Economic Development Committee
PENDING LIST

Chairperson **Councilor Morris A Bergman**
Vice Chairperson **Councilor Kathleen M Toomey**
Councilor Satya B Mitra

Communications of the City Manager

1. Transmitting an informational Communication Relative to Semi-Annual TIF/TIE Reporting June 30, 2026.
   #9c CC September 15, 2026

2. Transmitting informational communication relative to Economic Development Initiatives.
   #9a CC September 15, 2026

3. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Housing and Neighborhood Development Activities.
   #9b CC September 15, 2026

4. Transmitting informational communication relative to an update on the Ballpark District Improvement Fund.
   #25a CC November 18, 2025

5. Transmitting informational communication relative to Grocery Stores.
   #10.4A CM October 21, 2025

6. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Billboard Regulations.
   #11.4D CM September 9, 2025

7. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Semi-Annual Tax Increment Financing and Tax Increment Exemption Report for the period ending June 30, 2025.
#11.4A CM September 9, 2025
In Committee February 17, 2026 - Held
April 13, 2026 - Held

Miscellaneous

8. Order of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta and Councilor Jose A. Rivera - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning a previously adopted order from March 31, 2026, which read, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a draft ordinance related to imposing escalating fees onto blighted properties that have been blighted for more than five (5) years. Further, request City Manager provide City Council with an updated report concerning any potential legal impediments to enacting such an ordinance.” Further, request said draft ordinance also include escalating fines for the insufficient maintenance of properties.
#9e CC October 20, 2026

9. Communication of Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Mapping the Next Opportunity: Worcester County’s OZ Zones.”
#15a CC July 21, 2026

10. Order of Councilor Robert A. Bilotta - Request Standing Committee on Economic Development hold a public discussion relative to adjusting the city’s Zoning Book to amend Section 5 of the city’s Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to increase the Payment in Lieu of constructing affordable housing from three (3) percent to five (5) percent of the total construction value of all building permits for the development, including trade permits (see attached for current ordinance).
#10u CC June 2, 2026
In Committee October 27, 2026 - Held

11. Order of Councilor Tony Economou, Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey, Councilor Jose A. Rivera, Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Saya B. Mitra - Request Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the feasibility of establishing a Worcester Sports Commission, consisting of at least nine (9) and no more than thirteen (13) members, to be appointed by the City Manager. Said Commission shall be charged with attracting, promoting, and supporting sporting events in Worcester to drive economic activity, community engagement, and city branding. Membership should include, but not be limited to, a City representative, local business leaders, sports and venue representatives, college athletics staff, tourism and hospitality professionals, youth sports organizers, and local athletes or league representatives, as well as citizen representatives. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson, who will, with member input, establish short- and long-term goals, including potential fundraising and growth strategies. Be it further requested that the Commission be a volunteer body.
    #10b CC April 14, 2026
    In Committee June 25, 2026 - Held

12. Order of Councilor Jose A. Rivera – Request Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the feasibility of bringing the U.S. Olympic Boxing Trials back to the city, as well as any other USA Boxing, formerly known as the United States Boxing Federation, events.
    #18g CC March 17, 2026

13. Communication of the City Auditor transmitting an informational communication concerning anticipated shortfalls associated with the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Ballpark DIF Reserve Account.
    #25b CC November 18, 2025

Hearing Items-Zone Changes/Zoning Amendments

14. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Mark A. Borenstein request the Off-Street Accessory Parking Requirements set forth in Article IV, Table 4.4 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance be amended by eliminating the separate off-street parking requirements for single, two or three family dwelling and multi-family dwelling uses and creating one new

category entitled, single, two, three family or multi-family dwelling uses, and requiring one (1) parking space per dwelling unit for such uses.
#17a CC September 8, 2026

15. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Stephen J. Kerrigan on behalf of Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Inc. request the zoning map of the city, as referenced in Article III of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, be amended to wholly encompass the properties at 600 and 604 Lincoln St. in the Business, Limited 1.0 (BL-1.0) zoning district.
#16a CC August 18, 2026

16. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Donald J. O'Neil on behalf of Worcester Lagrange Land LLC request to amend the City of Worcester Zoning Map to remove the land situated at 30 Lagrange St., in its entirely, along with abutting land formerly constituting a small portion of the premises situated at 42 Lagrange St. from Commercial Corridors Overlay District (CCOD-D). Said land be removed from the overlay district comprising the area labeled Lot C on the plan of attached hereto as Exhibit A entitled "Approval Not Required Plan of Land, Worcester Lagrange LLC, 30 and 42 Lagrange St. and 59 Oread St., Map 6, Lots 1, 4B and 19, City of Worcester, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts". Said plan being recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 989, Plan 17.
#11a CC June 16, 2026

17. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Paul A. Dubrey, Jr., on behalf of Highland Associates of Worcester No. 2 LLC, request the zoning map of the city, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, be amended by: 1) changing the zoning designation of the portions of 3 Suburban Rd. that are currently within the RS-7 zoning district to the RG-5 zoning district; and 2) changing the zoning designation of 1 Suburban Rd. from its current zoning designation of RS-7 to RG-5 (see attached).
#13a CC March 17, 2026

18. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment Related to Driveways, Pavement, and Permits.
#14b CC September 9, 2025
In Committee June 25, 2026 - Held
In Committee October 27, 2026 - Held

19. Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell and State Representative Daniel M. Donahue request the establishment of an RL-7 (Residential, Limited) Zoning district on the existing ML-0.5 & MG-2.0 portions of the following parcels: 34 Eskow Rd., 224 Southwest Cutoff, Weatherstone Drive Condos (CO-NDO-01061)(including parcel to the west – commonly owned with condominium land), 35 Balis Ave. (34-039-00218), 449 Massasoit Rd., and 483 Massasoit Rd. The existing RS-7 zoning district shall remain unaltered & the rezoning shall not include the ROW portion of the 34 Eskow Rd. parcel. Said proposed rezoning shall continue east along the southeast corner of the parcel at 449 Massasoit Ave. horizontally across 34 Eskow Rd.
#14a CC July 15, 2025
In Committee February 17, 2026 - Held