



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

3/17/2025 - 3/21/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 3/18/2025

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CITY COUNCIL REFERED ITEM TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ITEM 8.7A

TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO THE CHIP SEAL PAVEMENT PRESERVATION REPORT

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING
INFORMATION RELATIVE TO CHIP SEAL PAVEMENT
PRESERVATION

CHIP SEAL PRESERVATION IS A NEW TECHNOLOGY
THAT WATERPROOFS AND SEALS ROADS WHILE ALSO
CREATING A NEW SKID-RESISTANT SURFACE. THIS
PROCESS IS TIME FRIENDLY AS MULTIPLE ROADS MAY
BE COMPLETED IN ONE DAY AND THIS TECHNIQUE
EXTENDS ROAD LIFE SPAN ON AVERAGE BY FIVE TO
SEVEN YEARS.



CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS ORDER RELATED TO TRAIL OF URBAN “SUPERBLOCKS”

ORDER 10A

CITY MANAGER IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE CITY
COUNCIL WITH A REPORT CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF
CREATING A TRAIL “SUPERBLOCK” IN THE CITY, WHICH IS AN
AREA OF URBAN LAND THAT IS BOUNDED BY ARTERIAL ROADS
AND IS TYPICALLY THE SIZE OF MULTIPLE TRADITIONAL-SIZED
CITY BLOCKS

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED AN ORDER
REQUESTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE THE CITY
COUNCIL WITH A REPORT CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY
OF CREATING A “SUPERBLOCK” IN THE CITY.

SUPERBLOCKS ORIGINATE IN BARCELONA, SPAIN
WHERE A LARGE AREA IN AN URBAN SPACE IS DESIGNED
TO PRIORITIZE PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS BY
PROHIBITING VEHICLE TRAFFIC WITHIN THE AREA TO
PROMOTE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE AREA AS
WELL AS PROBABLE CLIMATE IMPACT



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Standing Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MET ON MONDAY, 3/14/2025



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

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TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 3/19/2025



- CHAIRPERSON - **DONNA COLORIO** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **KHRYSTIAN KING** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **THU NGUYEN** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **WEDNESDAY - MARCH 26 -**

- **WHITTIER TERRACE APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WHITTIER TERRACE, 86 AUSTIN STREET

- **QUINSIGAMOND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: THE JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 46 GREENWOOD STREET

- **THURSDAY - MARCH 27 -**

- **COLUMBUS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

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





Events in the Community



LIFE CONIFER RIBBON CUTTING - 3/21

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR, CHAIR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOINED MAYOR JOE PETTY, STATE SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MAHONEY TO CELEBRATE THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR LIFE CONIFER SCIENCE GROUP.

WORCESTER HAS BEEN A THRIVING COMMUNITY IN THE BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES FIELD, BRINGING MAJOR INVESTMENTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE CITY OF WORCESTER AND CREATING THOUSANDS OF JOBS IN THE PROCESS. LIFE CONIFER LOOKS TO BE ON THE FRONTLINES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENT AND A CENTRAL HUB OF INVESTMENT FOR THE CITY OF WORCESTER.



PLEASANT STREET CLEANUP - 3/23

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR AND CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, COUNCILOR OJEDA, HOSTED A SUCCESSFUL STREET CLEANUP EVENT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WORCESTER GREEN CORPS. VOLUNTEERS GATHERED AT THE PLEASANT STREET NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CENTER AT 10 A.M., WITH OVER 16 PARTICIPANTS JOINING THE EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE MORNING.

WORCESTER GREEN CORPS SUPPLIED ALL NECESSARY MATERIALS TO ENSURE THE CLEANUP WENT SMOOTHLY. COUNCILOR OJEDA HOPES TO MAKE THESE CLEAN-UP EVENTS A REGULAR OCCURRENCE ACROSS THE DISTRICT, HELPING TO STAY AHEAD OF TRASH BUILDUP AND KEEP WORCESTER CLEAN.



WORCESTER POLICE PROMOTION CEREMONY - 3/21

CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE KATE TOOMEY JOINED MAYOR PETTY, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, AND POLICE CHIEF PAUL SAUCIER IN SPEAKING AT THE WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY.

THIRTEEN OFFICERS WERE RECOGNIZED AND APPLAUDED FOR THEIR PROMOTION. THESE THIRTEEN OFFICERS COMBINED REPRESENT OVER 320 YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT. EVERY OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE INDIVIDUALLY SERVED FOR OVER A DECADE. THIS PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY MARKED TWO HISTORIC FIRSTS FOR THE CITY OF WORCESTER. THE FIRST BLACK OFFICER TO BE NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF AND THE FIRST LATINO OFFICER TO BECOME A CAPTAIN WAS PART OF THE PROMOTIONS.



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



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 –
City Hall, 455 Main Street. The only exceptions are in the months of July and August, when