



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

4/8/2025 - 4/14/2025



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 4/8/2025

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#### REQUEST FOR A REPORT ON METERED PARKING FOR CITY COLLEGES APPROVED BY COUNCIL



**ITEM 10B :** REQUEST CITY MANAGER PROVIDE CITY COUNCIL WITH A REPORT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTING A METERED PARKING PROGRAM FOR COLLEGES IN THE CITY. SAID REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ANY SIMILAR PROGRAMS UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH. (COLORIO)

AT THE APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR DONNA COLORIO INTRODUCED AN ORDER REQUESTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON IMPLEMENTING A METERED PARKING PROGRAM FOR COLLEGES IN THE CITY. THE COUNCILOR FELT THE PROPOSED REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON SIMILAR METERED PARKING PROGRAMS USED IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. THE INTENT OF THE ORDER IS TO EXPLORE HOW A STRUCTURED PARKING SYSTEM MIGHT ADDRESS PARKING CHALLENGES NEAR COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

VICE CHAIRMAN COUNCILOR KING, SERVING AS ACTING CHAIR, READ THE ITEM ALOUD DURING THE MEETING. HE THEN RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR COLORIO, WHO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL AND ITS POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING.

THE ADOPTED ORDER NOW DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.



#### CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS ORDER FOR AN EMERGENCY PLAN ADDRESSING WORCESTER'S UNSHELTERED POPULATION

**ITEM 15B:** MOTION HAXHIAJ - SUSPENSION OF RULES - REQUEST CITY MANAGER WORK WITH THE HOMELESSNESS PROVIDER COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE CITY COUNCIL, BY MAY 8, 2025, WITH A TWELVE (12) TO EIGHTEEN (18) MONTH EMERGENCY PLAN RELATIVE TO THE CITY'S UNSHELTERED POPULATION, THAT LISTS CONGREGATE AND NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER SPACES IN THE CITY FOR UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING WOMEN, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, TRANS, QUEER, AND SENIOR RESIDENTS AND PROVIDES AN IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE OF SAID EMERGENCY PLAN THAT OUTLINES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION.

DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ INTRODUCED AN ORDER UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES REQUESTING AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE CITY'S UNSHELTERED POPULATION. THE ORDER DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE HOMELESSNESS PROVIDER COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP A PLAN SPANNING TWELVE (12) TO EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS. THIS PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL BY MAY 8, 2025 AND IT SHOULD IDENTIFY BOTH CONGREGATE AND NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE CITY.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, INCLUDING WOMEN, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, TRANS AND QUEER INDIVIDUALS, AND SENIORS. THE PLAN SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A CLEAR IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE. ADDITIONALLY, IT MUST OUTLINE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, AVAILABLE RESOURCES, AND ANY POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION. THE GOAL IS TO ADDRESS URGENT SHELTER NEEDS WHILE COORDINATING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS.



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### Standing Committee Meetings

#### VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS & RECREATION STANDING COMMITTEE

**MET ON TUESDAY, 4/8/2025**



- CHAIRPERSON - **JENNY PACILLO** - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **KATHLEEN TOOMEY** - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **ETEL HAXHIAJ** - DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **TUESDAY, 4/15**

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING 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: 161 554 7889
- @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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- **WEDNESDAY, 4/16**

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **TRAFFIC AND PARKING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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## Events in the Community



### RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

#### CAMP GET RIGHT & DEE LUXE MEDICAL - 4/9

CAMP GET RIGHT BOXING GYM CELEBRATED 16 YEARS OF SUCCESS WITH THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS NEW SPACE, HONORING FOUNDER KENDRICK BALL'S DEDICATION TO TRAINING CHAMPIONS AND BUILDING COMMUNITY.

VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN E. KING JOINED THE CELEBRATION TO RECOGNIZE BALL'S IMPACT ON WORCESTER THROUGH BOTH HIS GYM AND HIS POPULAR PUNCH OUT EVENTS HELD AT POLAR PARK. SINCE 2008, THE GYM HAS PRODUCED GOLDEN GLOVES WINNERS, NATIONAL CONTENDERS, AND PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONS.

NEXT DOOR, DEE HENRIQUEZ, A BOARD-CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER ALSO CELEBRATED THE OPENING OF DEE LUXE MEDICAL, A WELLNESS INITIATIVE TO HELP INDIVIDUALS OPTIMIZE THEIR HEALTH WITH SOLUTIONS THAT OFFER DEE'S CLIENTS IMPROVED ENERGY, PERFORMANCE, VITALITY, AND WELL-BEING.

BOTH CELEBRATIONS REFLECT THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE, COMMUNITY, AND LEADERSHIP IN SHAPING BRIGHTER FUTURES.



### LABO EXPO 2025 - 4/12

THE LATIN AMERICAN BUSINESS ORGANIZATION (LABO) CELEBRATED ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE DCU CENTER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH. THE EVENT RECOGNIZED LABO'S DECADE OF DRIVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACROSS CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS. DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA ATTENDED THE CELEBRATION AND PRESENTED A CEREMONIAL KEY TO THE CITY ON BEHALF OF MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY, HONORING LABO PRESIDENT ELIZABETH CRUZ AND LABO'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REGION'S ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL VITALITY. OVER THE PAST YEAR, MORE THAN 350 BUSINESSES PARTICIPATED IN LABO PROGRAMS, AND OVER 900 INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED THEIR EVENTS.

THE CELEBRATION ALSO HIGHLIGHTED KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INCLUDING MULTILINGUAL SERVSAFE TRAINING AND PROGRESS IN SUPPLIER DIVERSITY CERTIFICATIONS. A FESTIVE PARRANDÓN (INDOOR PARADE) BROUGHT TOGETHER ATTENDEES IN A VIBRANT DISPLAY OF LATIN AMERICAN CULTURE AND COMMUNITY PRIDE. COUNCILOR OJEDA'S PRESENTATION OF THE KEY UNDERScoreD THE CITY'S APPRECIATION FOR LABO'S IMPACT AND ITS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING LATINO-OWNED BUSINESSES.







# UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **MONDAY - APRIL 14 -**
  - **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT STREET
- **TUESDAY - APRIL 15 -**
  - **MOUNT CARMEL ELDERLY APARTMENTS MONTHLY TENANT MEETING**
    - TIME: 3:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: MOUNT CARMEL APARTMENTS, 50 SHREWSBURY STREET
- **WEDNESDAY - APRIL 16 -**
  - **UPSALA STREET ELDERLY APARTMENTS MONTHLY TENANT MEETING**
    - TIME: 3:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: UPSALA APARTMENTS, 36 UPSALA STREET
  - **GREENWOOD GARDENS APARTMENTS TENANT MEETING (WHA)**
    - TIME: 3:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: GREENWOOD GARDENS APARTMENTS, 327-341 GREENWOOD STREET
  - **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: WORCESTER BUSINESS CENTER, 67 MILLBROOK STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR
  - **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: 414 MASSASOIT ROAD, COMMUNITY ROOM OF MASS AUDUBON SOCIETY
  - **BROWN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: BROWN SQUARE CIVIC CLUB, 639 FRANKLIN STREET
- **THURSDAY - APRIL 17 -**
  - **MILL STREET AREA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES STREET
  - **UNION HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: WORCESTER ACADEMY, WALKER HALL, 81 PROVIDENCE STREET

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







### City of Worcester Spring Street Sweeping Has Begun!



The City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks began residential street sweeping, Monday, April 7, 2025 in the section of the city that has trash/recycling collected on Tuesday, then progressed to the Friday, Thursday, Monday, and Wednesday trash collection areas. Sign have been posted in neighborhoods in advance of sweeping and will remain in place until the street has been swept.

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.

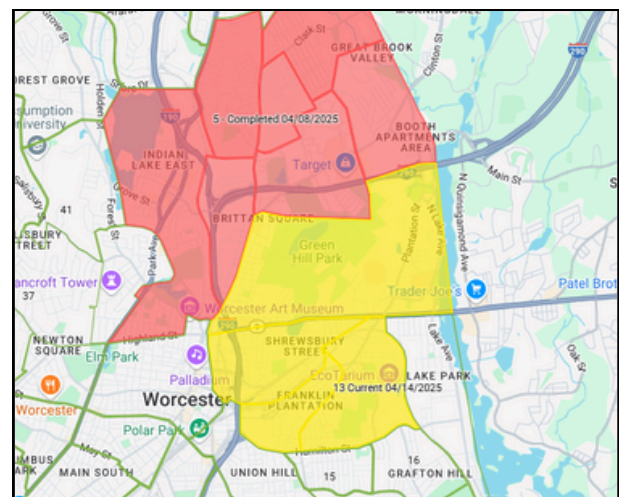
**REMINDER:** Street Sweepers cannot pick up brush, branches, or yard waste. Residents are advised to bring these items to one of the municipality's yard waste drop-off sites. Violators are subject to fines. Residents and business owners can assist with cleanups by sweeping sidewalk sand and debris into 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.

NOTICE: BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025, DPW&P WILL BEGIN RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING IN ROUTES 11, 12N & 13 SHOWN IN THE YELLOW SHADED AREAS ON THE MAP SHOWN.

**[Click here for full street cleaning information!](#)**





**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 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.