



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

12/30/2025 - 1/4/2026



### **REMINDER:**

The next City Council meeting  
will take place on  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH**

(12/30 - Holiday - NO Meeting!)

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







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# 2026 INAUGURATION



**ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL AND WORCESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE WERE SWORN IN AT AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY HOSTED AT DOHERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL. THE CEREMONY WAS EMCEED BY DR. CHARLES STEINBERG, PRESIDENT OF THE WORCESTER RED SOX. PERFORMANCES WERE ALSO MADE BY DOHERTY HIGH STUDENTS AND 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADER ANGELO GRAY OF NELSON PLACE ELEMENTARY SANG THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. THERE WERE READINGS FROM THE NEW WORCESTER POET LAUREATE NICOLE JEAN TURNER AND THE NEW WORCESTER YOUTH POET LAUREATE SAMARA TANG-RAINWATER. CITY COUNCILORS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE CELEBRATED WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.**







### Worcester Announces Permanent Winter Parking Ban in Effect Dec. 1 Through April 30

**WORCESTER, MASS.** – THE CITY OF WORCESTER ANNOUNCED MONDAY ITS PERMANENT WINTER PARKING BAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT DEC. 1, 2025, AND WILL REMAIN THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026 (APRIL 1 FOR RESIDENTIAL STREETS). THE PERMANENT WINTER PARKING BAN APPLIES TO EMERGENCY ARTERIES, WRTA BUS ROUTES, AND STREETS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. THERE IS NO PARKING ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF THE AFFECTED STREET BETWEEN 2 A.M. AND 6 A.M. NOR ANY TIME A SNOW EMERGENCY IS DECLARED.

IN ADDITION TO THE PERMANENT WINTER PARKING BAN, A DECLARED WINTER PARKING BAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON ALL OTHER CITY STREETS WHENEVER ACCUMULATING SNOW IS FORECAST. WHEN A DECLARED BAN IS IN EFFECT, PARKING IS ALLOWED ONLY ON THE ODD-NUMBERED SIDE OF OTHER STREETS, UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE, AND MUNICIPAL PARKING GARAGES WILL BE FREE TO USE UNTIL NOTED FOLLOWING THE BAN'S LIFTING. PARKING ENFORCEMENT—INCLUDING TICKETING AND TOWING—WILL BE ACTIVE DURING A DECLARED BAN, AS ADHERENCE TO PARKING BANS IS CRITICAL TO ALLOW MUNICIPAL CREWS TO KEEP ROADWAYS CLEAR AND SAFE.

WORCESTER 311 IS THE OFFICIAL SOURCE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON WINTER PARKING BANS, PARKING REGULATIONS ON YOUR STREET, AND SNOW COMPLAINTS.

#### FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON WINTER PARKING BANS:

- FOLLOW WORCESTER 311 ON TWITTER (X) AND FACEBOOK
- WATCH GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL 192

ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES ARE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO EFFECTIVE SNOW REMOVAL EFFORTS. VEHICLES THAT VIOLATE THE WINTER PARKING BAN OR OTHERWISE HINDER SNOW REMOVAL WILL BE TICKETED AND TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. PLEASE SUPPORT THE MUNICIPALITY'S EFFORTS BY PARKING YOUR VEHICLE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE WINTER PARKING BAN.

#### **WINTER PARKING RULES**

WINTER PARKING BANS ON PUBLIC STREETS FALL UNDER TWO CATEGORIES, **PERMANENT** AND **DECLARED**.

- **A PERMANENT BAN** REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1ST THROUGH APRIL 30TH ON EMERGENCY ARTERIES, WRTA BUS ROUTES, AND STREETS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. THERE IS NO PARKING ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET BETWEEN 2 A.M. AND 6 A.M. AND ANYTIME A SNOW EMERGENCY IS DECLARED.
- **A DECLARED BAN** IS PUT INTO EFFECT ON ALL REMAINING CITY STREETS WHENEVER ACCUMULATING SNOW IS FORECAST. WHEN A DECLARED BAN IS IN EFFECT, RESTRICTIONS APPLY THAT TYPICALLY ALLOW PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET.







# UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 7**

- **COES POND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: COES POND VILLAGE, 39 FIRST ST

- **THURSDAY - JANUARY 8**

- **MAIN SOUTH BEACON BRIGHTLY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: YMCA, 766 MAIN ST

- **BURNCOAT/GREENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: ST. MICHAEL'S ON THE HEIGHTS, 340 BURNCOAT ST

- **SOUTH LENOX STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT ST

- **MONDAY - JANUARY 12**

- **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT ST

- **WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 14**

- **MOUNT CARMEL APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **SAXON ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, 15 JAMESBURY DR

- **NEWTON SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, 551 PLEASANT 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



GARY  
ROSEN



KATHLEEN M.  
TOOMEY



DR. SATYA B. MITRA

### DISTRICT CITY COUNCILORS



**DISTRICT 1**  
TONY ECONOMOU



**DISTRICT 2**  
ROBERT A. BILOTTA



**DISTRICT 3**  
JOHN P. FRESOLO



**DISTRICT 4**  
LUIS A. OJEDA, SR.



**DISTRICT 5**  
JOSE A. RIVERA



## **Standing Committees of the City Council, 2026 – 2027\***

### **Economic Development**

Morris A. Bergman, Chairperson  
Kathleen M. Toomey  
Satya B. Mitra

### **Education**

Khrystian E. King, Chairperson  
Tony Economou  
Gary Rosen

### **Municipal and Legislative Operations**

Satya B. Mitra, Chairperson  
Gary Rosen  
Morris A. Bergman

### **Public Health and Human Services**

Gary Rosen, Chairperson  
Khrystian E. King  
Kathleen M. Toomey

### **Public Safety**

Kathleen M. Toomey, Chairperson  
Morris A. Bergman  
Tony Economou

### **Public Service and Transportation**

Robert A. Bilotta, Chairperson  
John P. Fresolo  
Luis A. Ojeda

### **Public Works**

Tony Economou, Chairperson  
Satya B. Mitra  
John P. Fresolo

### **Traffic and Parking**

Jose A. Rivera, Chairperson  
Luis A. Ojeda  
Robert A. Bilotta

### **Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment**

Luis A. Ojeda, Chairperson  
Jose A. Rivera  
Khrystian E. King

### **Veterans' Memorial, Parks and Recreation**

John P. Fresolo  
Robert A. Bilotta  
Jose A. Rivera

### **Finance and Ordinances**

Mayor and Entire City Council

**\*Please refer to Appendix B of the Rules of City Council for definitions of each Standing Committee and the departments/divisions they oversee.**





**WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING SCHEDULE – 2026**

**January**

January 6 – **No Meeting – Holiday**  
January 13 – **Joint Agenda**  
January 20 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**  
January 27 – **City Manager Agenda**

**February**

February 3 – **City Council Agenda**  
February 10 – **City Manager Agenda**  
February 17 – **No Meeting – School Break**  
February 24 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

**March**

March 3 – **City Council Agenda**  
March 10 – **City Manager / Econ. Dev.**  
March 17 – **City Council Agenda**  
March 24 – **City Manager Agenda**  
March 31 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**

**April**

April 7 – **No Meeting – Passover**  
April 14 – **Joint Agenda**  
April 21 – **No Meeting – School Break**  
April 28 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

**May**

May 5 – **City Manager Agenda**  
May 12 – **City Council Agenda**  
May 19 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**  
May 26 – **Joint Agenda**

**June**

June 2 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**  
June 9 – **Joint Agenda**  
June 16 – **City Manager Agenda**  
June 23 – **City Council Agenda**  
June 30 – **City Manager Evaluation**

**July**

July 7 – **No Meeting**  
July 14 – **No Meeting**  
July 21 – **Joint Agenda**  
July 28 – **No Meeting**

**August**

August 4 – **No Meeting**  
August 11 – **No Meeting**  
August 18 – **Joint Agenda**  
August 25 – **No Meeting**

**September**

September 1 – **No Meeting – State Primary**  
September 8 – **Joint Agenda / Econ. Dev.**  
September 15 – **City Manager Agenda**  
September 22 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**  
September 29 – **City Manager Agenda**

**October**

October 6 – **City Council Agenda**  
October 13 – **City Manager Agenda**  
October 20 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**  
October 27 – **No Meeting – Early Voting**

**November**

November 3 – **No Meeting – State Election**  
November 10 – **Joint Agenda**  
November 17 – **City Manager Agenda**  
November 24 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**

**December**

December 1 – **No Meeting – Holiday**  
December 8 – **Joint Agenda**  
December 15 – **City Manager Agenda**  
December 22 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**  
December 29 – **No Meeting – School Break**

Each Meeting convenes at 6:30 p.m. in the Esther Howland (South) Chamber on the Third Floor of