



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

9/22/2025 - 9/28/2025



REMINDER:

The next City Council meeting
will take place on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

(9/23/25 - No Meeting was held)

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LOOK BACK
TO REVIEW OUR
PREVIOUS ISSUES!**





Standing Committee Meetings



PUBLIC WORKS:

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 9/24/2025

- CHAIRPERSON - **GEORGE J. RUSSELL - DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **CANDY MERO-CARLSON - DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **JENNY PACILLO - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR**
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **WEDNESDAY, 10/15/2025**
 - @ 5:00 P.M. - **TRAFFIC AND PARKING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
 - @ City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber
- **TUESDAY, 10/21/2025**
 - @ 5:30 P.M. - **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**
 - @ City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber
 - @ 5:30 P.M. - **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**
 - @ City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber



Events in the Community



WORCESTER FIRE PROMOTION CEREMONY - 9/24

THE WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT HELD A CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING CELEBRATING THE PROMOTIONS OF 14 INDIVIDUAL FIREFIGHTERS AND ONE UNIT THAT WAS AWARDED A CITATION IN RECOGNITION OF LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS DURING A RECENT INCIDENT THIS YEAR. CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY SPOKE AT THE CEREMONY ALONG WITH MAYOR JOE PETTY, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, DEPUTY CHIEF RICHESON, DEPUTY CHIEF MOSLEY, AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOE EARLY. FAMILIES AND FRIENDS PACKED THE LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER TO CELEBRATE THEIR LOVED ONES BEING PROMOTED. IN TOTAL, THESE MEN HAVE INVESTED OVER 200 YEARS OF THEIR LIVES INTO THE WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE CITY OF WORCESTER IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PROVES IT BY INVESTING MORE MONEY INTO THE SAFETY OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS, INCLUDING BETTER EQUIPMENT AND AN INVESTMENT OF OVER \$40 MILLION TO CONSTRUCT THE SOUTH DIVISION FIRE STATION. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE PROMOTED AND RECOGNIZED!

DR. CASTIEL RETIREMENT CELEBRATION PROCLAMATION - 9/25



ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR AND DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA HELPED SURPRISE DR. MATILDE CASTIEL IN CELEBRATION OF HER RETIREMENT AND HER 10 HONORABLE YEARS OF SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WORCESTER. COUNCILOR OJEDA DELIVERED A PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF MAYOR PETTY WHO COULDN'T BE PRESENT FOR THE OCCASION.

DR. CASTIEL SERVED FOR 36 YEARS IN THE WORCESTER COMMUNITY AS A BOARD-CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN IN INTERNAL MEDICINE, INCLUDING ROLES AT UMASS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER AND THE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF WORCESTER. SHE IS ALSO AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INTERNAL MEDICINE, FAMILY MEDICINE, AND PSYCHIATRY AT UMASS CHAN MEDICAL SCHOOL.

DURING HER DECADE AS COMMISSIONER, THE HHS DEPARTMENT PRIORITIZED HOMELESSNESS AND OPIOID TREATMENT BY STAFFING THE DEPARTMENT WITH HOMELESS OUTREACH COORDINATORS AND RECOVERY COACHES, AND BY ESTABLISHING NEW TASK FORCES AND INITIATIVES. FOR DR. CASTIEL, THIS WORK WAS MORE THAN A JOB—IT WAS HER PURPOSE. EVEN AS SHE STEPS AWAY FROM THE OFFICIAL ROLE, SHE PLANS TO REMAIN INVOLVED IN THE MISSION SHE HAS LED WITH SUCH DEDICATION.



UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

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



CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY



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.

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

Questions: Send questions via email to development@worcesterma.gov.



CITY OF WORCESTER

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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.