



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

12/17/2024 - 12/23/2024



CITY COUNCIL ADVANCES THE "CLEAN STREETS COLLECTIVE" PILOT PROGRAM



ITEM 8.33

**TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL
COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO THE CLEAN
STREETS COLLECTIVE - PILOT PROGRAM**

IN AN EFFORT TO HELP ADDRESS STREET LITTER CONCERNS ACROSS WORCESTER AND IN LINE WITH THE MUNICIPALITY'S FY25-29 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS, THE QUALITY OF LIFE TEAM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE (DSRO) HAVE DEVELOPED A PILOT PROGRAM CALLED THE 'CLEAN STREETS COLLECTIVE.'

ORGANIZATIONS AND RESIDENTS WILL BE GIVEN GREEN BAGS FROM THE CITY WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING TO CLEAN UP THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. THE FULL BAGS MAY BE SET ON THE CURB ALONG WITH THE RESIDENT'S WEEKLY TRASH, WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS SANITATION TEAM.



CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WPD REPORT



ITEM 8.40A

**TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL
COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO A REPORT
DETAILING A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE INVESTIGATION OF THE WORCESTER
POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF
WORCESTER.**

AT THE DECEMBER 17 WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING, THE DOJ'S FINDINGS ON THE WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE A SIGNIFICANT FOCUS OF DISCUSSION. MAYOR PETTY PROPOSED CONVENING A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO REVIEWING THE DOJ REPORT AND DETERMINING NEXT STEPS. THIS MEETING WOULD PROVIDE COUNCILORS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN A THOROUGH AND FOCUSED DISCUSSION ON THE FINDINGS AND THE CITY'S RESPONSE. COUNCILORS AGREED THAT A SINGLE-TOPIC SPECIAL MEETING WOULD BE ESSENTIAL FOR FOSTERING A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DOJ'S CONCLUSIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CITY. THIS FOCUSED SESSION WOULD ALLOW FOR DEEPER DELIBERATION WITHOUT THE TIME CONSTRAINTS OF A REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA, ENSURING THE ISSUE RECEIVES THE FULL ATTENTION IT DESERVES. THE SPECIAL MEETING WOULD ALSO SERVE AS A VENUE TO EXAMINE ONGOING REFORM EFFORTS AND EXPLORE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT. THE COUNCIL EMPHASIZED THAT THIS MEETING WOULD LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR FURTHER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED DISTRICT-WIDE MEETINGS. BY PRIORITIZING THIS DISCUSSION AT A DEDICATED SESSION, THE COUNCIL SEEKS TO DEMONSTRATE ITS COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEANINGFUL PROGRESS. THIS FOCUSED APPROACH ALIGNS WITH THE COUNCIL'S BROADER EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN TRANSPARENCY, INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY, AND COLLABORATIVELY ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED IN THE DOJ'S FINDINGS.



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Standing Committee Meetings

VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION:

MET ON MONDAY, 12/16/2024

- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW MEETING!](#)
- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO** - D1 CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR KATHLEEN TOOMEY** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ** - D5 CITY COUNCILOR



TRAFFIC & PARKING:

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 12/18/2024

- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW MEETING!](#)
- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR DONNA COLORIO** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR KHRYSTIAN E. KING** - AT LARGE CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO** - D1 CITY COUNCILOR
(FILLING IN FOR COUNCILOR THU NGUYEN - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

MET ON MONDAY, 12/23/2024

- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW MEETING!](#)
- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON** - DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO** - D1 CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR KATE TOOMEY** - AT LARGE CITY COUNCILOR



REMEMBER, YOU CAN ALWAYS
LOOK BACK TO REVIEW OUR
PREVIOUS ISSUES!





Events in the Community

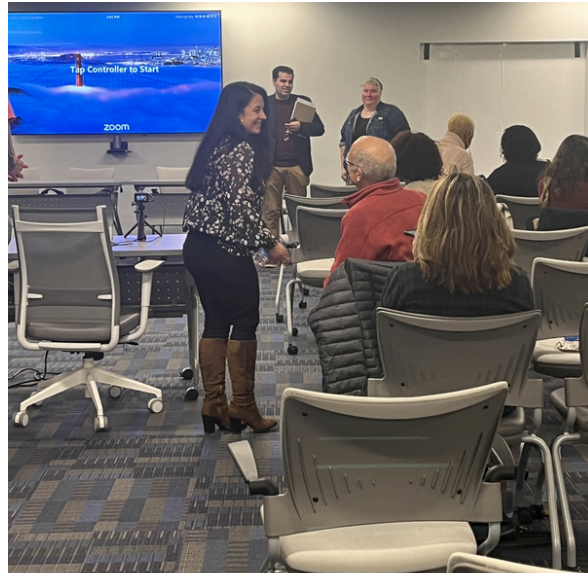
INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY - 12/18

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY EVENT IN WORCESTER HIGHLIGHTED THE CITY'S DEDICATION TO CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING ITS MIGRANT COMMUNITY. MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY OPENED THE EVENT WITH A WARM WELCOME AND REMARKS EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY AND THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTS. HE PRAISED THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ADVOCATES WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO SUPPORT MIGRANTS IN WORCESTER.

DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ SPOKE LATER ON IN THE DAY WITH REMARKS FOCUSING ON THE CITY'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF MIGRANT COMMUNITIES. SHE UNDERScoreD THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN ENSURING EQUITY AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR NEW ARRIVALS.

BOTH LEADERS SET THE TONE FOR A DAY FILLED WITH EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND CELEBRATION. THE EVENT FEATURED THE PRESENTATION OF THE COMPASSION IN ACTION AWARD, KEYNOTE SPEAKER VUDITHE AMAZAN MOISE, AND AN IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS TRAINING FOR NONPROFIT PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES.

THIS COLLABORATIVE GATHERING REFLECTED THE CITY'S DEDICATION TO HONORING AND UPLIFTING ITS DIVERSE POPULATION.





Worcester Announces Permanent Winter Parking Ban in Effect Dec. 1 Through April 30



The City of Worcester announced Friday November 22, it's **Permanent Winter Parking Ban** will go into effect **Dec. 1, 2024**, and will remain through **April 30, 2025 (April 1 for residential streets)**. The Permanent Winter Parking Ban applies to emergency arteries, WRTA bus routes, and streets that are critical to the flow of traffic. There is no parking on one or both sides of the affected street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. nor any time a snow emergency is declared.

In addition to the Permanent Winter Parking Ban, a Declared Winter Parking Ban will go into effect on all other city streets whenever accumulating snow is forecast. When a declared ban is in effect, parking is allowed only on the odd-numbered side of other streets, unless posted otherwise, and municipal parking garages will be free to use until noted following the ban's lifting. Parking enforcement—including ticketing and towing—will be active during a Declared Ban, as adherence to parking bans is critical to allow municipal crews to keep roadways clear and safe.

Worcester 311 is the official source for up-to-date information on winter parking bans, parking regulations on your street, and snow complaints.

For the latest updates on winter parking bans:

- Sign up for [ALERTWorcester](#) and receive notifications to your phone or email
- Follow Worcester 311 on [Twitter \(X\)](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Watch Government Access Channel 192

Illegally parked vehicles are the biggest obstacle to effective snow removal efforts. Vehicles that violate the winter parking ban or otherwise hinder snow removal will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Please support the municipality's efforts by parking your vehicle in conformance with the winter parking ban. Back to Announcements List

Winter Parking Rules

Winter parking bans on public streets fall under two categories, **PERMANENT** and **DECLARED**.

- **A PERMANENT BAN** remains in effect from December 1st through April 30th on Emergency Arteries, WRTA Bus Routes, and streets that are critical to the flow of traffic. There is no parking on one or both sides of the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. and anytime a snow emergency is declared.
- **A DECLARED BAN** is put into effect on all remaining city streets whenever accumulating snow is forecast. When a Declared Ban is in effect, restrictions apply that typically allow parking on one side of the street.

**[CLICK HERE FOR FULL WINTER PARKING BAN INFORMATION
AND TO LOOK UP YOUR STREET SPECIFICALLY!](#)**



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY

YOUR City Councilors

WORCESTER'S CITY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR & COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE, JOSEPH M. PETTY. THESE ELEVEN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVE AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THEIR CITY AND COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE SIX COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE AND FIVE COUNCILORS THAT EACH REPRESENT A SPECIFIC DISTRICT IN WORCESTER (DISTRICTS 1-5).

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHO YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILOR IS, [CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT!](#)

AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILORS



MAYOR
JOSEPH M. PETTY



VICE CHAIRMAN
KHRYSTIAN E. KING



MORRIS A.
BERGMAN



THU
NGUYEN



KATHLEEN M.
TOOMEY



DONNA M.
COLORIO

DISTRICT CITY COUNCILORS



DISTRICT 1
JENNY PACILLO



DISTRICT 2
CANDY MERO-CARLSON



DISTRICT 3
GEORGE J. RUSSELL



DISTRICT 4
LUIS A. OJEDA, SR.



DISTRICT 5
ETEL HAXHIAJ



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Upcoming *Holiday* Events

- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - CITY HALL IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY!!**
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 @ 5:00 P.M. @ 3 NEWTON AVE / NEWTON SQUARE - GRAND MENORAH AT NEWTON SQUARE CELEBRATION**
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 - @ YWCA, 1 SALEM SQUARE - 2024 COMMUNITY KWANZAA CELEBRATION**
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 - @ THE VILLAGE, 4 KING STREET - KWANZAA ART POP-UP EVENT**
- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 - @ 22 NEWTON AVE. - CHANUKAH CARNIVAL 2025**

Please check back for more events to follow!!

UPCOMING *COMMUNITY MEETINGS*

There are NO Community Meetings Scheduled between 12/23 and 12/30



NEW

WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULE – 2025

January

January 7 – **Joint Agenda**

January 14 – **City Council Agenda**

January 21 – **City Manager Agenda**

January 28 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**

February

February 4 – **City Manager Agenda**

February 11 – **City Council Agenda**

February 18 – **No Meeting – School Break**

February 25 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

March

March 4 – **City Manager Agenda / Econ. Dev.**

March 11 – **City Council Agenda**

March 18 – **City Manager Agenda**

March 25 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**

April

April 1 – **City Manager Agenda**

April 8 – **City Council Agenda**

April 15 – **City Manager Agenda**

April 22 – **No Meeting – School Break**

April 29 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

May

May 6 – **City Council Agenda**

May 13 – **City Manager Agenda**

May 20 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**

May 27 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**

June

June 3 – **No Meeting – Shavuot**

June 10 – **Joint Agenda**

June 17 – **City Council Agenda**

June 24 – **City Manager Evaluation**

July

July 1 – **No Meeting**

July 8 – **No Meeting**

July 15 – **Joint Agenda**

July 22 – **No Meeting**

July 29 – **No Meeting**

August

August 5 – **No Meeting**

August 12 – **No Meeting**

August 19 – **Joint Agenda**

August 26 – **No Meeting**

September

September 2 – **No Meeting – Mun. Prelim.**

September 9 – **Joint Agenda / Econ. Dev.**

September 16 – **City Manager Agenda**

September 23 – **No Meeting – Rosh Hashanah**

September 30 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

October

October 7 – **No Meeting – Sukkot**

October 14 – **No Meeting –**

Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

October 21 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

October 28 – **No Meeting – Early Voting**

November

November 4 – **No Meeting – Mun. Election**

November 11 – **Joint Agenda**

November 18 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**

November 25 – **City Manager Agenda**

December

December 2 – **No Meeting – Holiday**

December 9 – **Joint Agenda**

December 16 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**

December 23 – **City Manager Agenda**

December 30 – **No Meeting – School Break**

Each Meeting convenes at 6:30 p.m. in the Esther Howland (South) Chamber on the Third Floor of City Hall, 455 Main Street. The only exceptions are in the months of July and August, when meetings convene at 6:00 p.m.



Worcester Trash & Recycling Calendar - 2025



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Denotes a holiday that DOES NOT RESULT in a delay. NO DELAY.



Denotes a holiday that results in a one-day delay for the remainder of the week



Denotes a collection day delayed by a holiday

