



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

1/13/2025 - 1/17/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 1/14/2025

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL AGENDA & MINUTES!](#) [CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE MEETING!](#)



City Council Advances Effort to Create Women's Homeless Shelter

RESOLUTION 21C.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER HERBY SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOMELESS SHELTER DEDICATED TO WOMEN

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISHING A SHELTER FOR HOMELESS WOMEN IN THE CITY. THE RESOLUTION WAS BROUGHT FORTH BY VICE CHAIRMAN/ COUNCILOR AT-LARGE KHYRSTIAN KING. ADVOCATES IN THE CITY HAVE BROUGHT THIS ISSUE UP TO PROTECT HOMELESS WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED.

THE CITY PREVIOUSLY HAD A WOMEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER ON LINCOLN STREET WHICH CLOSED IN 2023. IN DECEMBER, CITY COUNCIL ADVANCED A PETITION ESTABLISHING A HOMELESS SHELTER FOR WOMEN TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.



City Council Advances Item Aimed at Expanding Street Trash and Recycling Receptacles

ITEM 12G.

CITY MANAGER TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO EXPANDING STREET TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO ADVANCE AN ITEM AIMED AT EXPANDING STREET TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES AS DESCRIBED IN WORCESTER'S FY25-29 STRATEGIC PLAN IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER ADDRESS THE STREET LITTER CONCERNS. THESE NEW RECEPTACLES WILL COLLECT BOTH TRASH AND RECYCLING.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE HAS LAUNCHED A CROWDSOURCE MAP TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM THE RESIDENTS TO BETTER DETERMINE THE PRIORITY AREAS FOR INITIAL PHASES OF INSTALLATION.



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Standing Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

MET ON TUESDAY, 1/14/2025



- 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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TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 1/15/2025



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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **TUESDAY, 1/21/2025**
 - @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
 - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
 - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY THE DAY OF!](#)
 - City Council ZOOM Phone Number: +1 646 828 7666
 - City Council ZOOM Access Code: 161 363 1913

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





CONTINUED UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **TUESDAY, 1/21/2025**

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

- @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 22 -**

- **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- JANUARY 23 -**

- **LAFAYETTE STREET WHA COMMUNITY MEETING**
 - TIME: 3:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: 2 LAFAYETTE STREET
- **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



Events in the Community



WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY - 1/14

PUBLIC SAFETY CHAIR AND COUNCILOR AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY GAVE ENCOURAGING WORDS TO THREE OFFICERS THAT WERE SWORN INTO THE WPD ON TUESDAY. SHE WAS JOINED IN WELCOMING THE OFFICERS BY MAYOR PETTY AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA. DISTRICT 1 COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO, DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON, AND DISTRICT 4 COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA ALSO MADE APPEARANCES AT THE CEREMONY TO GREET THE NEW OFFICERS. OTHER LOCAL DIGNITARIES INCLUDING DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOSEPH EARLY, STATE SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE, AND STATE SENATOR PETER DURANT WERE ALSO PRESENT.

CLARK UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: EXPERIMENTAL PLANT INVESTIGATION CENTER (EPIC) - 1/15

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA JOINED MAYOR PETTY, STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID LEOEUF, AND THE PRESIDENT OF CLARK, DAVID FITHIAN, TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW GREENHOUSE THAT WILL BE SUPPORTING ADVANCED CUTTING-EDGE INNOVATION IN PLANT RESEARCH.

ALL PHOTOS BY STEVEN KING, CLARK UNIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHER



OPENING CEREMONY FOR PIPELINE DREAMS PROGRAM - 1/15

PUBLIC HEALTH CHAIR AND DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA AND VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING WERE JOINED BY STATE SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY AT THE OPENING CEREMEONY OF THE PIPELINE DREAMS PROGRAM - A 12 WEEK HYBRID PROGRAM ENGINEERED TO EMPOWER HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS EXPLORING POTENTIAL CAREERS IN MEDICINE AND RESEARCH WITH MOTIVATION & KNOWLEDGE.

THERE WILL BE A CLOSING CEREMONY AND RESEARCH EXPO IN APRIL TO SHOWCASE THE STUDENTS CULMINATING RESEARCH PROPOSALS.

ALL PHOTOS: STATE SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY'S INSTAGRAM





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!](#)**



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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



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.