



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

10/6/2025 - 10/12/2025



### **REMINDER:**

The next City Council meeting  
will take place on  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

(10/7/25 – No Meeting was held)

### **PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- THE LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>. YOU MAY WATCH THE VIDEO AND REVIEW THE MINUTES BELOW!
- [CITY COUNCIL VIDEO](#)
- [CITY COUNCIL MINUTES](#)



**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
- @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
  - @ City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber

**REMEMBER,  
YOU CAN ALWAYS  
LOOK BACK  
TO REVIEW OUR  
*PREVIOUS ISSUES!***







## Events in the Community



### GRAND OPENING OF RESTORED 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WATER FOUNTAIN - 10/7

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, MAYOR JOE PETTY AND DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON JOINED COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LOCAL LEADERS AT THE BEECHWOOD HOTEL TO CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF A FULLY RESTORED 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WATER FOUNTAIN, A SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL ASSET NOW PERMANENTLY HOUSED ON THE HOTEL'S GROUNDS.

ORIGINALLY COMMISSIONED IN 1879, THE ORNATE FOUNTAIN WAS FIRST INSTALLED IN FAIRMOUNT PARK IN PHILADELPHIA, WHERE IT REMAINED UNTIL 1945. AFTER DECADES OF DISREPAIR, THE FOUNTAIN WAS PURCHASED IN 2018 BY DR. CHARLES BIRBARA, WHO COMMISSIONED THE PAINSTAKING RESTORATION PROCESS TO RETURN THE FOUNTAIN TO ITS ORIGINAL GRANDEUR.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN IS NOW A PUBLICLY VIEWABLE LANDMARK THAT ENRICHES WORCESTER'S HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE.



### ITALIAN FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - 10/10

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, MEMBERS OF WORCESTER'S ITALIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY GATHERED ON THE FRONT PLAZA OF CITY HALL FOR THE ITALIAN FLAG RAISING CEREMONY. THEY WERE JOINED BY MAYOR JOE PETTY, DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON, AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR KHRYSTIAN KING, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER DIANA BIANCHERIA, AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA TO COMMEMORATE THE DEEP CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TIES BETWEEN WORCESTER AND ITS ITALIAN-AMERICAN RESIDENTS.

DURING THE CEREMONY, MAYOR PETTY, COUNCILOR MERO-CARLSON, AND CITY MANAGER BATISTA DELIVERED REMARKS REFLECTING ON THE RICH HISTORY OF ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS IN WORCESTER AND THE WAYS IN WHICH THEY HAVE HELPED SHAPE THE CITY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH, CIVIC LIFE, AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE.

MAYOR PETTY PRESENTED A FORMAL CITATION TO KEVIN MERCADANTE, RECOGNIZING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF WORCESTER'S ITALIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.





# UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **MONDAY - OCTOBER 13 -**
  - **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT ST
- **WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 15 -**
  - **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: MA AUDUBON CONSERVATION CENTER, 414 MASSASOIT RD
  - **BROWN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: BROWN SQUARE CIVIC CLUB, 639 FRANKLIN ST
- **THURSDAY - OCTOBER 16 -**
  - **MILL STREET AREA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES ST
  - **UNION HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: WORCESTER ACADEMY, 81 PROVIDENCE ST
- **WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 22 -**
  - **WHITTIER TERRACE 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 - OCTOBER 23 -**
  - **COLUMBUS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES ST





# 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.