



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

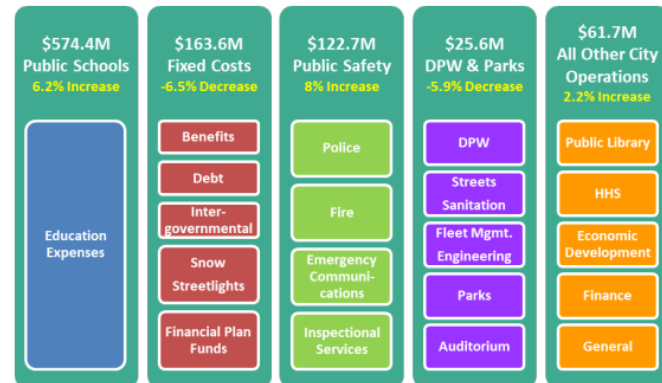
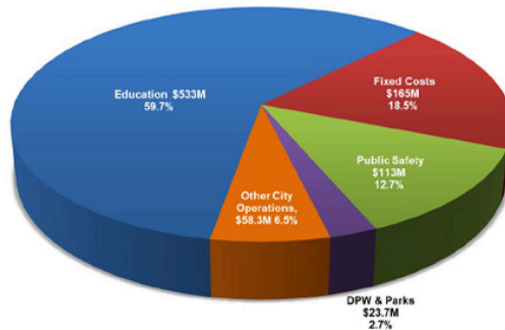
5/20/2025 - 5/26/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 5/20/2025

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Fiscal Year Budget



CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE HOLDS SECOND BUDGET HEARING FOR THE FY26 BUDGET

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HELD IT'S SECOND HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WORCESTER. THE COUNCIL HEARD FROM MULTIPLE CITY DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, INSPECTIONAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER, CITY SOLICITOR, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONER, CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMISSIONER, AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WHO HELPED ANSWER COUNCILORS BUDGET QUESTIONS IN RESPECT TO EACH DEPARTMENT. THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE BUDGET HEARINGS ON MAY 27TH AND JUNE 10TH.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

• TUESDAY, 5/27

- @ 4:00 P.M. - **STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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• WEDNESDAY, 5/28

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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• THURSDAY, 5/29

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **MUNICIPAL & LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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Events in the Community



GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY SERENITY COACHING & COUNSELING- 5/20

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON JOINED MAYOR JOE PETTY AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA IN ATTENDING AND SPEAKING AT THE RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND OPENING CEREMONY FOR 'SERENITY COACHING AND COUNSELING'. THIS CELEBRATION WAS MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE WORCESTER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (WBDC) BY GRANTING SERENITY COACHING AN SBA 504 LOAN THAT GAVE THEM THE CAPITAL TO PURCHASE THEIR NEW LOCATION AT 42 LAKE AVENUE IN WORCESTER. SERENITY COACHING AND COUNSELING PROVIDES THERAPEUTIC CARE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEMSELVES EMOTIONALLY AND MENTALLY.

PAUL J. MOOSEY DPW EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD - 5/22



AS TERRENTIAL RAIN POURED DOWN ON THE CITY OF WORCESTER ON THURSDAY, MAY 22ND, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) HELD THEIR ANNUAL PAUL J. MOOSEY AWARD CEREMONY. THE PAUL J. MOOSEY AWARD GOES TO AN EMPLOYEE OF THE WORCESTER DPW WHO IS A VALUABLE ASSET NOT ONLY TO THE DEPARMENT BUT TO THE CITY. DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON JOINED MAYOR JOE PETTY, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, AND DPW COMMISSIONER JOHN WESTERLING TO HONOR MR. MANUEL (MANNY) TEJADA AS THE 2025 PAUL J. MOOSEY AWARD RECIPIENT. MR. TEJADA WORKS AS AN ASSISTANT CIVIL ENGINEER, TRUSTED TO WORK ON THE CITY'S TOP PROJECTS. MR. TEJADA WAS JOINED BY HIS DAUGHTERS TO CELEBRATE THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT.



Events in the Community



GRAND OPENING - WORCESTER REGIONAL FOOD HUB - 5/23

THE WORCESTER REGIONAL FOOD HUB HELD THEIR GRAND OPENING CEREMONY ON FRIDAY, MAY 23RD WITH WELL OVER 100 ATTENDEES. VICE CHAIRMAN KING AND DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON JOINED MAYOR JOE PETTY, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, AND U.S. CONGRESSMAN JIM MCGOVERN IN CELEBRATING THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT. THE WORCESTER REGIONAL FOOD HUB HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR A FEW YEARS AND WAS ABLE TO OPEN THANKS TO CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ARPA FUNDS, STATE GRANTS, LOCAL AID, AND PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS. THE FOOD HUB SUPPLIES NOT ONLY THE CITY OF WORCESTER BUT ALSO WORCESTER COUNTY BY PARTENRING WITH OVER 160 DISTRIBUTORS, OVER 100 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND 65 FARMS. THIS HUB WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN FIGHTING FOOD INSECURITY THROUGHOUT WORCESTER COUNTY. OTHER OFFICIALS THAT HELPED WELCOME THE FOOD HUB ON FRIDAY INCLUDED COMMISSIONER OF THE MA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES (MDAR) ASHLEY RANDLE ALONG WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES MAHONEY, LEBEOUF, KANE, AND DONAHUE.



5/24 - 'BRAIN' EXHIBIT GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON JOINED MAYOR JOE PETTY FOR A GRAND OPENING OF THE NEWEST EXHIBIT AT THE ECOTARIUM 'INSIDE YOUR BRAIN.' THIS NEW EXHIBIT USES INNOVATIVE SPECIAL EFFECTS, HANDS-ON LEARNING ACTIVITIES, VIDEO GAMES, OPTICAL ILLUSIONS AND INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS. THE BRAIN EXHIBIT SHOWS HOW THE BRAIN FUNCTIONS AND HOW, LIKE OTHER PARTS OF THE BODY, IT CAN SOMETIMES MALFUNCTION. THIS FASCINATING LIMITED-ENGAGEMENT EXHIBIT FOR ALL AGES PROVIDES A HANDS-ON AND UP-CLOSE LOOK AT THE HUMAN BODY'S MOST ESSENTIAL AND FASCINATING ORGAN BY EXPLORING ITS DEVELOPMENT, GEOGRAPHY AND FUNCTION. IN THE PROCESS, THE EXHIBITION MAKES BRAIN-RELATED DISORDERS EASIER TO UNDERSTAND.



5/26 - MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

THE CITY OF WORCESTER HOSTED SEVERAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES, HONORING THE LIVES OF VETERANS THAT GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO OUR NATION. VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING AND, CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY JOINED MAYOR JOE PETTY AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA IN OBSERVING MEMORIAL DAY. THE FIRST EVENT OF THE DAY WAS A REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY AT HOPE CEMETERY, FOLLOWED BY A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL AT GREEN HILL PARK, AND FINALLY A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL ON FOSTER STREET ACROSS FROM UNION STATION.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **WEDNESDAY - MAY 28 -**

- **WHITTIER TERRACE APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: WHITTIER TERRACE APARTMENTS, 86 AUSTIN ST
- **QUINSIGAMOND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: THE JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 46 GREENWOOD ST

- **MONDAY - JUNE 2 -**

- **GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: WRTA MAINTENANCE FACILITY, 42 QUINSIGAMOND AVE

- **WEDNESDAY - JUNE 4 -**

- **SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS, 240 BELMONT ST

- **THURSDAY - JUNE 5 -**

- **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 ST
- **WEBSTER SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: OUR LADY OF THE ANGLES, 1222 MAIN STREET



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.

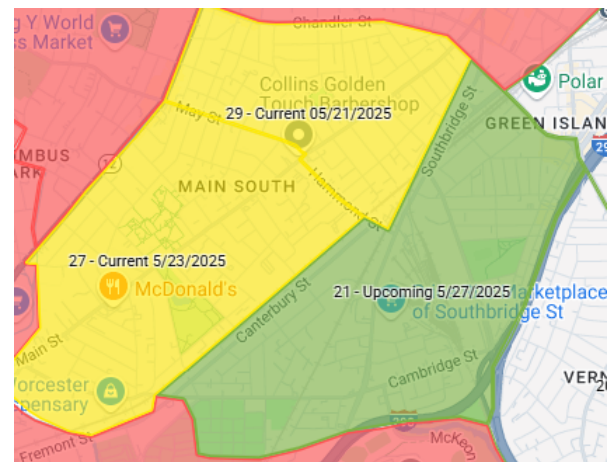
REMINDER: Street Sweepers cannot pick up brush, branches, or yard waste. Residents are advised to bring these items to one of the municipality's yard waste drop-off sites. Violators are subject to fines. Residents and business owners can assist with cleanups by sweeping sidewalk sand and debris into 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 27, 2025, DPW&P WILL BEGIN RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING IN ROUTE 21 SHOWN IN THE GREEN SHADED AREAS ON THE MAP BELOW.

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





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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



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.