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VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA Monday May 2, 2022, 6:00pm

Webex Virtual Meeting: <https://cow.webex.com/j.php?MTID=m9d233db4f78bb0528628acf433e3ce8a>

Meeting number: 2311 007 3698 Password: C6GputMFp79

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Please note: all times listed below are approximate

Tenga en cuenta: todos los horarios que se enumeran a continuación son aproximados

- 1. Call to order and introductions** **6:00-6:05pm**
Public Comment (*Time will be allotted for each agenda as it is introduced or at Chairperson discretion*)
- 2. Approval of meeting minutes from April 4, 2022** **6:05-6:10pm**
- 3. Presentation from the Regional Environmental Council (REC) related to environmental justice initiatives and programming (Grace Sliwosky, Director of Programs)** **6:10-6:40pm**
<https://www.recworcester.org>
- 4. Annual fair housing presentation by the Worcester Fair Housing Project,** **6:40-7:15pm**
A joint project between the Community Legal Aid, Inc. and the City of Worcester (Attorney Maureen St. Cyr and Miriam Nyante)
www.worcesterma.gov/human-rights/know-your-rights/fair-housing

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5. **Communications forwarded from recent City Council meetings:** 7:15-7:20pm
- **Update on progress with drafting body camera policy and department wide body worn camera implementation**

6. **Communication received regarding request for update on date when the WPD Records Bureau service window will reopen** 7:20-7:25pm

Public records requests can be submit on-line, via mail, or in person at the police department 24-7.
www.worcesterma.gov/police/public-records
www.worcesterma.gov/police/public-records/police-reports

7. **Communication received regarding requested status report of WPD Racial Equity Audit (as set forth in the February 2021 Executive Order)** 7:25-7:30pm

The City of Worcester selected a vendor (CNA.) Planning meeting regarding roll out for the audit took place on April 12th, 2022. More updates to come during the June 13 Commission meeting.

8. **Communication regarding requested status report of creation of Division of Investigations within the Human Resources Department (as set forth in the February 2021 Executive Order)** 7:30-7:35pm
- Please provide explanation and organization chart for reporting/supervision purposes of how this division will work with the WPD Bureau of Professional Standards
 - Please provide explanation as to how this division will work with public complaints regarding city employees
 - When and where will the public be able to access this information on the city webpage?

Response was not received prior to posting of agenda but is anticipated to be delivered prior to the start of meeting.

9. **Communication regarding requested status update on the Worcester Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee's recommendations that the City of Worcester leave civil service** 7:35-7:40pm

Nothing to report at this time. Will be reviewed during contract negotiations with city employee unions.

10. **Election of Officers** 7:40-7:50pm

11. **Adjournment** *Next meeting Monday June 13, 2022, 6pm- Meeting with WPD* 7:50pm