



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

3/10/2025 - 3/14/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 3/11/2025

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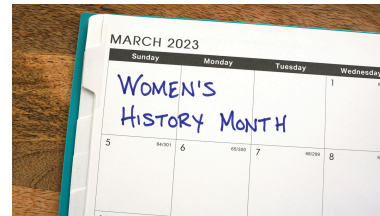
CITY COUNCIL ADVANCES ITEM RELATED TO MODULAR HOUSING

ITEM 10G

REQUEST CITY MANAGER PROVIDE CITY COUNCIL WITH A REPORT CONCERNING WHAT STEPS AND REFORMS THE CITY CAN UNILATERALLY TAKE TO RAPIDLY UTILIZE AND/OR ENCOURAGE THE USE OF MODULAR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MARKET RATE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY. FURTHER, REQUEST SAID REPORT INCLUDE INFORMATION CONCERNING A POTENTIAL PILOT OR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

THE MAYOR INTRODUCED AN ITEM FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE USE OF MODULAR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION TO HELP ADDRESS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS IN THE CITY.

COUNCILOR HAXHIAJ MOVED TO ALSO REQUEST THAT THE CITY MANAGER PROVIDE THE CITY COUNCIL WITH A REPORT ON WHETHER ANY ZONING CHANGES MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE MODULAR HOMES IN ALL AREAS OF THE CITY.



CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS ITEM RELATED TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

RESOLUTION 11A

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER DOES HEREBY SUPPORT AND RECOGNIZE MARCH OF 2025 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER AND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER DOES HEREBY CALL UPON ITS PUBLIC OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE IN THE CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BY PARTICIPATING IN THE VARIOUS HAPPENINGS THAT HONOR THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RECOGNIZE MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. THIS RESOLUTION, BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCILOR MERO-CARLSON, SERVES AS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER OF THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS WOMEN HAVE MADE TO BOTH WORCESTER AND SOCIETY AT LARGE.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HAS ITS ORIGINS IN THE EFFORTS OF WOMEN WHO PROTESTED POOR WORKING CONDITIONS—JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF HOW WOMEN HAVE CONSISTENTLY FOUGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.



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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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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MET ON TUESDAY, 3/11/2025



- CHAIRPERSON - **GEORGE RUSSELL** - DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **CANDY MERO-CARLSON** - DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **JENNY PACILLO** - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR

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JOINT MEETING WITH TRAFFIC & PARKING AND PUBLIC WORKS

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 3/12/2025



- CHAIRPERSON - **GEORGE RUSSELL** - DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **CANDY MERO-CARLSON** - DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **JENNY PACILLO** - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR
- 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 19 -**

- **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: MASS AUDUBON'S BROAD MEADOW BROOK, 414 MASSASOIT RD.

- **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **NORTHERN LINCOLN STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 7:00 P.M.
- WHERE: LIVING WORD CHURCH OF WORCESTER, 30 TYLER PRENTICE ROAD

- **BROWN SQUARE CRIME WATCH**

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

- **THURSDAY - MARCH 20 -**

- **MILL STREET AREA 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



IRISH FLAG RAISING - 3/14

MAYOR JOE PETTY WAS JOINED BY CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY AND A GROUP OF CONSTITUENTS FOR AN IRISH FLAG RAISING TO KICK OFF THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND. DAYS EARLIER DURING THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING, COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY HAD PUT FORTH A RESOLUTION OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING MARCH AS IRISH HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

WORCESTER, LIKE MUCH OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, HAS A LONG LINE OF PROUD IRISH ANCESTRY. EVERY YEAR THE CITY OF WORCESTER HAS A ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE THAT DRAWS IN HUNDREDS OF SPECTATORS FROM ACROSS WORCESTER COUNTY.



POLICE CHIEF SWEARING IN CEREMONY- 3/14

THE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY FOR NEWLY APPOINTED POLICE CHIEF PAUL SAUCIER WAS HELD ON FRIDAY MARCH 14TH AS CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA WAS JOINED BY MAYOR JOE PETTY AND COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE KATE TOOMEY TO CELEBRATE THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

BORN AND RAISED IN WORCESTER, CHIEF SAUCIER HAS BEEN ACTING AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF SINCE SEPTEMBER 2023 AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS.



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



The City of **WORCESTER**

City Clerk Department

Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

Stephen A.J. Pottle, Deputy City Clerk I

Clare M. Robbins, Deputy City Clerk II

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