



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

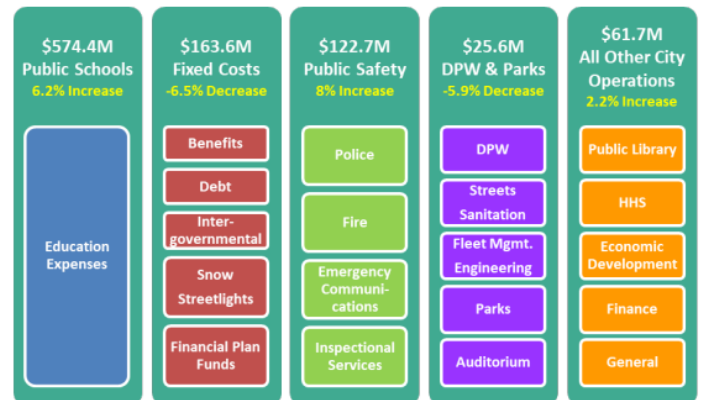
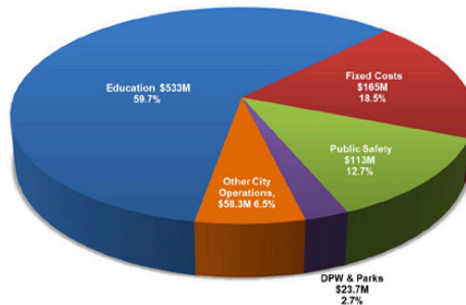
6/10/2025 - 6/16/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6/10/2025

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Fiscal Year Budget



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

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HELD IT'S FINAL HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WORCESTER. THE COUNCIL HEARD FROM MULTIPLE CITY DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING PUBLIC FACILITIES, WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE, AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WHO HELPED ANSWER COUNCILORS BUDGET QUESTIONS IN RESPECT TO EACH DEPARTMENT. THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO MEET ON A JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER AGENDA ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH 5:30 P.M.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **TUESDAY, 6/17**

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**
 - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
 - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL AGENDA](#)
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 - CITY COUNCIL ZOOM PHONE # +1 646 828 7666
 - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 161 599 2759
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- **WEDNESDAY, 6/18**

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING**
 - @ CITY HALL, LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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Events in the Community



RIBBON CUTTING BLITHEWOOD PARK - 6/12

LOCAL OFFICIALS GATHERED WITH NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILIES AND FRIENDS FOR A RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION FOR THE NEWLY RENOVATED PLAYGROUND AT BLITHEWOOD PARK. DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR GEORGE J. RUSSELL WAS JOINED BY MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY, CITY MANAGER ERIC D. BATISTA, DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON, COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE MOE BERGMAN, AND COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY. POLICE CHIEF PAUL SAUCIER WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. THANKS TO THE DEVELOPERS OF THE PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS, 'SOFTLINE', WHO PROVIDED FREE ICE CREAM TO EVERYONE AT THE PARK. LOCAL CHILDREN JOINED IN ON THE CELEBRATION BY HELPING CUT THE RIBBON, OFFICIALLY OPENING THE PLAYGROUND FOR ALL TO ENJOY AT BLITHEWOOD PARK.

WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL - 6/8



ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH, COUNCILOR KATE TOOMEY, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, DELIVERED BRIEF REMARKS AT THE ANNUAL WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY. THE EVENT HONORS FORMER WPD OFFICERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE PREVIOUS YEAR. MAYOR JOE PETTY AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

A SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE OF FF MARK STOMSKI WAS DONE AS HE IS BEING RECOGNIZED AS A LINE OF DUTY DEATH.



Events in the Community

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS ROADSHOW @ DOHERTY - 6/10



THE ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS ROADSHOW WAS IN TOWN ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH TO CELEBRATE HOW AMAZING OF A BUILDING THE NEW DOHERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL IS. THEY TALKED TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE TRADE PROGRAMS AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO GO INTO CAREERS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. CITY MANAGER ERIC BATITISA SPOKE TO THE STUDENTS ABOUT HOW MUCH OF A PRIVILEGE IT IS TO BE ABLE TO LEARN IN A BUILDING LIKE THEIRS AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN WHILE ALSO REMINDING THEM THAT HIS ALMA MATER NORTH HIGH ARE THE WORCESTER BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS.

WORCESTER SENIOR CENTER 25TH ANNIVERSARY - 6/11

THE WORCESTER SENIOR CENTER CELEBRATED ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A JOYOUS EVENT FILLED WITH MUSIC, FOOD, AND ICE CREAM SUNDAES, COURTESY OF SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR GEORGE RUSSELL, COUNCILORS AT-LARGE DONNA COLORIO AND MORRIS BERGMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING, AND MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY. OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS INCLUDED SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE, REPRESENTATIVES DAVID LEBOEUF AND DANIEL DONAHUE, REGISTER OF DEEDS KATHRYN TOOMEY, AND FORMER CITY COUNCILOR GARY ROSEN, WHO PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING TO ESTABLISH THE SENIOR CENTER.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS PRAISED THE WORCESTER SENIOR CENTER, HIGHLIGHTING ITS EXEMPLARY PROGRAMMING AND NOTING THAT OTHER SENIOR CENTERS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH OFTEN LOOK TO WORCESTER AS A MODEL FOR IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION.





Events in the Community

VICE CHAIRMAN KING VISITS NORTH HIGH CIVICS CLASS - 6/11

VICE CHAIRMAN KING RETURNED TO MS. ORTIZ'S NORTH HIGH CIVIC CLASS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INTERESTS OF WORCESTER STUDENTS. THE CLASS WAS WORKING ON THEIR FINAL PROJECTS, WHICH THEY WILL PRESENT TO THEIR PEERS DURING THE LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL. PROJECT TOPICS INCLUDED BIKING SAFETY FOR WORCESTER TEENS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND PET WELL-BEING, MENTAL HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH STUDENTS THE ISSUES THAT MATTER MOST TO THEM AND HOW THEY CAN GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL POLITICS.



MILLBURY STREET MAYORS WALK - 6/12



AFTER HAVING TO RESCHEDULE DUE TO RAIN, IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL THURSDAY FOR THE MILLBURY STREET MAYORS WALK. COUNCILOR OJEDA, MAYOR PETTY, AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS WERE JOINED RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND EVEN A FEW HOLY CROSS STUDENTS ON A WALK TO IDENTIFY ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. MANY OF THE PROBLEMS ARE FIXES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED ON THE SCENE FOR SUBMISSION BY STAFF TO THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.



THE OVERALL THEME OF THE WALK WAS TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS, CRIME, AND TRASH THAT ARE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT WILL TAKE A MUCH LONGER AND TARGETED APPROACH TO ADDRESS. COUNCILOR OJEDA HELPED INITIATE THIS WALK AFTER MEETING WITH THE BUSINESS IN THE AREA THAT HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT ONGOING ISSUES.



UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **TUESDAY - JUNE 17 -**

- **MOUNT CARMEL APARTMENTS MEETING**

- TIME: 3:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: MOUNT CARMEL APARTMENTS, 50 SHREWSBURY ST

- **WEDNESDAY - JUNE 18 -**

- **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: MA AUDUBON, 414 MASSASOIT STREET

- **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: WORCESTER BUSINESS CENTER, 67 MILLBROOK STREET

- **THURSDAY - JUNE 19-**

- **MILL STREET 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, 81 PROVIDENCE STREET



City Hall Parking Updates

The City of Worcester announced Thursday new parking updates at City Hall, including relocating spaces available for public visitor parking from the garage to Main Street, effective Monday, June 23. In support of operational changes to enhance security, the garage at City Hall will be available for use by authorized vehicles only.

To provide short-term visitors a convenient option, nine new 30-minute on-street parking spots will be established in front of City Hall on Main Street along with two handicapped parking spaces on Franklin Street on the south side of City Hall.

Also starting Monday, June 23, visitors to City Hall will enter through the front entrance on Main Street where they will pass through a security checkpoint and then check in at a visitor kiosk where they will receive a visitor badge. Access through the Worcester Common entrance will be restricted to the public restrooms.

“These parking updates are critical to our newly implemented security measures,” said City Manager Eric D. Batista. “This will allow for a single point of entry for visitors to be screened so we have a clear account of who is in the building and what they are doing if an emergency were to ever take place. The new 30-minute parking spots will allow for convenient visitation in addition to the many nearby garages and lots. I want to thank the departments of Emergency Management & Communications, Transportation & Mobility, and the Worcester Fire Department for their interdepartmental work to bring these changes to fruition.”

Once the garage restrictions are in place, non-employee visitors who drive to City Hall will need to choose from one of several nearby parking options. In addition to the new 30-minute and handicapped spaces, on-street parking is also provided on Main Street, Front Street, Federal Street, and other locations near City Hall. Most of these spaces have a 2-hour limit and are metered (\$1.50 per hour).

Longer-term parkers may find one of the many public parking garages or parking lots downtown more convenient. These include municipally operated Pearl Elm garage (900 ft.), Federal Plaza (900 ft.), Worcester Common Garage (1500 ft.), and the McGrath Library lot (1500 ft.). In addition, City Hall is served by the WRTA routes 2, 3, 6, 7, 19, 27, 31, and 33. Many services available at City Hall may also be conducted at the Worcester 311 Customer Service Center at 799 Main St.



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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.