

Rules and Legislative Affairs Committee PENDING LIST

**Chairperson Councilor Khrystian E King
 Councilor Tony Economou
 Councilor Gary Rosen**

Rules

1. 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

2. Order Councilor Michael Gaffney - Request the Standing Committee on Rules and Legislative Affairs consider limiting the speaking time for the city administration.
#15f CC February 2, 2016

3. Order Councilor George J. Russell – Request Standing Committee on Rules and Legislative Affairs meet to review the Rules of City Council, enacted January 19, 2016.
#12b CC January 19, 2016

4. Petition of William S. Coleman, III request City Council amend its rules and vote to establish a City Council Standing Committee on Ethnic Affairs and Concerns of People of Color.
#9p CC September 1, 2015

5. Order of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request the City Council's Standing Committee on Rules and Legislative Affairs develop a protocol and include this in the revised City Council rules regarding the appearance and advocacy by a member of the City Council on proposed legislation or regulations before a state or federal governmental body.

#21a CC August 11, 2015

6. 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
7. Order - Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request the Standing Committee on Rules and Legislative Affairs review the process for filing items being taken under suspension of rules that are not of an emergency nature.
#11r CC February 14, 2012
8. Communication of the City Manager recommending the adoption of an order to amend the Rules of City Council by Inserting New Rule 18A Relative to "Holding Under Privilege".
#10.20A CM August 10, 2010

Legislative

9. 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
10. 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

11. Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Tony Economou - Request City Manager request the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition forthwith with the following language to be presented to the City Council for a vote in April 2015: Notwithstanding the provisions of section three of chapter forty A of the General Laws, the city of Worcester is hereby authorized to regulate and restrict the use of land or structures for religious purposes and/or for educational purposes on land owned or leased by a religious sect or denomination, or by a nonprofit educational corporation within all residentially zoned districts.
#11a CC March 24, 2015
In Committee July 20, 2015 - Held
In Committee October 3, 2016 - Held

Communications of the City Manager

12. Transmitting informational communication relative to Legislative Priorities for the Gateway Cities.
#8.4B CM January 25, 2011
13. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Disposal of Plastic Bags.
#9.20A CM March 2, 2010

Miscellaneous

14. 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
15. Order of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request the City Clerk attach the public speaking rule to each agenda.
#25b CC September 17, 2013
In Committee October 3, 2016 - Held

16. Resolution of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes Request that the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby goes on record in support of House Bill 01159, an Act relative to the use of disposable carryout bags in certain stores.
#10b CC March 1, 2011
17. Order of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager to draft a local ordinance banning or reducing the use of plastic bags by retailers and grocery stores.
#8e CC January 26, 2010
Amended to change banning to reducing & Referred to Rules & Legislative Affairs
18. Order of Mayor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager review the practice of hiring only residents of Worcester for Executive Management positions and recommend an amendment to Chapter 2 Section 8 of the Revised Ordinances to provide for a change in the current residency requirement.
#11b CC November 10, 2009
Order adopted & Referred to Rules & Legislative Affairs for Informational Purposes Only
19. Chairman's Order from the Committee on Rules & Legislative Affairs - Request the City Council's Standing Committee on Rules and Legislative Affairs work with Grace Ross to create a vehicle for Worcester residents to learn how to best become advocates for legislative changes.
#10j CC June 10, 2008
Informational Only
Order adopted & Referred to Rules & Legislative Affairs Committee for information purposes only
In Committee May 17, 2010 - Held - Notify Grace Ross
In Committee August 9, 2011 - Held
20. Order of Mayor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Council's Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations establish a process for City Council to decrease or increase its own salary this process should include a requirement for public hearings and a minimum passage of 90 days from

the time of the filing of the order for a change of salary ordinance to the date of the vote taken by the Council.

#12t CC March 27, 2007

In Committee September 5, 2007 - Held

Petitions

21. Petition of Rev. John Griffin request to speak before the City Council on November 17, 2015 regarding a code of conduct being established for the City Council to follow during public speaking time.
#7d CC November 17, 2015
22. Petition of William S. Coleman, III request City Council place on the November 3, 2015 Municipal Election Ballot the following non-binding question: "Should 17 year old Americans be allowed to vote in local municipal elections? Yes or No."
#9n CC September 1, 2015
23. William S. Coleman request City Council place before the voters a non-binding survey question: "Should 17 year old American citizens be allowed to vote in local municipal elections? Yes or No."
#9e CC June 16, 2015
24. William S. Coleman III request City Council place before the voters on the November 3, 2015 municipal ballot the following question: "Do you support bringing the Olympics to Boston in 2024?"
#8h CC March 31, 2015
25. William S. Coleman, III request City Council to establish a Standing Committee on Ethnic Affairs and Concerns of People of Color with a membership of five city councilors appointed by the Mayor.
#8j CC February 24, 2015
26. Jo Hart request a new item at the beginning of the agenda for all City Council meetings that would be a blank item for anyone, public or official, to bring up and discuss any topic of municipal importance that has arisen or received public notice since the last City Council meeting and it could be called "Town Crier."

#10c CC December 16, 2014

27. Michael Grandone request the creation of a non-staffed, notification department within the City Manager's Office whereas a City Councilor can channel a needed action or petition without having to send said petition to a sub-committee.
#9l CC February 25, 2014
28. Jo Hart request City Council list all petitions, after their first appearance on an agenda, in chronological order at the end of all future City Council agendas so the public can track all processes.
#9f CC November 26, 2013
29. Jo Hart request all City Council Standing Committee meeting start at 5:30 P.M. and follow the protocol of the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and read at the start of each meeting so that all persons and all petitioners are treated equally and fairly.
#9e CC November 26, 2013
30. Jo Hart request the City Council ask the Board of Election Commissioners to host open public municipal-candidate forums (to be held and televised at City Hall at 5:30 P.M. one month prior to all municipal elections) in four one-half hour segments. The first three segments by a person, not an official, from three different areas or fields of public interest chosen/elected by the Commission and the final segment moderated by a member of the public there to take questions from the public present.
#7c CC October 15, 2013
31. Jo Hart request all board and commission meetings immediately be micro-phoned and televised in the interest of public interest and commercial fairness, particularly the License Commission.
#7a CC October 15, 2013
32. Jo Hart request City Council to change the form of city government immediately, via the charter or in some other way, to allow for public inclusion in all aspects of government and request all forms of city government be conducted publicly and be televised for persons not able

to be present.

#9a CC September 17, 2013

33. Jo Hart request City Council make public and delineate the public portion for allowing the public to speak in a City Council Committee meeting.
#9b CC September 17, 2013
34. Jo Hart request written protocol for public participation for all City Council committees to appear on each agenda so the public will know when and how they may speak on any issue.
#8a CC May 21, 2013
35. Ronal Madnick, President the Committee for Progressive Legislation, request at the end of every City Council Agenda there shall be the following statement: "Generally the City Council meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber on the third floor of City Hall; during the summer months of July and August the City Council generally meets three times; and an individual may petition the City Council on matters under their supervision and the deadline for filing a petition with the City Clerk is at 4:15 P.M. on Thursday preceding each Tuesday meeting".
#9u CC September 4, 2012
36. Jo Hart request all City of Worcester public meetings/hearings be held at times and places accessible by public transportation, and that all such meetings/hearings held be televised, and that all such scheduled meetings/hearings not meeting these specifications be postponed until all these specifications can be met.
#8h CC June 5, 2012
37. 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.
#9v CC March 13, 2012

In Committee May 8, 2012 - Held

38. William S. Coleman, III request City Council put before the voters in the Tuesday, November 8th 2011 Municipal Elections the following non-binding election question: Shall 17 year old American citizens who are residents in the City of Worcester have the right to vote in local municipal elections?
#11b CC October 4, 2011
39. Virginia Ryan et al request Worcester City Council pass a resolution in support of Governor Deval Patrick's proposed legislative changes to the state's health care payment system. In accordance with this legislation, the Worcester City Council could establish a Public Employee Committee to include retirees in negotiations on health insurance or show just cause why this cannot be done.
#9f CC May 24, 2011
40. Norman Guertin et al request City Council consider "Worcester city employee jobs for Worcester residents only".
#7o CC June 1, 2010
41. Virginia Ryan et al request that the City of Worcester initiate MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, namely, the Senior Deferral to defer payment of local property tax until the house is sold or the senior citizen dies.
#7h CC February 23, 2010
42. Tre Brooks request to legalize marijuana in the City of Worcester.
#8d CC September 8, 2009
43. 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

Open Meeting Items

44. 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
45. Petition of Jo Hart request City Council allow and follow full free-speech and open-meeting-law procedures to allow the public to speak on any unplanned/emergency item any official wants to interject into the agenda, and that new-item placeholder be listed before the public-speaking portion on all agendas, and that all other supplemental items wait for the next meeting agenda.
#10y CC November 24, 2015
46. Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Open Meeting Law.
#8.13A CM January 21, 2014
47. Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative the Attorney General's Decision on Open Meeting Law Complaints.
#10.13A CM June 18, 2013
In Committee November 13, 2013 - Held
48. Petition of Nicole Apostola filing an Open Meeting Law Complaint Form.
#8q CC May 7, 2013
Informational Only
In Committee November 13, 2013 - Held