Jordan Levy.....1988-9-90-1-2-3  
 Born November 4, 1943

Raymond V. Mariano.....1994-5-6-7  
 Born September 23, 1950

**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 acres. Average length 6.4 miles: width 6 miles.

<b>Dwellings Apr.</b>	1951, 27,409;	1952, 27,426;
1953, 28,482;	1954, 28,640;	1955, 28,719;
1956, 29,280;	1957, 29,775;	1958, 29,618;
1959, 29,537;	1960, 29,755;	1961, 29,890;
1962, 30,006;	1963, 30,324;	1964, 30,596;
1965, 30,606;	1966, 30,843;	1967, 31,143;
1968, 31,103;	1969, 31,104;	1970, 30,783;
1971, 30,569;	1972, 30,320;	1973, 30,000;
1974, 30,275;	1975, 30,304;	1976, 30,578;
1977, 30,524;	1978, 30,482;	1979, 30,514;
1980, 30,067;	1981, 29,951;	1982, 30,078;
1983, 30,115;	1984, 31,210;	1985, 31,409;
1986, 31,618;	1987, 31,977;	1988, 32,086;
1989, 33,600;	1990, 35,100;	1991, 38,573;
1992, 38,773;	1993, 34,951;	1994, 35,071;
1995, 35,249		

**Valuation**

1953.....	\$331,255,700
1954.....	334,434,550
1955.....	340,437,150
1956.....	343,673,400
1957.....	347,774,950
1958.....	357,172,050
1959.....	358,800,550
1960.....	360,761,150
1961.....	362,780,200
1962.....	365,933,750
1963.....	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.....	434,485,500
1974.....	442,161,850
1975.....	462,762,900
1976.....	457,363,150
1977.....	452,204,275
1978.....	453,604,125
1979.....	458,415,525
1980.....	463,168,275
1981.....	466,022,570
1982.....	413,520,020
1983.....	420,351,630

	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Exempt Assessed Value
1984	2,453,164,909	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
1993	5,666,783,091	1,311,333,700
1994	5,226,088,956	1,663,841,700
1995	5,213,678,881	1,676,060,600

**Tax, exclusive of polls;**

1953.....	\$16,562,785.00
1954.....	17,390,596.60
1955.....	19,064,480.40
1956.....	21,307,750.80
1957.....	22,535,816.76
1958.....	25,609,243.57
1959.....	25,403,078.94
1960.....	26,479,868.41
1961.....	26,628,066.68
1962.....	28,103,732.00
1963.....	29,844,688.27
1964.....	33,135,201.84
1965.....	33,389,617.04
1966.....	33,931,265.94
1967.....	38,775,353.88
1968.....	38,962,269.30
1969.....	47,308,096.94
1970.....	50,461,852.36
1971.....	58,069,754.34
1972.....	61,281,973.64
1973.....	65,433,516.30
1974.....	68,892,390.03
1975.....	68,581,461.78
1976.....	72,263,377.70
1977.....	75,337,232.22
1978.....	75,570,447.23
1979.....	75,363,512.31
1980.....	84,481,893.36
1981.....	71,767,475.78
1982.....	71,934,764.00
1983.....	61,001,500.00
1984.....	61,324,109.00
1985.....	63,958,547.00
1986.....	66,366,292.00
1987.....	70,686,133.00
1988.....	74,785,432.00
1989.....	79,586,310.00
1990.....	85,402,463.00
1991.....	89,186,131.00
1992.....	97,682,607.00
1993.....	101,926,622.00
1994.....	107,046,948.00
1995.....	111,969,010.89



Rate of taxation per \$1,000		
1952, \$ 50.80;	1953, \$ 50.00;	1951, \$ 48.40;
1955, \$ 56.00;	1956, \$ 62.00;	1954, \$ 52.00;
1958, \$ 71.70;	1959, \$ 70.80;	1957, \$ 64.80;
1961, \$ 73.40;	1962, \$ 76.80;	1960, \$ 73.40;
1964, \$ 88.40;	1965, \$ 88.40;	1963, \$ 80.60;
1967, \$ 99.80;	1968, \$ 99.80;	1966, \$ 88.40;
1970, \$124.40;	1971, \$140.60;	1969, \$119.60;
1973, \$150.60;	1974, \$144.50;	1972, \$144.80;
1976, \$158.00;	1977, \$166.60;	1975, \$148.10;
1979, \$164.40;	1980, \$182.40;	1978, \$166.60;
1982, \$154.00;	1983, \$129.80;	1981, \$154.00;
1984, \$ 20.00	Residential	
1984, \$ 31.16	Commercial & Industrial	
1985, \$ 20.30	Residential	
1985, \$ 32.17	Commercial & Industrial	
1986, \$ 20.30	Residential	
1986, \$ 32.17	Commercial & Industrial	
1987, \$ 13.00	Residential	
1987, \$ 21.71	Commercial & Industrial	
1988, \$ 13.39	Residential	
1988, \$ 22.37	Commercial & Industrial	
1989, \$ 9.75	Residential	
1989, \$ 21.00	Commercial & Industrial	
1990, \$ 9.50	Residential	
1990, \$ 21.00	Commercial & Industrial	
1991, \$ 9.68	Residential	
1991, \$ 21.64	Commercial & Industrial	
1992, \$ 11.23	Residential	
1992, \$ 25.08	Commercial & Industrial	
1993, \$ 13.72	Residential	
1993, \$ 30.13	Commercial, Industrial & Personal	
1994, \$ 15.57	Residential	
1994, \$ 33.36	Commercial, Industrial & Personal	
1995, \$ 16.32	Residential	
1995, \$ 34.50	Commercial, Industrial & Personal	

**Assessed Polls: Male**

1949, 65,174;	1950, 64,299;	1951, 63,581;
1952, 63,610;	1953, 62,037;	1954, 62,294;
1955, 61,549;	1956, 61,181;	1957, 57,720;
1958, 57,288;	1959, 55,932;	1960, 56,332;
1961, 55,387;	1962, 53,332;	1963, 52,832;
1964, None; (Abolished by Law)		

**Registered Voters (Male & Female)**

1952, 108,465;	1953, 103,313;	1954, 101,481;
1955, 97,459;	1956, 101,977;	1957, 97,150;
1958, 96,259;	1959, 93,400;	1960, 98,744;
1961, 95,062;	1962, 94,424;	1963, 91,752;
1964, 94,982;	1965, 91,254;	1966, 86,779;
1967, 87,450;	1968, 90,350;	1969, 85,708;
1970, 84,904;	1971, 86,195;	1972, 91,450;
1973, 87,889;	1974, 85,957;	1975, 83,757;
1976, 87,657;	1977, 85,529;	1978, 82,196;
1979, 79,961;	1980, 83,756;	1981, 80,308;
1982, 79,879;	1983, 78,123;	1984, 82,872;
1985, 74,463;	1986, 75,671;	1987, 67,982;
1988, 79,111;	1989, 69,596;	1990, 73,003;
1991, 74,429;	1992, 74,831;	1993, 62,005;
1994, 64,358;	1995, 67,729	

**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; 1992, 60,196;

**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; 1990, 51,650;  
 1994, 46,465

**Vote for Mayor:**  
 1943, 53,492; 1945, 58,874; 1947, 69,653;  
 1987, 23,163; 1989, 27,199; 1991, 33,031;  
 1993, 32,101; 1995, 23,128

**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;

**Vote for Councillor-at-Large:**  
 1987, 38,688; 1989, 29,614; 1991, 35,418;  
 1993, 33,128; 1995, 24,385

**Vote for District Councillors:**

District #1  
 1987, 9,389; 1989, 7,855; 1991, 8,768;  
 1993, 8,365; 1995, 6,055

District #2  
 1987, 7,008; 1989, 4,979; 1991, 5,285;  
 1993, 5,672; 1995, 3,029

District #3  
 1987, 7,293; 1989, 5,166; 1991, 6,069;  
 1993, 4,234; 1995, 3,090

District #4  
 1987, 4,926; 1989, 3,507; 1991, 3,802;  
 1993, 3,046; 1995, 2,421

District #5  
 1987, 10,052; 1989, 8,107; 1991, 8,183;  
 1993, 7,802; 1995, 5,925

**State Election, November 8, 1994**

**Municipal Election, November 7, 1995 - 24,385**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officers, exclusive of Chief and Deputy Chiefs of Police  
10 Captains  
29 Lieutenants  
52 Sergeants  
330 Police Officers  
421 Total

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters, exclusive of Chief and Deputy Fire Chiefs  
10 District Chiefs  
25 Captains  
77 Lieutenants  
356 Firefighters  
468 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.....	35.25
Columbus.....	8.6
Common.....	4.4
Crompton.....	14.63
Dodge.....	13.00
Elm.....	60.00
Fairmount Sq. ....	0.95
Farber Field.....	4.1
Grant Sq. ....	1.55
Green Hill.....	432.1
Hadwen.....	45.4
Holland Rink Playground.....	8.0
Institute.....	24.62
Lake.....	75.65
Middle River.....	8.1
Morgan.....	11.2
Oread Castle.....	3.12
Ramshorn Island.....	1.5
Salisbury-Bancroft Tower.....	11.79
Shore Park.....	7.0
Ty Cobb Field.....	12.00
University.....	13.00
Total Acreage.....	1,012.38

Public Playgrounds	Acreage
Apricot St.....	2.39
Bailey-Prouty.....	1.00
Banis, Jos. & Paul Play Area.....	0.47
Beaver Brook.....	12.81
Bell Pond.....	23.00
Bennett Field.....	6.67
Burncoat St.....	1.26
Coes Pond.....	1.87
Cookson Field.....	18.91
Great Brook Valley Play Area.....	6.96
Greenwood.....	14.85
Harrington.....	6.00
Harry Sharry Field (South Worcester).....	4.87
Holmes Field.....	8.00
Indian Lake.....	1.63
Kendrick.....	15.05
Lake View.....	1.20
Logan Field.....	11.28
Mulcahy Field.....	3.44
Oakland Heights.....	1.46
Rockwood Field.....	15.78
Shale Field.....	0.78
Tacoma Street.....	15.00
Vernon Hill.....	13.70
Wetherell Est.....	6.73
	195.11
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;  
1,116,000,000 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	579.00
Fire Hydrants (Public)	6,058
Meters	39,575
Total Valuation of Water Works	\$491,019,000
December 31, 1995	

### SEWER STATISTICS

Miles of Sanitary Sewers	373.00
Miles of Combined Sewers	56.00
Miles of Surface Sewers	343.00
Total Miles of Sewers	772.00
Number of Manholes	26,852
Number of Catch Basins	14,297
Number of House Connections	33,861
C.C.F. of Recorded Sewer Usage for 1995	6,992,287
Total Valuation of Sewerage System	
December 31, 1995	\$452,237,000

### STREET STATISTICS

Miles of Public Streets	420.00
Miles of Private Streets	106.00
Miles of Asphalt Sidewalks	366.00
Miles of Concrete Sidewalks	240.00
1,000 Lumen Incand. Lights	314
2,500 Lumen Incand. Lights	3
4,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	261
6,000 Lumen Incand. Lights	39
8,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	290
9,600 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	2,449
11,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	19
22,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	289
4,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	5,459
50,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	311
63,000 Lumen Mer Vapor Lights	23
Gas Lights	29
27,500 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	2,954
16,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights	130
Total Street Lights	12,570

POPULATION OF WORCESTER

1722--	200	1900--	118,421
1765--	1,475	1905--	128,135
1775--	1,925	1910--	145,986
1790--	2,095	1915--	162,697
1800--	2,411	1920--	179,754
1810--	2,577	1925--	190,757
1820--	2,962	1930--	196,837
1830--	4,172	1935--	190,471
1840--	7,497	1940--	193,402
1850--	17,049	1945--	198,741
1860--	24,960	1950--	203,486
1865--	30,058	1955--	202,612
1870--	41,105	1960--	186,587
1875--	49,317	1965--	180,341
1880--	58,291	1970--	176,572
1885--	68,389	1975--	172,342
1890--	84,655	1980--	161,799
1895--	98,767	1985--	164,655
		1990--	158,833
		1993--	153,892
		1994--	153,107
		1995--	154,222

<b>Year</b>	<b>Births</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
1949	5893	2266	2849
1950	5771	2255	2841
1951	6205	2289	3002
1952	6307	2122	3031
1953	6352	2105	3052
1954	6452	1946	2944
1955	6522	1951	3066
1956	6522	1984	3008
1957	6864	1848	3077
1958	6606	1699	3078
1959	6498	1571	3119
1960	6451	1657	3213
1961	6412	1543	3125
1962	6222	1549	3091
1963	6176	1549	3144
1964	5738	1571	3167
1965	5586	1729	3251
1966	5505	1714	3141
1967	5374	1837	3252
1968	5244	1877	3284
1969	5282	2018	3218
1970	5408	1894	3240
1971	5137	1968	3132
1972	4746	1953	3192
1973	4736	1898	3308
1974	4155	1933	3209
1975	4203	1815	3166
1976	4538	1722	3195
1977	4617	1815	2935
1978	4788	1860	3091
1979	4937	1933	3050
1980	5240	1614	3342
1981	5224	1629	3202
1982	5308	1613	3227
1983	5502	1634	3393
1984	5768	1604	3401
1985	6031	1619	3423
1986	6014	1666	3474
1987	6346	1598	3317
1988	6753	1627	3431
1989	7186	1606	3490
1990	7183	1521	3382
1991	6825	1382	3463
1992	6782	1228	3333
1993	6694	1244	3497
1994	6380	1206	3445
1995	6149	1302	3305



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 interest 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.
- l. 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 Public Safety, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to police, fire departments and ambulance service.
- p. 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.
- q. 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.

r. Committee on Regional Affairs to consist of three (3) Councillors to consider issues with a regional impact, not already within the jurisdiction of another Committee.

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 Strategic Planning to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider issues of strategic planning for the City of Worcester.

u. Committee on Traffic and Parking, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to traffic conditions, on and off street parking.

v. Committee on Youth, Parks and Recreation to consist of three (3) Councillors to consider all matters involving youth, parks, playgrounds, recreation activities and Hope Cemetery.

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 Inspection

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

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

YOUTH, PARKS AND RECREATION

Cultural Commission

Parks, Recreation and Cemetery

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,
- b. 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 of 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 specifically 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 regular meetings 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, Acknowledgements, Acknowledgements of Volunteerism and Community Service
- e. Public Hearing
- f. Motions of Reconsideration
- g. First Items of Business
- h. Items of Citizen Interest  
That "Items of Citizen Interest" be only those items on Council's or Manager's calendars. Any suspension if entertained by the Council, unless of an emergency nature, shall only be considered after all regularly scheduled business has been completed.

- i. Items of Departmental of Employee Interest  
That "Items of Departmental or Employee 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 considered after all regularly scheduled business has been completed.
- j. Petitions
- k. Communications from the City Manager (Alternating weeks - beginning on week one).
- l. Motions, Orders or Resolutions (Alternating weeks - beginning on week two).
- 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
- p. Reports of Committees (Alternating weeks - beginning on week two)
- q. Tabled Items

#### 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.

Rule 43. All final votes of the City Council on questions involving the expenditure of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more, or upon the request of any member, shall be by roll call and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the records.

Rule 44. That all matters referred to the City Solicitor and the Law Department be reported back to the City Council within sixty (60) days).

Rule 45. An item on the calendar of a regular or special meeting shall not be considered nor acted upon unless two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Council consent thereto.

Rule 46. None of the foregoing rules and orders shall be suspended at any meeting unless two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Council consent thereto.

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 of 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 dispositions 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 intra-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.
- d. For transfer of one appropriation to another not between departments is a straight appropriation of money and requires a recommendation of City Manager and a majority vote - 6 votes. G.L.c.44, section 33B, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-4.
- 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.
- g. For acceptance of statute, a majority vote - 6 votes, G.L.c.4, section 4, WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6(b). Unless otherwise provided in the statute. G.L.c.4, section 4.
- h. For adoption of an ordinance - majority vote - 6 votes. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6(b). Emergency preamble requires 2/3 votes. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-9(a).
- i. For decreeing of a public street - majority vote - 6 votes. WHR 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.
- j. For construction order, streets, sewer, etc. - majority vote - 6 votes. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6(b).

- k. For passage of original zoning ordinance or change of zoning ordinance - 2/3 vote - 8 votes. G.L.c.40A, section 5. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6(b).

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).

- l. For increase of pension under G.L.c.32, section 90A - 2/3 vote - 8 votes. G.L.c.32, section 90A. WHR Charter Art. 2, 2-6(b).
- m. For increase in salary or wage - 2/3 vote - 8 votes. G.L.c.44, section 33A. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6(b).
- n. To add a street to the Official Map, 2/3 vote - 8 votes, unless Planning Board after hearing, has approved, then majority vote - 6 votes. G.L.c.41, section 81F. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6(b).
- o. Worcester Home Rule Charter, Section 2-9 Ordinances and Other Measures, (b) Measures. On the first occasion that the question of adopting any measure is put to the City Council, except an emergency measure as defined in section 2-9(a), if a single member objects to the taking of a vote, the vote shall be postponed until the next regular or special meeting of the City Council. If when the matter is taken up for a vote, four (4) or more members object to the taking of the vote, the matter shall be further postponed for not less than an additional five (5) days. This procedure shall not be used more than once for any measure, notwithstanding any amendment made to the original measure.
- p. Any motion to advertise shall not be deemed to have been approved unless such motion shall have received the same number of votes as is required to ordain the proposed Ordinance or Order.
- q. On all matters before the City Council in which numbers or monetary amounts are to be considered, if more than one (1) number is to be considered, that the highest number be put first. All other motions concerning numbers shall be considered in descending order.

## Public Library Trustee

Rule 61. The City Clerk shall cause to be notified the appropriate media and community outreach groups regarding the timing and availability of openings on the Library Board of Trustees. As part of this notification the Clerk shall use the same mailing list as utilized by the Citizen Advisory Committee.

All applications and resumes shall be filed with the City Clerk. They shall be forwarded to the City Council by the City Clerk no later than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled vote of the City Council. No applications or resumes shall be accepted after that date.

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.

Rule 64. At the time of the voting, the City Clerk shall call the roll of the City Council with each member indicating his or her preference for each available position. The person receiving the most votes elected, also receiving more than a majority of the full City Council, shall be elected to the position.

If sufficient votes are not received to fill a position, subsequent ballots will be taken. For all subsequent ballots, the list of eligible candidates will be reduced to twice the number of positions available to be filled for all subsequent balloting. Those placed on said list shall have received the most votes on the previous ballot.



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