



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

9/23/2024 - 9/30/2024



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL AGENDA 9/24/2024

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CITY COUNCIL LOOKING TO HAVE CITY STUDY FEASIBILITY OF REVITALIZING AN ANNUAL LOCAL ART & VENDOR MARKET IN CITY

ITEM 11A: REQUEST CITY MANAGER STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF REVITALIZING AN ANNUAL LOCAL ART AND VENDOR MARKET IN THE CITY TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE THE TALENT OF THE COMMUNITY. (PETTY)

The City Council considered a motion to enhance support for local events. Mayor Petty requested that City Manager Batista meet with leadership teams from longstanding events, such as stART on the Street, to discuss their successes and challenges. Councilor King added to the discussion by moving to request a report on any permit fees that could potentially be waived for organizing these events. Councilor Ojeda also spoke on the matter, contributing additional insights. The motion aimed to alleviate some of the financial and logistical burdens faced by event organizers in the city. After a thorough discussion, Mayor Petty called for a roll call vote on the amended motion. The Council unanimously adopted the item with an 11-0 vote.

IMPLEMENTING AN INSTITUTIONAL ZONING ORDINANCE



REQUEST CITY MANAGER PROVIDE CITY COUNCIL WITH DRAFT LANGUAGE, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS, THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT AN INSTITUTIONAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND HOSPITALS TO FILE TEN (10) YEAR INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLANS WITH THE CITY. (MERO-CARLSON, PETTY, PACILLO, TOOMEY, BERGMAN, RUSSELL, COLORIO)

ITEM 11C:

Item 11C reflected concerns shared by multiple councilors, including Councilor Mero-Carlson, Pacillo, Toomey, Russell Bergman, Colorio and Mayor Petty. After some discussion, Councilor King requested to be added as a sponsor and moved for the City Manager to provide a report on best practices for institutional zoning ordinances. This report would also review previous City Council decisions related to nonprofit organizations in the city. Councilor Bergman added his perspective. Mayor Petty then added the entire City Council as sponsors.

The motion received full support, with the Council adopting it unanimously on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. This collaborative effort highlights the Council's shared commitment to refining zoning policies for nonprofits.



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Standing Committee Meetings



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: MET ON TUESDAY, 9/24/2024

- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON - DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR KATE TOOMEY - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR**

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VETERANS' MEMORIALS PARKS AND RECREATION: MET ON WEDNESDAY, 9/25/2024

- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR KATE TOOMEY - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ - DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 10/1 @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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Events

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES



CONVENIENTMD URGENT CARE 9/24 - 70 GOLD STAR BLVD.



KELLY'S ROAST BEEF 9/25 - 70 GOLD STAR BLVD.



TEMBO GRILL RESTAURANT & CATERING 9/25 - 1105 W. BOYLSTON ST.



Events



TALK WITH YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILOR MEETUP - DISTRICT 4, COUNCILOR OJEDA

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA, MET WITH RESIDENTS OF THE GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD AT CAFE NEO'S NEW SPACE ON HARDING STREET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD. RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO SIT DOWN WITH THE COUNCILOR TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AND ASK THEIR DISTRICT COUNCILOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT THEY HAVE REGARDING THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.

COUNCILOR OJEDA WILL BE PLANNING MORE OPPURTUNITIES FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN AND CHAT IN THE FUTURE. PLEASE STOP BACK FOR MORE DETAILS!!

DIGITAL EQUITY FORUM



AS VICE CHAIRMAN & AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR KHRYSTIAN E. KING IS CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND ENVIRONMENT, HE ADDRESSED THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE CITY'S DIGITAL EQUITY FORUM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT THE WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY. VICE CHAIRMAN KING, MENTIONED IN HIS REMARKS THAT ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY IS NOT A LUXURY—IT IS A NECESSITY FOR ALL TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE. THE VICE CHAIRMAN ALSO NOTED THAT PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE MASSACHUSETTS BROADBAND INSTITUTE ARE VITAL BECASUSE THE CITY SIMPLY CANNOT MAKE PROGRESS ON THEIR OWN.

VICE CHAIRMAN KING WOULD LIKE TO SEE WORCESTER AS A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE DIGITAL AGE.



Events

WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION & AWARDS CEREMONY

COUNCILOR AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE, SPOKE AT THE WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S (WFD) PROMOTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH. THE CEREMONY, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE NEW DOHERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, WAS A MOMENTOUS OCCASSION AS 17 INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE WFD HAD BEEN PROMOTED - 1 ASSISTANT CHIEF, 1 DEPUTY CHIEF, 1 DISTRICT CHIEF, 2 CAPTAINS, AND 12 LIEUTENANTS.

THE WFD, ALSO PRESENTED MULTIPLE AWARDS FOR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS UNDER EXTREMELY ADVERSE CONDITIONS, HEROISM AND VALOR.

CONGRATUALTIONS TO ALL WHO WERE PROMOTED OR PRESENTED WITH AN AWARD AND THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



SHREWSBURY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON MET WITH RESIDENTS OF THE SHREWSBURY STREET AREA DURING THEIR MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT ALTA ON THE ROW. COUNCILOR MERO-CARLSON AND AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR MORRIS BERGMAN WERE, PRESENT TO LISTEN LOCAL CONCERNS OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING AS WELL AS TAKE ANY QUESTIONS RESIDENTS HAD.

REMINDER:

ATTENDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN YOUR AREA IS A GREAT WAY FOR YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS TO DISCUSS LOCAL ISSUES YOU HAVE RECENTLY EXPERIENCED, LEARN MORE ABOUT UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS, REVIEW WORCESTER POLICE ACTIVITY AND MUCH MORE!!

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FOR THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULED MEETINGS!



UPCOMING *COMMUNITY MEETINGS*

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 2 -

■ SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: SEABURY HEIGHTS APTS, BUILDING B, 240 BELMONT STREET

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 3 -

■ LINCOLN VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: 116 COUNTRY CLUB BLVD., VICTORIA BUILDING

■ PLEASANT AREA COMMUNITY TEAM (PACT) NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CENTER, 301 PLEASANT STREET

■ WEBSTER SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

- TIME: 7:00 P.M.
- WHERE: OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH, 1222 MAIN STREET

MONDAY - OCTOBER 7 -

■ GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WRTA MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FACILITY, 42 QUINSIGAMOND AVE.