



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

10/08/2024 - 10/14/2024



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 10/8/2024

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WPI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE ASKS CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE WPI WITH THEIR LIST OF QUESTIONS

ITEM 8A

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - REQUEST CITY CLERK PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM WPI WITH A LIST OF QUESTIONS READ INTO THE RECORD AT THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH OUTLINE TOPICS INCLUDING THE PROCESS THE UNIVERSITY USED WHEN ACQUIRING 65 PRESCOTT ST. AND 72 GROVE ST., HOW MANY LLCs ARE REGISTERED AT THE UNIVERSITY'S ADDRESS, THEIR CURRENT AND PROJECTED ENDOWMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY, THE UNIVERSITY'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT THE PURCHASES OF 65 PRESCOTT ST. AND 72 GROVE ST. MAY HAVE ON ATTRACTING EVENTS TO THE CITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY'S PLANS RELATIVE TO STUDENT HOUSING FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY ANSWERING SAID QUESTIONS.

MAYOR PETTY READ THE ITEM AND MOVED TO ADOPT ITEMS #8A CC THROUGH #8L CC, EXCEPT FOR ITEMS #8F CC AND #8G CC. ORDER ADOPTED

The Economic Development Committee has requested the City Clerk to provide WPI representatives with a detailed list of questions that were read into the record during the committee's September 24, 2024 meeting. These questions cover several important topics, beginning with the process WPI followed in acquiring the properties at 65 Prescott St. and 72 Grove St. Another point of inquiry is how many LLCs are currently registered at WPI's address. The committee is also asking for details about the university's current and projected endowments, shedding light on its financial outlook.

Furthermore, there are concerns about WPI's awareness of how these recent property purchases may affect the city's ability to attract events and visitors. The university's future plans regarding student housing are also of significant interest.

Mayor Petty presented the item for discussion and moved to adopt during the City Council meeting. This request aims to ensure a comprehensive response from WPI regarding its impact on the community and future development plans.



COUNCILOR ASKING FOR A SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT THAT WILL EDUCATE YOUTH ON HEALTHY CHOICES

ITEM 9G

REQUEST CITY MANAGER REQUEST COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONSIDER CREATING AN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT THAT PROMOTES THE EDUCATION OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS PRACTICES FOR THE CITY'S YOUTH. SAID INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT SHOULD UTILIZE THE DATA KEPT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND COVER TOPICS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, MENTAL HEALTH, AND EATING HEALTHY FOODS. (OJEDA)

MAYOR PETTY READ THE ITEM AND RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR OJEDA, WHO SPOKE CONCERNING THE ITEM. MAYOR PETTY MOVED TO ADOPT THE ITEM. ORDER ADOPTED

District 4 City Councilor Luis A. Ojeda proposed that the City Manager request the Commissioner of Health and Human Services create an Instagram account focused on promoting health and wellness education for the city's youth. The account would use data from the Department of Health and Human Services and cover topics like physical activity, mental health, and healthy eating. The goal is to engage young people with relevant and accessible information on how to live healthier lives. Mayor Petty read the proposal and recognized Councilor Ojeda to speak further about the idea. Councilor Ojeda emphasized the importance of using social media to reach younger audiences. After discussing the proposal, Mayor Petty moved to adopt the item. This platform is expected to be a tool for encouraging healthier habits among the city's youth. The adoption signals a commitment to youth wellness through modern outreach methods.



Standing Committee Meetings

**THERE WERE NO STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
SCHEDULED LAST WEEK.**

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR A LIST OF UPCOMING MEETINGS
TAKING PLACE NEXT WEEK!**

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COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDAS OR RECORDINGS,
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

• **TUESDAY, 10/15**

- @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
 - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
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 - City Council Zoom Phone Number: (929) 205 6099
 - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 917 2757 4825

• **WEDNESDAY, 10/16**

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **TRAFFIC AND PARKING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
 - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
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 - Traffic and Parking Committee Zoom Phone Number: (929) 205 6099
 - Zoom Access Code: 928 9396 0051



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WEEKLY NEWS

Events



SHAWMUT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION - RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - 10/8

ON OCTOBER 8TH, AT THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR SHAWMUT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION'S NEW DOWNTOWN OFFICE, DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON AND MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY BOTH SPOKE, HIGHLIGHTING THE FIRM'S LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN WORCESTER. MERO-CARLSON, AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE, EMPHASIZED SHAWMUT'S ROLE IN THE CITY'S GROWTH, ESPECIALLY THEIR WORK ON PROJECTS SUCH AS UMASS CHAN MEDICAL SCHOOL'S RECENT EDUCATION & RESEARCH BUILDING. THE EVENT CELEBRATED SHAWMUT'S NEW LOCATION, SYMBOLIZING THEIR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH WORCESTER. THOSE WHO ATTENDED EXPRESSED OPTIMISM FOR SHAWMUT'S FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT.



KEY TO THE CITY PRESENTATION TO ANNIE JENKINS OF ANNIE'S CLARK BRUNCH - 10/8

ON OCTOBER 8TH, DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA AND COUNCILOR AT-LARGE KHRYSTIAN E. KING WERE PRESENT WHEN MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY PRESENTED A KEY TO THE CITY TO ANNIE JENKINS, OWNER OF ANNIE'S CLARK BRUNCH, IN RECOGNITION OF HER DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. THE BELOVED DINER, A LOCAL INSTITUTION NEAR CLARK UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN A STAPLE IN THE MAIN SOUTH COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS, PROVIDING COMFORT FOOD AND A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE. ANNIE'S DEDICATION TO SERVING STUDENTS, FACULTY, LOCAL RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES HAS MADE HER AN ICONIC FIGURE IN WORCESTER. HER UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY HAS CREATED LASTING BONDS AND A SENSE OF BELONGING FOR GENERATIONS OF CUSTOMERS. COUNCILOR OJEDA PRAISED HER ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND THE POSITIVE IMPACT HER SMALL BUSINESS HAS HAD ON THE CITY.

THE KEY TO THE CITY SYMBOLIZES THE CITY'S DEEP GRATITUDE FOR HER SERVICE AND THE LASTING LEGACY SHE LEAVES AS SHE RETIRES.



Events



ITALIAN FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - 10/8

ON OCTOBER 8, DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON AND MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY SPOKE AT THE ITALIAN FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY IN FRONT OF WORCESTER CITY HALL, CELEBRATING ITALIAN HERITAGE. COUNCILORS COLORIO, OJEDA, AND PACILLO WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. THE CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTED THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITALIAN-AMERICANS TO BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTRY, EMPHASIZING VALUES LIKE A STRONG WORK ETHIC, DEVOTION TO FAMILY, AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION. THE RECENT ITALIAN PARADE DEMONSTRATED THE ONGOING PRIDE WITHIN THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND HOW IT UNITES PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS. THE EVENT HONORED THE LASTING IMPACT OF ITALIANS ON WORCESTER'S GROWTH AND CULTURE.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **MONDAY - OCTOBER 14 -**

- **GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT STREET

- **WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 16 -**

- **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - 425 PLEASANT STREET**

- TIME: 2:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: 425 PLEASANT STREET

- **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - 275 PLEASANT STREET**

- TIME: 3:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: 275 PLEASANT STREET

- **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: PANERA BREAD, 120 GOLD STAR BLVD.

- **BROWN SQUARE CRIME WATCH GROUP**

- TIME: 7:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: BROWN SQUARE CIVIC CLUB, 639 FRANKLIN STREET

- **THURSDAY - OCTOBER 17 -**

- **MILL STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES STREET

- **UNION HILL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: WORCESTER ACADEMY (WARNER HALL), 81 PROVIDENCE STREET

- **MONDAY - OCTOBER 21 -**

- **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - LAFAYETTE STREET**

- TIME: 3:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: 2 LAFAYETTE STREET