



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

3/31/2025 - 4/4/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 4/1/2025

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FEMA

ITEM 9.4A

**REQUESTING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT
TO ZONING ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE
FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT**

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL MOVED THE ITEM TO
THE PLANNING BOARD AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS IN RESPONSE TO THE
RECENT CHANGES MADE BY BOTH THE STATE'S
MODEL ZONING AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S (FEMA) FLOOD INSURANCE
RATE MAPS IN A SMALL PART OF THE CITY LOCATED
BY THE NASHUA RIVER WATERSHED.



ITEM 9.12A

**TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION
RELATIVE TO THE CITY'S FIRE SPRINKLER POLICIES AND
THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ADOPTING M.G.L. CHAPTER
148 SECTION 26I**

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL MOVED THE ITEM TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSION.

IF ADOPTED, SECTION 26I WOULD REQUIRE
AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLERS IN RESIDENTIAL
BUILDINGS WITH FOUR OR MORE DWELLING UNITS.
CURRENTLY, ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS
WITH THREE OR MORE DWELLING UNITS MUST
INSTALL FIRE SPRINKLERS.



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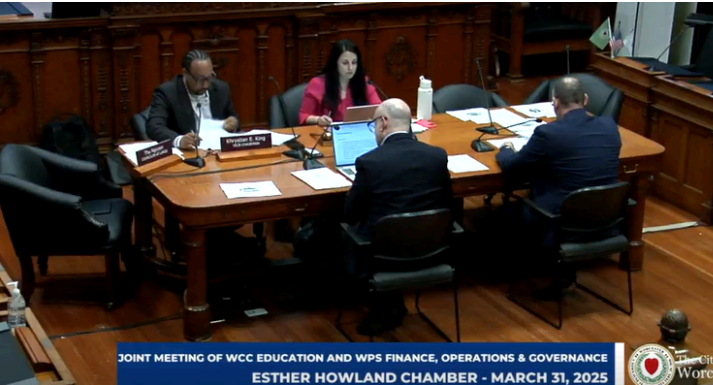
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Standing Committee Meetings

JOINT MEETING OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCE COMMITTEE

MET ON TUESDAY, 3/31/2025



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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

- CHAIRPERSON - **MOLLY MCCULOUGH**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **DIANNA BIANCHARIA**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **JERMAINE JOHNSON**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **KATHLEEN ROY**
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **TUESDAY, 4/8**
 - @ 5:00 P.M. - **VETERANS, MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
 - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL AGENDA!](#)
 - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY THE DAY OF!](#)
 - City Council Zoom Phone Number: +1 646 828 7666
 - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 160 935 1430
 - @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

• **WEDNESDAY - APRIL 9 -**

■ **SAXON ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, 15 JAMESBURY DRIVE

■ **NEWTON SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:30 P.M.
- WHERE: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, 551 PLEASANT STREET

■ **LAKE VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 7:00 P.M.
- WHERE: LAKE VIEW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 115 COBURN AVE

• **THURSDAY - APRIL 10 -**

■ **EMMANUEL VILLAGE APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: EMMANUEL VILLAGE APARTMENT, 59 EVELYN STREET

■ **COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: BLACKSTONE HERITAGE VISITOR CENTER, 3 PAUL CLANCY WAY

■ **MAIN SOUTH BEACON BRIGHTLY MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: YMCA, 766 MAIN STREET

■ **BURNCOAT/GREENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: ST. MICHAEL'S ON THE HEIGHTS, 340 BURNCOAT STREET

■ **SOUTH LENOX STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

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





Events in the Community



STUDENT OFFICER DEI INCLUSION TRAINING - 3/31

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA AND MAYOR JOE PETTY JOINED KEVIN LOVAINCY, WORCESTER'S CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER, TO SPEAK TO WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT STUDENT OFFICERS ABOUT COMMUNITY POLICING AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) FOCUSED CURRICULUM. THIS CURRICULUM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING COMMITTEE AND INFORMS STUDENT OFFICERS OF THE CHALLENGES AND STRENGTHS THROUGHOUT THE MANY COMMUNITIES ACROSS WORCESTER



RIBBON CUTTING: MEXITOWN BAR & GRILL - 4/1

VICE CHAIRMAN KHYRSTIAN KING AND MAYOR PETTY VISITED A NEWLY OPENED MEXICAN FUSION RESTAURANT ON WATER STREET TO CELEBRATE ITS GRAND OPENING. BOTH LEADERS SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WELCOMING MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES INTO THE COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTING THEIR GROWTH.

THEY ENJOYED SAMPLING THE DELICIOUS FOOD AND TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE FRIENDLY STAFF IN THE BEAUTIFUL NEW SPACE.





Worcester Announces Spring Street Cleaning to begin on Monday April 7th

The City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks will begin residential street sweeping, Monday, April 7, 2025.

Street sweeping will begin in the section of the city that has trash/recycling collected on Tuesday, then progress to the Friday, Thursday, Monday, and Wednesday trash collection areas. Signs will be posted in neighborhoods in advance of sweeping.

Arterial streets are swept 11:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m., Monday – Friday. Residential streets are swept 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Parking Bans will be in effect during street sweepings. Vehicles that interfere with street sweeping will be tagged and may be towed. There is a \$50 fine for cars that are not removed for the street sweeping.

Street Sweepers cannot pick up brush, branches, or yard waste. Residents are advised to bring these items to one of the [municipality's yard waste drop-off sites](#). Violators are subject to fines. Residents and business owners can assist with cleanups by sweeping sidewalk sand and debris into the gutter before street sweepers come to the area. It is also greatly appreciated if residents can sweep in front of walkways, vacant lots, and medians.

Residential street sweeping will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete. [Area mapping with anticipated upcoming dates for street sweeping can be found on the municipal website.](#)

The Spring Street Sweeping schedule is subject to change. [Worcester 311](#) will regularly post routes on social media. Residents can also sign up to receive updates from [ALERTWorcester](#) to receive critical community notifications.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL STREET CLEANING INFORMATION!](#)



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