

Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee PENDING LIST

Chairperson Councilor Khrystian E King
Vice Chairperson Councilor Kathleen M Toomey
Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson

Communications of the City Auditor

1. Transmitting an informational communication regarding the financial statements of the Worcester Redevelopment Authority (WRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, as audited by the CPA firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.
#13a CC February 25, 2020

2. Transmitting an informational communication regarding the financial statement of the DCU Center for the year ended June 30, 2019, as audited by the certified public accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.
#13b CC February 25, 2020

3. Transmitting an informational communication concerning the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2019.
#10a CC February 4, 2020

4. Transmitting the the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Worcester Retirement System (WRS) for the system's year ending December 31, 2018.
#22k CC August 13, 2019

5. Transmitting the annual actuarial valuation of the Worcester Retirement System (WRS) as of January 1, 2019.
#22l CC August 13, 2019

6. Transmitting a review of the OPEB Fund's Declaration of Trust.
#22m CC August 13, 2019

Communications of the City Clerk

7. Transmitting various informational documents regarding the City Clerk's Office.
#12a CC March 17, 2020
8. Transmitting the resumes of Assistant City Clerk Stephen AJ Pottle and Assistant City Clerk Nikolin Vangjeli.
#14a CC February 25, 2020
In Committee March 5, 2020 - Held
In Committee March 17, 2020 - Held
9. Transmitting information regarding the feasibility of adding the rules of City Council regarding Public Participation to the City Council Calendar.
#12a CC November 22, 2016

Communications of the City Manager

10. Transmitting informational communication relative to the DCU Special District Improvement Fund Note/Bond Issue.
#8.29A CM February 25, 2020
11. Transmitting informational communication relative to the opening of the Municipal Services Center.
#8.36A CM February 4, 2020
In Committee February 11, 2020 - Held
12. Transmitting informational communication relative to an agreement with SMG to extend their management and operations services at the DCU Center Arena and Convention Center Operator for five years commencing on July 1, 2020.
#9.13C CM October 15, 2019
13. Transmitting informational communication relative to the status of the Facilities Management Consolidation Project.
#9.27A CM October 15, 2019

14. Transmitting informational communication relative to the DCU Special District Improvement Fund.
#10.26A CM September 3, 2019
15. Transmitting informational communication regarding the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund Board of Trustees (OPEB Board) and Declaration of Trust.
#22j CC August 13, 2019
16. Recommend adoption of the Declaration of Trust, as filed by the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund Board of Trustees (OPEB Board).
#22i CC August 13, 2019
In effect as of September 23, 2019 due to Constructive Adoption
17. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update of the 4th quarter initiatives of Discover Central Mass (DCM).
#10.36B CM July 23, 2019
18. Transmitting informational communication relative to a legal opinion as to the applicability of the City Council rules, specifically Rule 11, which states that matters not within the general supervision and/or relating to City Government are not appropriate for the City Council agenda, and whether the Rule 11 disqualifies a vote by the City Council on the pending resolution regarding DACA and TIP which are federal immigration issues.
#15a CC October 16, 2018
19. Transmitting informational communication relative to clarification concerning whether the city can create a home rule petition to change the definition of residential units.
#8.13A CM October 9, 2018
20. Transmitting informational communication relative to a report containing samples of taxes for properties in each district and throughout the City if the City were to initiate a process for moving 5 or more unit properties from the residential tax rate to the commercial tax rate.

#8.25A CM October 9, 2018

21. Transmitting informational communication relative to information concerning why municipal employees cannot serve on Worcester's boards and commissions.
#9.13A CM February 27, 2018
22. Transmitting informational communication relative to a report concerning the processes available to review issues/changes to the functioning of the City Council including but not limited to the length of council terms(s) term limit.
#9.13C CM February 27, 2018
23. Transmitting informational communication relative to allowing members of boards and commissions to serve on more than one board or commission, providing there is no conflict of interest and there is a demonstrated positive attendance record.
#9.13B CM February 27, 2018
24. Transmitting informational communication relative to the the costs associated with carrying out a special election.
#8.23A CM October 3, 2017
25. Transmitting informational communication relative to a request for the City Solicitor to draft a home rule petition seeking legislation to regulate executive and legislative lobbying with consideration to M.G.L.'s and modeled after the existing lobbying legislation at the state level, thus allowing for increased transparency and accountability in the governance of the City of Worcester. Further, said home rule petition should subsequently be brought forth to City Council and referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Legislative Affairs for a public hearing before the City Council considers filing this home rule petition with the General Court.
#9.13A CM May 9, 2017
26. Transmitting informational communication relative to a Home Rule Petition to protect our neighborhoods that would expand the subject matter and remedies under Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 139 Section 19 (Voiding of

Lease of Tenant using Premises for Common Nuisance) and Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 139 Section 20.
#8.13A CM February 9, 2016

27. Transmitting informational communication relative to clarification as to whether or not there would be an effect on organizations that are not religious or educational, should the City file legislation similar to Chapter 565, Acts of 1979.
#9.13A CM May 26, 2015
28. Transmitting informational communication relative to a draft amendment to the Rules of the City Council to set forth a procedure whereby a vote of a Councilor "made in error" and not reconsidered can be recorded as such.
#11.13C CM July 22, 2014

Miscellaneous

29. Order of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson, Councilor Gary Rosen, Councilor Morris A. Bergman, Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey and Councilor Sean M. Rose - Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations review the office structures, staffing levels and salaries of similar sizes cities' City Clerk's and Election Offices, as well as City Council support staff offices.
#7i CC February 11, 2020
In Committee March 5, 2020 - Held
In Committee March 17, 2020 - Held
30. Communication of John W. Parsons, Executive Director of PERAC (Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission) transmitting communication regarding the amount appropriated for the city's retirement system for Fiscal Year 2021.
#15a CC January 7, 2020
31. Order of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager amend the Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust as follows; 1. List the purposes of the Trust as outlined in Chapter 32B Section 20; 2. List specifically what sources of funding should be included in the OPEB trust

and; 3. List specifically what expenses/payments can be made from the trust.

#12f CC August 13, 2019

32. Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request Standing Committee on Rules and Legislative Affairs consider amending the first sentence of the proposed Rule 27, Subsection C of the Rules of City Council to read, "A motion to call the previous question shall be in order at any time any agenda item is before the City Council but shall be made before debate, except upon immediate repetition."

#15a CC April 9, 2019

33. Report of the Committee on Municipal Operations Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update of a previous report concerning what the impact would be if 4 to 8 unit properties and 9 or above unit properties were moved to a commercial tax rate using the current valuations and the rational the state used to classify income properties and how many buildings have 9 or above units in the city: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order to request the City Manager to initiate process for moving 5 or more unit properties from residential tax rate to commercial tax rate.

#11b CC October 9, 2018

34. Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request the Mayor/City Council have the following language (in bold and italic) be added to section (9) of Rule 27 of the City Council and that said Rule be amended to read as follows: 9). For the previous question and prior to any debate/discussion (which shall require a two-thirds vote and if adopted shall close all debate on the pending item and require an immediate roll call vote to adopt).

#9c CC October 2, 2018

35. Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That City Council consider amending the meeting time of City Council to convene starting at 7 p.m.

#17e CC August 21, 2018

36. Report of the Committee on Economic Development Upon the Communication of Mayor Joseph M. Petty transmitting "A Report of the Discussions of the Mayor's Tax Policy Committee"; recommend to refer to the Standing Committee on Municipal Operations the portions of the Mayor's Tax Policy Communication relating to the following: 1.) Commonwealth Compensation for the Provision of Regional Social Services; 2.) Chapter 70 Funding Reform; 3.) State Pilot Payments; 4.) Expanding Local Pilot Program; 5.) Tax Relief Programs; 6.) Consolidation; 7.) Creating a Penny Sales Tax and; 8.) Moving Multi-Unit Housing from Residential to Commercial Tax Rate.
#12a CC May 30, 2017
In Committee September 5, 2017 - Portion relative to six (6) Consolidation - Placed on file.
In Committee August 20, 2018 - Portion relative to eight (8) Moving Multi-Unit Housing from Residential to Commercial Tax Rate - Placed on file.
In Committee November 26, 2018 - Portion relative to one (1) Commonwealth Compensation for the Provision of Regional Social Services and seven (7) Creating a Penny Sales Tax - Held.
37. Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager report to City Council concerning all efforts being undertaken to advocate for additional local control over the establishment of recreational marijuana facilities in the City of Worcester. Order read and Councilor King moved to amend: Further, request City Clerk provide City Council with information concerning the number of people in Worcester who voted for legalizing recreational marijuana, against legalizing recreational marijuana and who left the ballot question blank.
#10d CC May 23, 2017
38. Order of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager review and make appropriate recommendations regarding reforms in the procedures of processing and conducting hearings regarding traffic and parking petitions filed by citizens.
#10d CC April 25, 2017

39. Petition of Jo Hart request City of Worcester immediately cease its current practice of allowing item to be brought up under suspension at City Council meetings, with the exception of truly emergency situations, in fairness to the public and in the spirit of having a truly open meeting.
#7i CC October 25, 2016
40. Petition of Todd Holland request all City of Worcester agendas include the name of the specific person(s) or department presenting on each item in a given agenda.
#12j CC September 13, 2016
41. Petition of John Carnegie in an effort to increase civic engagement and registered voter participation request City Council's expeditious participation in implementing Article Eight of City of Worcester Home Rule Charter regarding Neighborhood Area Councils as described in attached communication.
#12j CC January 8, 2008