



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY

9/9/2024 - 9/15/2024



City Council Meeting - Joint Agenda 9/10/2024

- Link to Full Agenda: <https://www.worcesterma.gov/agendas-minutes/city-council/2024/20240910.htm>
- Link to Recorded Meeting: <https://play.champds.com/worcesterma/event/2402>

25 MPH REGULATORY SPEED LIMIT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to adopting a statutory speed limit of 25 mph and the establishment of Safety Zones with 20 mph speed limits: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance and adoption of the accompanying Order to accept the provisions of section 17C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to establish a 25 miles per hour statutory speed limit city-wide in thickly settled or business districts, accept the provisions of Section 18B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to authorize establishment a speed limit of 20 miles per hour within areas designated by the City Council as safety zones, and enact revisions to the city's general revised ordinances to enact the same.

17a Vote to advertise proposed Ordinance and Adopt

WPI ACQUISITION OF GATEWAY PARK HOTELS

That the City Council convene in Executive Session at its September 10, 2024 meeting for the purpose of discussing all legal avenues the City of Worcester can take against Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) and their recent proposed acquisition of the Hampton Inn and Courtyard Marriot hotels in Gateway Park. (Mero-Carlson, Petty)

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Petty recognized the Chief Development Officer, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson. Councilor Mero-Carlson then moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)'s plans to purchase the Hampton Inn and Suites at 65 Prescott St. and the Courtyard by Marriott at 72 Grove St. as it relates to corporate agreements in Gateway Park, TIF Agreement clauses that would require the property/properties to stay on the tax roll and any other pertinent communication the city has had with WPI in terms of agreements made on Gateway Park properties." (See Item #22h CC). Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell and Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Petty recognized the Assistant City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King. Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell for a second time, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Petty recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Russell. No action taken

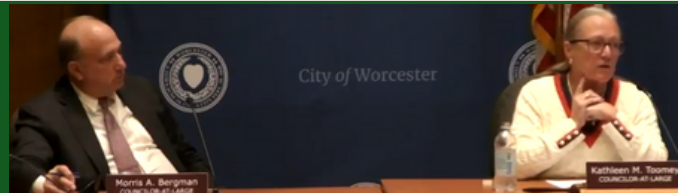


Standing Committee Meetings



EDUCATION: MET ON WEDNESDAY, 9/11/2024

- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ - DISTRICT 5**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR THU NGUYEN - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR KHRYSTIAN E. KING - VICE CHAIRMAN / AT-LARGE CITY COUNILOR**
- LINK TO AGENDA: [HTTPS://WWW.WORCESTERMA.GOV/AGENDAS-MINUTES/STANDING-COMMITTEES/EDUCATION/2024/20240911.HTM](https://www.worcesterma.gov/agendas-minutes/standing-committees/education/2024/20240911.htm)
- LINK TO RECORDED MEETING: [HTTPS://PLAY.CHAMPDS.COM/WORCESTERMA/EVENT/2406](https://play.champds.com/worcesterma/event/2406)



PUBLIC SAFETY: MET ON WEDNESDAY, 9/11/2024

- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR KATE TOOMEY - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR MORRIS BERGMAN - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA - DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR**
- LINK TO AGENDA: [HTTPS://WWW.WORCESTERMA.GOV/AGENDAS-MINUTES/STANDING-COMMITTEES/PUBLIC-SAFETY/2024/20240911.HTM](https://www.worcesterma.gov/agendas-minutes/standing-committees/public-safety/2024/20240911.htm)
- LINK TO RECORDED MEETING: [HTTPS://PLAY.CHAMPDS.COM/WORCESTERMA/EVENT/2405](https://play.champds.com/worcesterma/event/2405)

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 9/17 @ 5:00 P.M. - STANDING COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
 - LINK TO AGENDA: [HTTPS://WWW.WORCESTERMA.GOV/AGENDAS-MINUTES/STANDING-COMMITTEES/URBAN-TECHNOLOGIES-INNOVATION-ENVIRONMENT/2024/20240917.HTM](https://www.worcesterma.gov/agendas-minutes/standing-committees/urban-technologies-innovation-environment/2024/20240917.htm)
- 9/18 @ 6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
 - LINK TO AGENDA: [HTTPS://WWW.WORCESTERMA.GOV/AGENDAS-MINUTES/STANDING-COMMITTEES/URBAN-TECHNOLOGIES-INNOVATION-ENVIRONMENT/2024/20240917.HTM](https://www.worcesterma.gov/agendas-minutes/standing-committees/urban-technologies-innovation-environment/2024/20240917.htm)
- 9/18 @ 5:00 P.M. - STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC & PARKING
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
 - LINK TO AGENDA: [HTTPS://WWW.WORCESTERMA.GOV/CITY-CLERK/PUBLIC-AGENCY-MEETINGS/STANDING-COMMITTEE-ON-TRAFFIC-AND-PARKING5](https://www.worcesterma.gov/city-clerk/public-agency-meetings/standing-committee-on-traffic-and-parking5)



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY NEWS



Events

VISION ZERO WALK AUDITS

The City of Worcester participated in 5 different walk audits last week! These walks are designed to involve the public in discussions about transportation conditions and how safety can be improved. Both District and At-Large Councilors participated!

OPENINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- **September 12th -**

- Clark University celebrated the opening of their Small Business Development Center in **District 2** located at 20 Franklin Street
- Worcester Common Ground had a Ground Breaking Ceremony for their new location 116 Piedmont Street in **District 4**!
- MBI Celebrated their 40th Anniversary - **District 2**

- **September 13th -**

- Guertin's 1905 hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their 139 Grand Street location in **District 4**!



WOOSOX FINALE

On Sunday, September 15th, City Councilors were invited to participate in the WooSox Inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony as well as their final season game - pregame ceremonies! What a great day it turned out to be at the ballpark. Councilor Mero-Carlson, Councilor Colorio, Councilor Toomey, Councilor King and Councilor Ojeda were present along with family and friends! Former City Manager Ed Augustus was inducted into the Hall of fame along with Larry Lucchino and Rich Gedman.





CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY NEWS



THIS WEEK'S *COMMUNITY MEETINGS*

• WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18 -

- **WORCESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY (WHA) GREENWOOD GARDENS**
 - TIME: 3:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: 327 GREENWOOD STREET
- **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: MASS AUDUBON, 414 MASSASPOIT ROAD
- **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: PANERA BREAD, 120 GOLD STAR BOULEVARD
- **BROWN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: THE BROWN SQUARE CIVIC CLUB, 639 FRANKLIN STREET
- **NORTHERN LINCOLN STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: LIVING WORD CHURCH, 30 TYLER PRENTICE ROAD

• THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 19 -

- **MILL STREET AREA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES STREET
- **UNION HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: WORCESTER ACADEMY, WARNER HALL, 81 PROVIDENCE STREET