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## Human Rights Commission

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### MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, September 23, 2024, 6:00-8:00pm**  
**City Hall Esther Howland Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor,**  
**455 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608**

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### AGENDA

1. **Call to order, introductions, instructions for public participation, reading of the HRC traditional opening which includes the mission, associated terms and acknowledgement of the Nipmuc/First People of Worcester** 6:00-6:15
2. **Approval August 27, 2024 HRC Meeting Minutes** 6:15-6:20
3. **New Commission Business (all times are approximate)**
  - a. Worcester Pride month discussion with guest speaker David Connor of Worcester Pride 6:20-6:40
  - b. Discussion of the CoW 5-year plan and discussion generally of homelessness and housing 6:40-7:00
4. **Old Commission Business**
  - a. Update on Washington Heights victims/progress 7:00-7:05
  - b. Update on previously submitted HRC Recommendations/Requests

7:05-7:10

**3. Notice of Upcoming Presidential Election November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**

7:10-7:15

See [Voter Resources for Worcester Residents](#) and [Information on In-Person Early Voting](#)

**4. Public Comment** (*Time will be allotted for each item as it is introduced or at Chairperson's discretion*)

7:15-7:30

**5. Adjournment**

**Next monthly meeting of the Human Rights Commission is Monday, October 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall**