



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

9/15/2025 - 9/21/2025



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 9/16/2025

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#### ITEM 8.11

**INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF STREET & SIDEWALK PROJECTS AS OF AUG.31, 2025**

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY (DTM) REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF ON-GOING AND FORTHCOMING PROJECTS IN THE CITY AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025. CITY COUNCILORS SPOKE ON THE ITEM, ASKING QUESTIONS AT LARGE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF DTM WHO ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS RAISED BY CITY COUNCILORS. THE CITY COUNCIL THEN MOVED TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY NOW INCLUDE THE INFORMATION OF WHAT YEAR THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO SELECT SAID PROJECTS FOR FUNDING. THE ITEM WAS VOTED TO BE REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.



#### ITEM 8.14

**INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO THE CITY'S TORNADO RESPONSE**

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION & MANAGEMENT REGARDING THE SEVERE WEATHER LEADING TO A TORNADO THAT TOUCHED DOWN IN NEIGHBORING TOWNS ON SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>. THE FINAL FINDINGS SHOW THAT SEVERAL TORNADOS TOUCHDOWNED ACROSS WORCESTER AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES AND TWO SEPARATE TORNADOES TOUCHED DOWN IN PAXTON AND HOLDEN RESPECTIVELY. PEAK WINDS FOR THE TORNADOES WERE EXPECTED TO BE AROUND 100 MPH. THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION PLAYS A LEAD ROLE IN ENSURING THE CITY'S READY TO RESPOND TO HARSH EMERGENCIES.



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## Standing Committee Meetings



### TRAFFIC & PARKING:

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 9/17/2025

- CHAIRPERSON - **DONNA M. COLORIO** - CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE
  - VICE CHAIRPERSON - **KHRYSTIAN E. KING** - CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE
  - COMMITTEE MEMBER - **JENNY PACILLO** - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR
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**REMEMBER,  
YOU CAN ALWAYS  
LOOK BACK  
TO REVIEW OUR  
*PREVIOUS ISSUES!***







## Events in the Community



### ROOSEVELT SCHOOL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS - 9/17

THE ROOSEVELT SCHOOL CELEBRATED A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS THAT WAS COMPLETED EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE TRAFFIC JAMS THAT WOULD STEM FROM SCHOOL DISMISSAL PICKUP BECAME A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE IN THE AREA, PITTING PARENTS, BUSINESSES, AND RESIDENTS AGAINST EACH OTHER. THE COMPLETED PROJECT ADDED 40 NEW PARKING SPACES AND RECONFIGURED A NEW BUS LANE TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC BUILDUP ALONG GRAFTON AND SUNDERLAND ROADS. DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR GEORGE RUSSELL, MAYOR JOE PETTY, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER DIANNA BIANCHERIA, SUPERINTENDENT BRIAN ALLEN, AND STATE SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE WERE ALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THE LONG AWAITED PROJECT.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **WEDNESDAY, 9/24/2025**

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **PUBLIC WORKS MEETING**

- @ City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber
- [CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL AGENDA](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO CALL IN THE DAY OF](#)
- City Council Zoom Phone Number: +1 646 828 7666
- ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 161 599 2759

- **TUESDAY, 9/30/2025**

- @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER
- [CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL AGENDA](#)



# UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 24 -**
  - **WHITTIER TERRACE APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: WHITTIER TERRACE, 86 AUSTIN ST
  - **QUINSIGAMOND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 46 GREENWOOD ST
- **THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 25 -**
  - **COLUMBUS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES ST
- **MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 30 -**
  - **ELM PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: ALL SAINTS CHURCH, 10 IRVING ST
  - **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, 228 LINCOLN ST
- **WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 1 -**
  - **SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS, 240 BELMONT ST
- **THURSDAY - OCTOBER 2 -**
  - **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 ANGELS, 1222 MAIN STREET





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### City of Worcester Launches Grant Program for Minority and Women-Owned Businesses in Construction

The City of Worcester Business & Community Development Division announced Monday a new grant program for Worcester-based businesses.

The M/WBE Construction Advancement Program aims to support Certified Minority and Women-Owned Worcester-based businesses in construction or construction-related sectors with operational expenses to give them greater capacity for contracting opportunities. This program is funded by settlement funds received through the Attorney General's False Claims Division.

"This exciting program builds on the municipality's existing efforts to support the certification of Minority and Women-Owned Businesses," City Manager Eric D. Batista said. "It also aligns with the goals we set out in the Worcester Now | Next long-range plan to enable and support diverse neighborhood scale commerce in order to contribute to community wealth-building, neighborhood stabilization, and quality of life along neighborhood commercial corridors. Investing in these businesses will mean investing in our neighborhoods."

Eligibility Criteria for Businesses:

- Certified by the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) or recognized third-party certifying agencies,
- Active for-profit located within the City of Worcester,
- In the construction sector or construction-related sectors, and,
- In good standing with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Worcester.

If a business is selected, it is required to provide grant reporting with supporting documentation detailing how grant funds were used.

**Funding Level:** Each eligible business can receive \$10,000 - \$25,000 in grant funding from this program dependent on evaluation criteria. Grant funding requests will be capped at 25% of business yearly expenses, up to \$25,000.

**Submission:** As of Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, applications are now being accepted. Applications can be found at [MWBE Construction Advancement Grant | City of Worcester](#).

The application form is available as a fillable PDF and can be submitted via email to [development@worcesterma.gov](mailto:development@worcesterma.gov).

**Deadline:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until program funds are exhausted.

**Questions:** Send questions via email to [development@worcesterma.gov](mailto:development@worcesterma.gov).



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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.