



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

6/24/2025 - 6/30/2025



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6/24/2025

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#### ITEM 5A:

#### EVALUATION OF THE CITY MANAGER

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HELD THEIR ANNUAL CITY MANAGER EVALUATION PROCESS AT THE LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING. EACH CITY COUNCILOR IN ATTENDANCE HAD FILLED OUT AN EVALUATION FORM, THEN SPOKE ABOUT THEIR REVIEW ON THE CITY MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE OVER THE LAST YEAR. MANY TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED IN GREAT DETAIL. COUNCILORS BROUGHT UP THE HANDLING OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS, CITY GROUPS, CONSTITUENT CONCERNS, SCHOOLS, ROAD MANAGEMENT, SNOW REMOVAL, FINANCES AND MANY OTHER TOPICS. COUNCILORS AIRED THEIR GRIEVANCES AND CONCERNS IN SOME ASPECTS WHILE ALSO APPLAUDING THE CITY MANAGER IN AREAS WHERE THEY BELIEVED THE CITY EXCELLED IN. THE CITY MANAGER EVALUATION IS AN ANNUAL OCCURENCE THAT TAKES PLACE IN THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:



- **TUESDAY, 7/1**

- INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION
  - WHERE: CIRSTOFORO COLOMBO PARK
  - WHEN: 5:00 P.M.
  - LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES, AND MORE!
- RAIN DATE WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY 7/2

- **FRIDAY JULY 4TH -**

- CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Check out our previous newsletters!







## Events in the Community

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME DEDICATION- 6/25



DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR GEORGE J. RUSSELL ATTENDED HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S HOME DEDICATION CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> TO WELCOME FAMILIES TO THEIR NEW HOMES AND THANK THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THESE EFFORTS. "HAVING GROWN UP JUST AROUND THE BLOCK FROM HERE, I CAN CONFIDENTALLY TELL YOU THAT YOU WILL QUICKLY CALL THIS NEIGHBORHOOD 'HOME'." SAID COUNCILOR RUSSELL TO THE FAMILIES WHO MOVED INTO THE SUNDERLAND ROAD HOMES CREATED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. THE CITY OF WORCESTER SOLD THIS LAND TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND ALSO PROVIDED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO ASSIST HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WITH THE PURCHASE OF BUILDING MATERIALS WHICH AT THE TIME WERE QUICKLY RISING IN PRICE.



DEBBIE HOAK, CEO OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE METROWEST/GREATER WORCESTER, WAS THERE TO ALSO SAY A FEW WORDS, THANKING THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED CONSTRUCT AND FUND THE HOMES. TWO FAMILIES WERE WELCOMED THIS DAY FOR THE TWO HOMES BUILT ON SUNDERLAND ROAD. COUNCILOR RUSSELL CONTINUED TO THANK THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO CREATE THESE AFFORDABLE HOMES.

### COUNCILOR OJEDA ENCOURAGES NEW DEVELOPMENT - 6/23

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA RECENTLY BROUGHT CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER PETER DUNN TO MEET WITH A PROPERTY OWNER INTERESTED IN CREATING ADDITIONAL HOUSING FOR THE CITY. BOTH THE COUNCILOR AND MR. DUNN OFFERED GUIDANCE ON HOW TO ALIGN THE PROPERTY OWNER'S VISION WITH THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT GOALS. COUNCILOR OJEDA EMPHASIZED HIS COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH DEVELOPERS TO HELP THEM NAVIGATE CITY PROCESSES WHILE ALSO SERVING AS A SOUNDING BOARD FOR NEW IDEAS.





## Events in the Community

### MAYOR WALK CANAL DISTRICT - 6/25



MAYOR JOE PETTY CONDUCTED ONE OF HIS MAYOR WALKS IN THE CANAL DISTRICT ON GREEN STREET ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>. DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON, POLICE CHIEF PAUL SAUCIER, INSPECTIONAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER NICHOLAS ANTANAVICA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY COMMISSIONER STEPHEN ROLLE, BUSINESS OWNERS, RESIDENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE CANAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND KEY AREAS SUCH AS HOW THE CITY CAN MAKE THE CANAL DISTRICT CLEANER AND SAFER AND ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES TO FILL EMPTY RETAIL SPACE.

### WORCESTER POLICE GRADUATION - 6/27

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27, COUNCILOR KATE TOOMEY, ALONGSIDE MAYOR JOE PETTY, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOE EARLY, CONGRATULATED 22 OFFICERS ON GRADUATING FROM THE WORCESTER POLICE ACADEMY.

OF THE GRADUATING CLASS, 18 OFFICERS WILL SERVE THE CITY OF WORCESTER, THREE WILL SERVE THE TOWN OF AUBURN, AND ONE WILL JOIN THE TOWN OF HOLDEN. THIS CLASS IS AMONG THE MOST DIVERSE IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT AND IS THE FIRST TO COMPLETE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) TRAINING.

OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE OFFICERS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN FIREARMS, FIRST AID, LEGAL PROCEDURES, DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES, AND MORE. DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO AND DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA ALSO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE NEW OFFICERS.







# UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **MONDAY - JUNE 23 -**

- **BURNCOAT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**
  - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
  - WHERE: BURNCOAT SENIOR HIGH, 179 BURNCOAT ST

- **WEDNESDAY - JUNE 25 -**

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

- **THURSDAY - JUNE 26-**

- **COLUMBUS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
  - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
  - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES STREET

- **MONDAY, JUNE 30 -**

- **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
  - TIME: 6:30 P.M.
  - WHERE: ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, 228 LINCOLN STREET

- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 -**

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



## City Beaches, Pools, and Spray Parks

The City of Worcester has made significant investment into its parks, playgrounds, pools and beaches in recent years. A park of note is Coes Pond Park for its updated accessibility features. This park offers the region's first state-of-the-art, universally accessible, multigenerational park and playground. This park and playground is a place for all ages and abilities to exercise, play, enjoy nature and relax. Many of the other parks offer updated playgrounds, fields, water features, and endless opportunities to explore nature. The Parks Division is seeking seasonal lifeguards to join our team in keeping our community pools and beaches safe. If you are interested in joining the Parks Division, please view our [Seasonal Employment Opportunities](#).

The City of Worcester has one pool, three spray parks and four beaches. The City is also home to three state beaches and pools. All sites are normally open to the public from 12 to 7 p.m. every day beginning July 1.

- [Bell Pond Beach](#)
- 238 Belmont St., Worcester, MA
- [Coes Pond/John J. Binienda Memorial Beach](#)
- 180 Mill St., Worcester, MA
- [Cristoforo Colombo/East Spray Park](#)
- 180 Shrewsbury St., Worcester, MA
- [Crompton Park Pool](#)
- 50 Canton St., Worcester, MA
- [Greenwood Spray Park](#)
- 14 Forsberg St., Worcester, MA
- [Indian Lake Beach](#)
- 20 Clason Rd., Worcester, MA
- [Shore Park Beach](#)
- 115 Shore Dr. , Worcester, MA
- [University \(Crystal\) Spray Park](#)
- 115 965 Main St. , Worcester, MA





# 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.