

Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee PENDING LIST

Chairperson Councilor Khrystian E King
Councilor Morris A Bergman
Councilor Kathleen M Toomey

Rules

1. Communication of the City Manager 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
2. 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
3. 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
4. Communication of City Clerk Susan M. Ledoux 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

5. Communication of the City Manager 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

Legislative

6. Communication of the City Manager 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
7. Communication of the City Manager 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
8. Communication of the City Manager 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
In Committee July 20, 2015 - Held;
In Committee October 3, 2016 - Held

Communications of the City Manager

9. Transmitting informational communication relative to information concerning why municipal employees cannot serve on Worcester's boards and commissions.
#9.13A CM February 27, 2018
10. 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
11. 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

Miscellaneous

12. Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the costs associated with carrying out a special election.
#8.23A CM October 3, 2017
13. 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. 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
14. 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

15. 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

Petitions

16. Christopher Robarge of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts request City Council support the passage of state legislation to promote freedom of information, open government, and accessible public records, including measures to minimize the costs of accessing public records and improve the use of information technology to make government information publicly accessible.
In City Council March 13, 2012 Resolution adopted - In Committee for Informational Purposes Only
#9v CC March 13, 2012
In Committee May 8, 2012 - Held
17. 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
In Committee August 9, 2011 - Held

Open Meeting Items

18. 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

