



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

3/24/2025 - 3/28/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 3/25/2025

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ITEM 6A

COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO A REPORT DETAILING A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION INTO THE WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION BY THE CITY MANAGER AND POLICE CHIEF REGARDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD BY CITY COUNCIL WHILE WORCESTER POLICE CHIEF PAUL SAUCIER GAVE UPDATES AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM CITY COUNCILORS. CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO REFER THE ITEM TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.



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Standing Committee Meetings

URBAN TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION, ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MET ON TUESDAY, 3/25/2025



- CHAIRPERSON - **KHRYSTIAN KING** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **GEORGE RUSSELL** - DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **MORRIS BERGMAN** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR

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MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 3/26/2025



- CHAIRPERSON - **MORRIS BERGMAN** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **LUIS OJEDA** - DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **DONNA COLORIO** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR

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UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **MONDAY - MARCH 31 -**
 - **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, 228 LINCOLN STREET
- **WEDNESDAY - APRIL 2 -**
 - **SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENT, 240 BELMONT STREET; BUILDING B
- **THURSDAY - APRIL 3 -**
 - **LINCOLN VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: VICTORIA BUILDING, 116 COUNTRY CLUB BLVD.
 - **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

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





Events in the Community



SOFIA'S PIZZA VISIT - 3/25

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA RETURNED TO SOFIA'S PIZZA TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PLANS TO REVITALIZE SAURIOL SQUARE. IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT ISSUES, SUCH AS THE FENCE AROUND THE TRAIN, HAD BEEN ADDRESSED SINCE THE COUNCILOR'S LAST VISIT. DURING HIS TIME THERE, HE ALSO DISCUSSED ADDITIONAL WAYS HE COULD SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING ORGANIZING A NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP AND HELPING TO HOST AN END-OF-SCHOOL BASH IN THE PARKING LOT.

RIBBON CUTTING: JUNIPER OUTREACH FOUNDATION PANTRY AT DOHERTY HIGH - 3/26

MAYOR PETTY SPOKE AT THE OPENING OF JUNIPER OUTREACH'S EIGHTH PANTRY IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER, LOCATED AT DOHERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL. DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE RIBBON-CUTTING BUT PLANS TO VISIT THE SPACE NEXT WEEK FOR A PRIVATE TOUR WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

JUNIPER'S GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH A PANTRY IN EVERY WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL TO HELP ADDRESS THE GROWING FOOD INSECURITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING FOOD FOR MEALS, THEY ALSO OFFER SNACKS, CLOTHING, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS THAT LOW-INCOME FAMILIES MAY STRUGGLE TO OBTAIN.



SCRUBADUB PARK AVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - 3/27

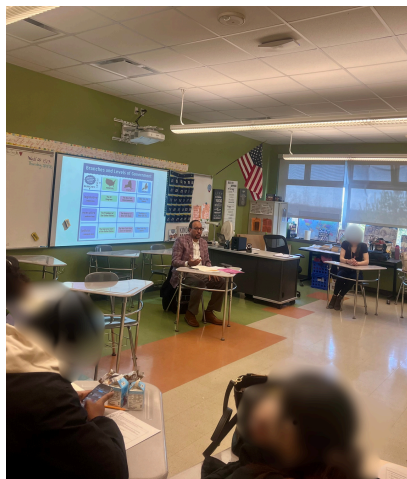
DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA AND DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ, ALONG WITH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY COMMISSIONER STEVE ROLLE AND STAFF, VISITED SCRUBABBUB ON PARK AVENUE TO MEET WITH THE BUSINESS OWNERS. THE DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON HOW THEY CAN COLLABORATE TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE DANGEROUS INTERSECTION, ENSURING THE PROTECTION OF BOTH CUSTOMERS AND ALL ROAD USERS.

WHILE THEY AIM TO IMPLEMENT SOME TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS IN THE COMING MONTHS, LONG-TERM CHANGES WILL NEED TO WAIT UNTIL PARK AVENUE IS REDESIGNED TO ALLOW FOR A COMPLETE RECONFIGURATION OF THE INTERSECTION.





Events in the Community



VICE CHAIRMAN KING SPEAKS TO A NORTH HIGH CIVICS CLASS - 3/27

VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING JOINED AN EARLY MORNING CIVICS CLASS AT NORTH HIGH TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES THAT MATTER MOST TO THE STUDENTS. THE TOPICS RAISED INCLUDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING, JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENAGERS, BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION, AND THE LACK OF VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR SCHOOL.

THE COUNCILOR APPRECIATED HEARING FROM THE STUDENTS AND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN HOW THE CITY ENGAGES WITH THESE ISSUES, AS WELL AS HOW HE CAN SUPPORT THEM AS THEY FIND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY.



WORCESTER RED SOX OPENING DAY - 3/28

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HAD A BALL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH AS THEY ATTENDED THE FIFTH ANNUAL WORCESTER RED SOX OPENING DAY AT POLAR PARK. THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL WAS JOINED BY THE WORCESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, CONGRESSMAN JIM MCGOVERN, STATE TREASURER DEBORAH GOLDBERG, STATE AUDITOR DIANA DIZOGGIO, AND MANY OTHER LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ACROSS WORCESTER COUNTY.

THE NATIONAL CHAMPION BURNCOAT HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT BAND WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO SPARK THE CROWD UP AHEAD OF THE OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES. TWO-TIME WORLD SERIES CHAMPION JACKIE BRADLEY JR. WAS ESCORTED TO THE MOUND TO THROW OUT THE CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH, GIVING WAY TO THE OFFICIAL START OF THE WORCESTER RED SOX 2025 SEASON. THE RED SOX WENT ON TO PLAY THE SYRACUSE METS.



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