



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

5/13/2025 - 5/19/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 5/13/2025

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CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE WEEK OF MAY 18TH TO MAY 24TH AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

ITEM - 8.7C TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK FROM MAY 18 TO MAY 24TH

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING THE NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK FROM MAY 18 TO MAY 24TH. THE NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK DATES BACK TO 1960 WHEN THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (APWA) STARTED RECOGNIZING THE CRUCIAL WORK THAT PUBLIC WORK EMPLOYEES CONDUCT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE EVERYDAY MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

City of Worcester



NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 18 - 24

CITY COUNCIL HEARS INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE 2025 SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION PROGRAM

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY REGARDING THE 2025 SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION PROGRAM. THIS SPRING MARKS THE 5TH YEAR OF WORCESTER'S SPEED HUMP PROGRAM. 2025 WILL SEE THE EXPANSION OF 80 INSTALLATIONS WITH 43 BEING TEMPORARY AND 37 BEING PERMANENT. MANY STREETS WITH SPEED HUMPS HAVE SEEN A 20% DECREASE IN SPEEDING.

ITEM - 8.11B TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO 2025 SPEED HUMP INSTALLATIONS





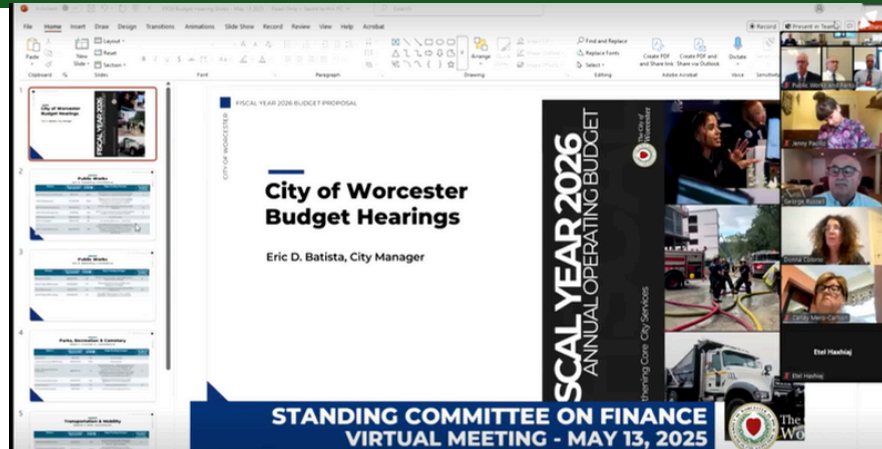
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WEEKLY SUMMARY Standing Committee Meetings

FINANCE COMMITTEE - BUDGET HEARING

MET ON TUESDAY, 5/13/2025

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PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 5/14/2025



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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **TUESDAY, 5/20**
 - @ 5:00 P.M. - **STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**
 - @ 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 #: 1 646 828 7666
 - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 161 363 1913

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Events in the Community

OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR 'WHY ME' - 5/15

VICE CHAIRMAN KHYSTRIAN KING JOINED MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY AND SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE AT SHERRY'S HOUSE IN DISTRICT 5 FOR A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON A RAINY THURSDAY AFTERNOON. THE BRUINS FOUNDATION GENEROUSLY DONATED A BEAUTIFUL PLAYGROUND FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAYING AT SHERRY'S HOUSE AS THEY BRAVELY FACE THE CHALLENGES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER.

SHERRY'S HOUSE IS A HAVEN WHERE FAMILIES RECEIVE THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THEY NEED WHILE THEIR CHILD IS UNDERGOING ACTIVE TREATMENT. THE ENTIRE VISION FOR THE ORGANIZATION WAS INSPIRED BY 13-YEAR-OLD SHERRY SHEPERARD DURING HER OWN COURAGEOUS FOUR-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER. AFTER HER PASSING, HER FATHER, TERRY SHEPERARD—PICTURED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN KING AND HIS DAUGHTER—CHANNELED HIS GRIEF INTO PURPOSE. HE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MORE THAN 40 YEARS LATER.



GRAND OPENING PURE BLISS AESTHETICS - 5/15



THURSDAY, MAY 15TH WAS A BUSY DAY IN DISTRICT 5, MARKED BY ANOTHER EXCITING GRAND OPENING JUST DOWN THE STREET. JOANNA VASILADIS, A REGISTERED NURSE CURRENTLY STUDYING TO BECOME A NURSE PRACTITIONER, CELEBRATED THE LAUNCH OF HER NEW MED SPA WITH AN EVENING OF TREATS, RAFFLES, AND SWAG BAGS.

JOANNA'S MED SPA WILL OFFER A FULL SUITE OF AESTHETIC SERVICES, INCLUDING COSMETIC INJECTABLES SUCH AS BOTOX AND FILLERS, ADVANCED SKINCARE TREATMENTS, AND WELLNESS-FOCUSED OPTIONS LIKE VITAMIN AND WEIGHT LOSS INJECTIONS.

HER EXISTING CLIENTS JOINED THE CELEBRATION, ALONG WITH MANY POTENTIAL NEW ONES. JOANNA HAS EXPANDED HER TEAM TO OFFER A BROADER RANGE OF SERVICES AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BECOMING A PART OF THE PLEASANT STREET NEIGHBORHOOD.

IN RECOGNITION OF HER ACHIEVEMENT, SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY'S DISTRICT DIRECTOR, KAYANA JAMES, PRESENTED JOANNA WITH A STATE CITATION TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF HER NEW SMALL BUSINESS.



Events in the Community

12TH ANNUAL ABBY'S HOUSE SPRING-TACULAR - 5/15

DISTRICT 4 COUNCILOR OJEDA ATTENDED THE ABBY'S HOUSE SPRING-TACULAR AT HOLY CROSS'S PRIOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TO SUPPORT THE LONG-STANDING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN DISTRICT 4. ABBY'S HOUSE PROVIDES SHELTER FOR HOMELESS WOMEN, WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN, AND ADVOCATES ON THEIR BEHALF. THE SPRING-TACULAR IS ONE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISING EVENTS OF THE YEAR, FEATURING FOOD TASTINGS FROM AROUND THE CITY AND A WEEK-LONG ONLINE AUCTION. THE EVENT DREW A PACKED CROWD, ALL EAGER TO SUPPORT THIS CRITICALLY NEEDED SHELTER. COUNCILOR OJEDA HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH RESIDENTS AND MEET WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS HOW HE CAN BEST SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION AS THEIR DISTRICT COUNCILOR.



HAITIAN FLAG RAISING - 5/16



ON FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, VICE CHAIRMAN KING JOINED MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY AND SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY FOR AN EARLY CELEBRATION OF HAITIAN FLAG DAY, WHICH FALLS ON SUNDAY, MAY 18TH. THE EVENT FEATURED THE SINGING OF THE HAITIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM, TRADITIONAL DANCE PERFORMANCES, AND SPEECHES FROM SEVERAL DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING THE CONSUL GENERAL OF HAITI IN BOSTON.

GRAND OPENING YATCO - 5/16

ON FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, VICE CHAIRMAN KING JOINED MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY AND WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF LEW EVANGELIDIS FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE YATIM FAMILY'S 20TH YATCO LOCATION. IT HAS BEEN A 30-YEAR JOURNEY MARKED BY HARD WORK, AND THE FAMILY IS PROUD OF ALL THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND THE WAYS THEY'VE GIVEN BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. TO CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING, GAS WAS SOLD FOR \$1.99 PER GALLON, KEEPING THE PUMPS BUSY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.





UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **MONDAY - MAY 19 -**
 - **LAFAYETTE STREET COMMUNITY MEETING (WHA)**
 - TIME: 3:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: 2 LAFAYETTE STREET
- **TUESDAY - MAY 20 -**
 - **MOUNT CARMEL APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 3:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: MT CARMEL APARTMENTS, 50 SHREWSBURY ST
- **WEDNESDAY - MAY 21 -**
 - **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: MA AUDUBON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, 414 MASSASOIT RD
 - **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: WORCESTER BUSINESS CENTER, 67 MILLBROOK ST
 - **BROWN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: BROWN SQUARE CIVIC CLUB, 639 FRANKLIN ST
 - **NORTHERN LINCOLN ST NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: LIVING WORD CHURCH, 30 TYLER PRENTICE RD
- **THURSDAY - MAY 22 -**
 - **MAYOR'S WALK WITH DISTRICT 4 COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA**
 - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: 51 MILLBURY ST
 - **COLUMBUS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES ST



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. Signs 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 TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025, DPW&P WILL BEGIN RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING IN ROUTE 27 SHOWN IN THE GREEN SHADED AREAS ON THE MAP BELOW.

[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 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.