

October 12, 2021

To All Proposers:

Subject: RFP No. 7676-W2, Software – Agenda Management / City Clerk

#### **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

With reference to our proposal request relative to the above subject, please refer to the changes/modifications/clarifications to the original request.

#### PLEASE SEE BELOW QUESTIONS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES FROM CITY

- 1. REAP Program: Is this section intended for individuals?

  No, this is a standard business form relative to taxes. The City will not issue an award absent this form.
- With regards to E.I. Number, would a W9 suffice? Yes, a W9 is sufficient.
- 3. #6 of requirements: Could you please provide an example/image of the "jackets"? Please see attached "petition-jacket-example".
- 4. #10 of requirements: Can you provide an example of your workflow? Please see attached "Item Flow Chart AP".
- 5. #12 of requirements: Can you provide the following:
  - a. Detailed use case
  - b. Description
  - c. Flowchart
  - d. Example of your Home Grown process

Please see attached "WorcesterinhouseAppCCO and WorcesterinhouseAppCCM"

- 6. Is it your intention to continue to use Laserfiche after your Agenda Software Management System is implemented?
  - Continuing to use Laserfische is the ideal solution, but if another repository can intake our current database that would also be a solution.
- 7. Reading through your pricing requirements it seems you are not looking for a software solution, would a SAAS be acceptable?
  - Yes, this would be acceptable.
- 8. If we are not compliant or partially compliant with all requirements, will bid submission be considered? No, you must meet the City's minimum requirements in order to be evaluated on the comparative.

Proposers are requested to acknowledge and/or include this addendum with submission. All other terms, conditions and specifications remain unchanged.

Very truly yours,

Christopher J. Gagliastro Purchasing Director

### **PETITION**

cc2021oct07114914 In City Council: 10/12/2021

Dianne Protano request installation of two (2) bollards in the vicinity of Protano Sq. memorial plaque in order to protect the plaque.

#### PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE



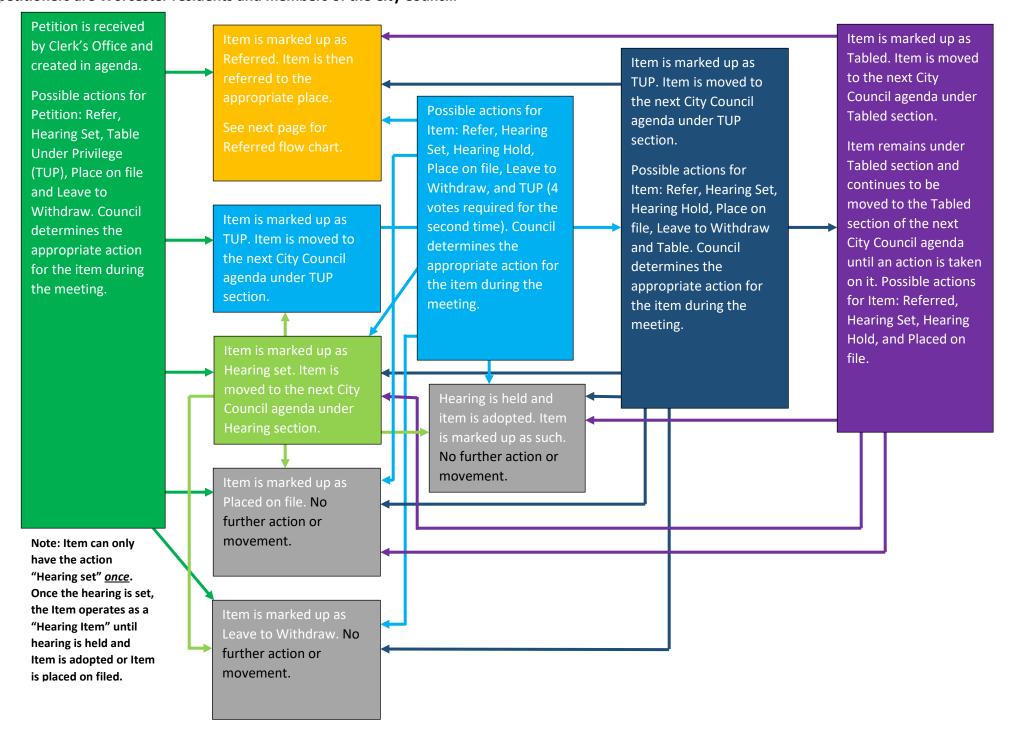
#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**



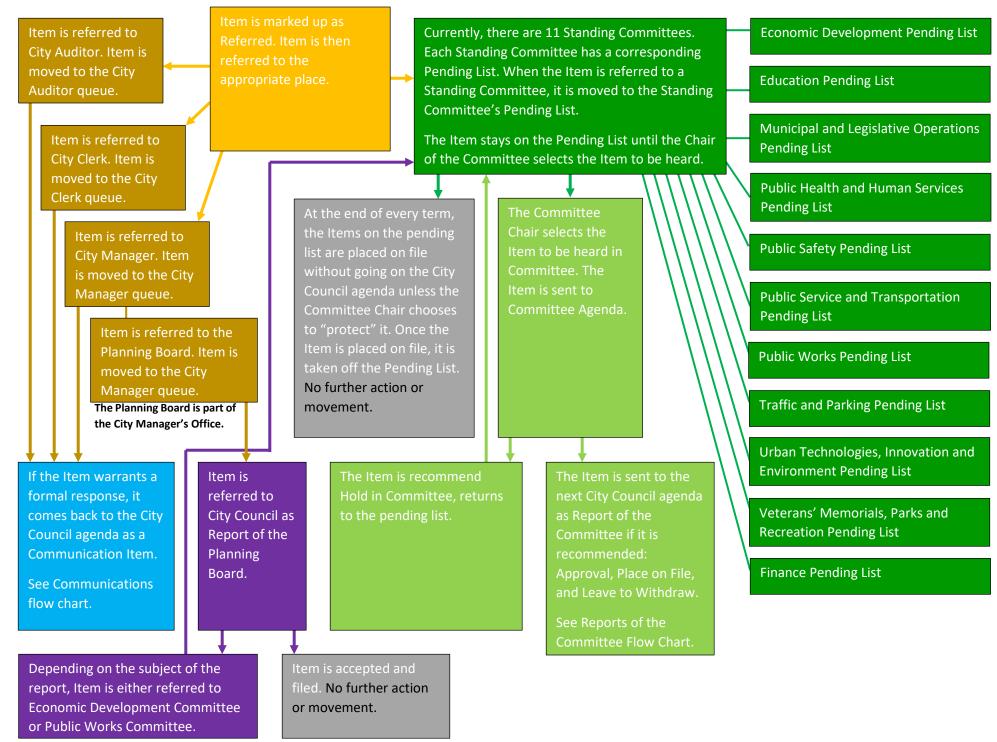
#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**



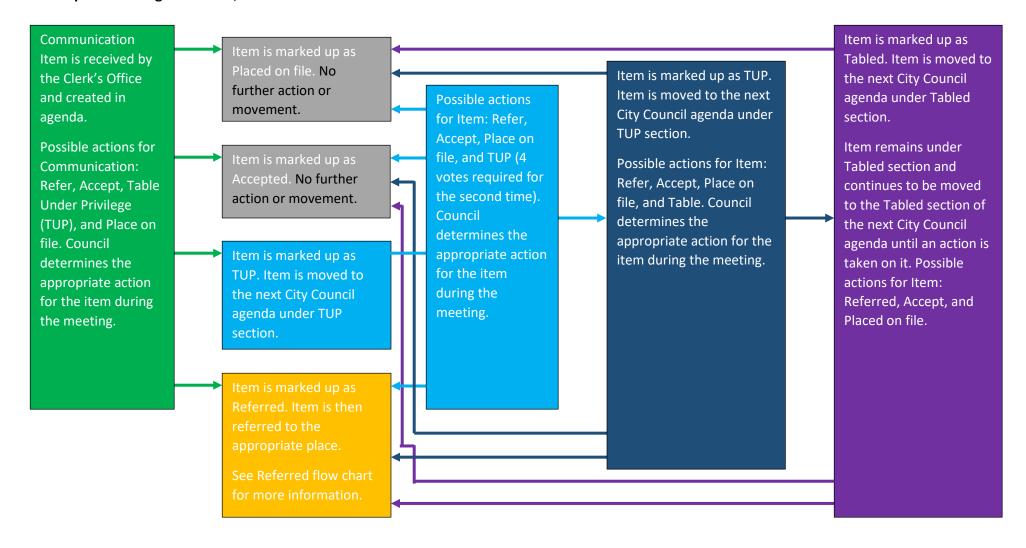
PETITION – A petition can be submitted to the City Clerk for City Council in person, by mail or by email. Anybody can petition to City Council - usually the petitioners are Worcester residents and members of the City Council.



#### Referred Item Flow Chart – Item can be Petitions, Orders, Chairman's Orders, and Communications Items.

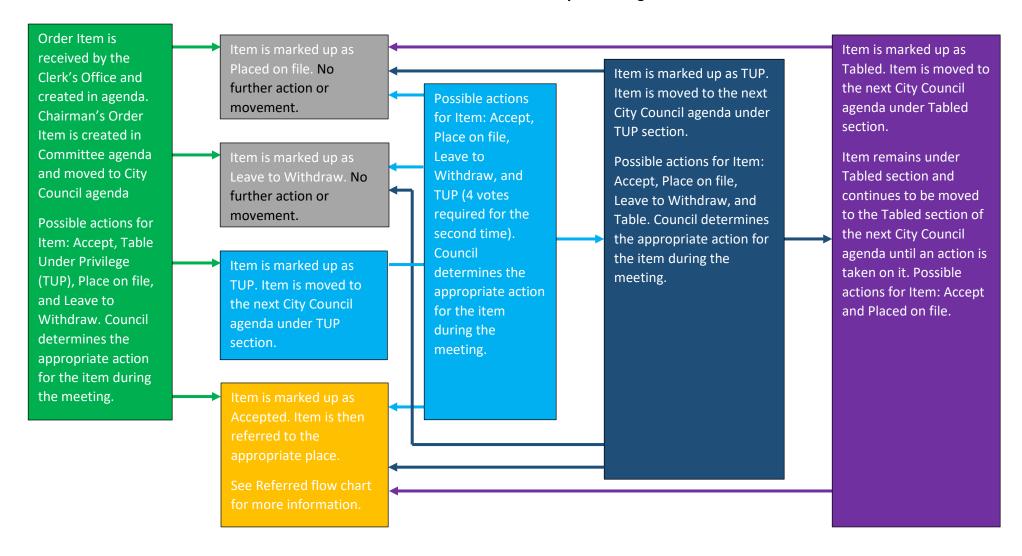


COMMUNICATIONS – When the City Auditor, City Clerk, and City Manager, or an outside entity wishes to transmit information to the City Council by MGL, they can put a Communication item on the Agenda. A Communication item can also be requested by City Council and people who wish to seek a formal response through Petitions, Orders and Chairman's Orders.

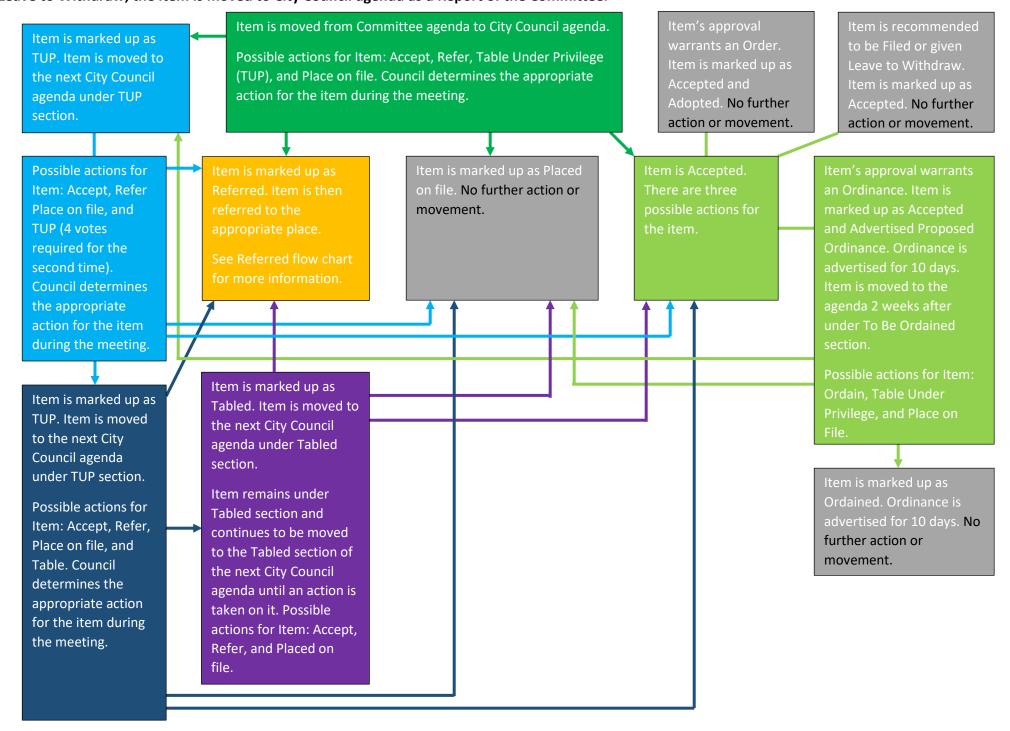


#### ORDERS - City Councilors submit their Orders to the Clerk's Office via email.

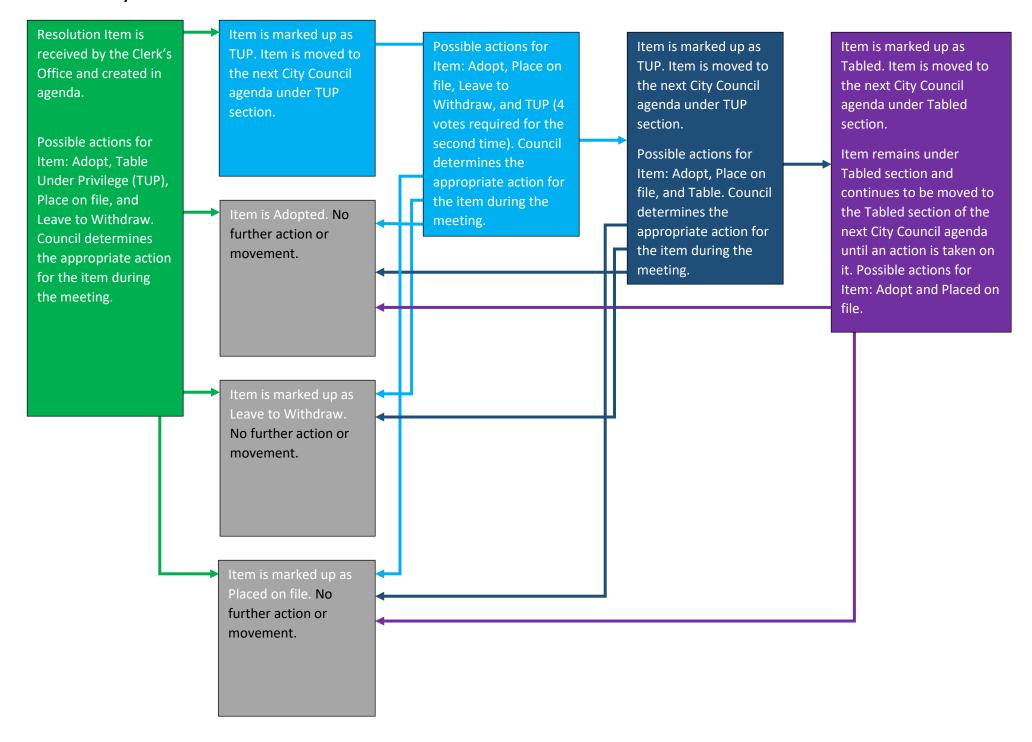
CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS – Chairman's Orders are made in Committee and moved to City Council agenda.



REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES – When an Item is heard in Committee and one of the following recommendations is made for the Item: Approve, File, Leave to Withdraw; the Item is moved to City Council agenda as a Report of the Committee.



RESOLUTION - City Councilors submit their Resolutions to the Clerk's Office via email.



## CITY OF WORCESTER

In-house Agenda Management System
City Clerk

- Maintenance
- Create Agendas
- Add Agenda Items
- Add Backup Documents
- Publish Agendas
- Record Minutes
- Assign Agenda Items for Processing
- Publish Minutes
- Public Viewing
- Video Recordings of Meetings
- Process Committee Referrals

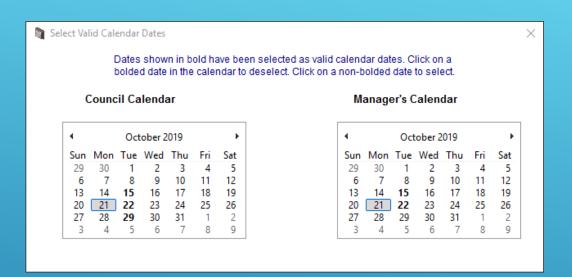
## **SUMMARY**

- Set meeting dates
  - Council meetings, City Manager input, sub-committee meetings
- Agenda templates
- Members and terms
  - Councilors, Mayor, City administrators, sub-committee members

#### **SET MEETING DATES**

The City Clerk predefines a list of dates that the City Council will meet.

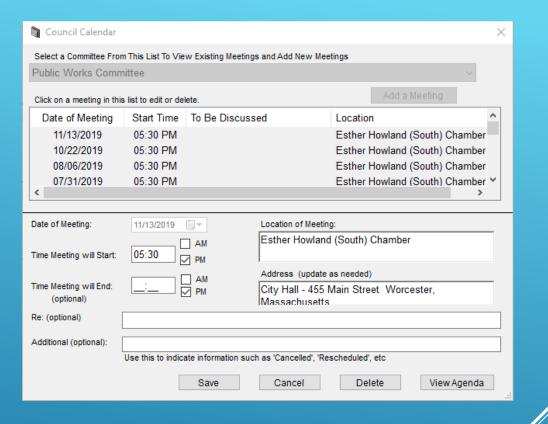
Approximately every other meeting there is a section of the council agenda reserved for a sub-agenda that is created by the City Manager.



#### **SET MEETING DATES**

The City Clerk also sets the dates for each of the **sub-committees**, most of which do not meet on a regular basis.

The date setup includes a link to go to the agenda.



#### **AGENDA TEMPLATES**

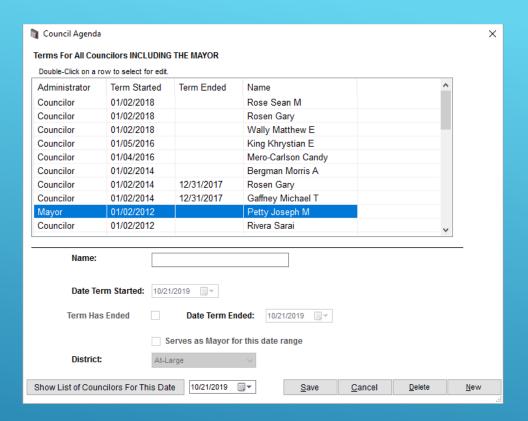
The City Clerk maintains a template that is used to start each new council agenda.

The City Manager maintains a template that is used to start each new agenda for his/her reserved section in the council agenda.

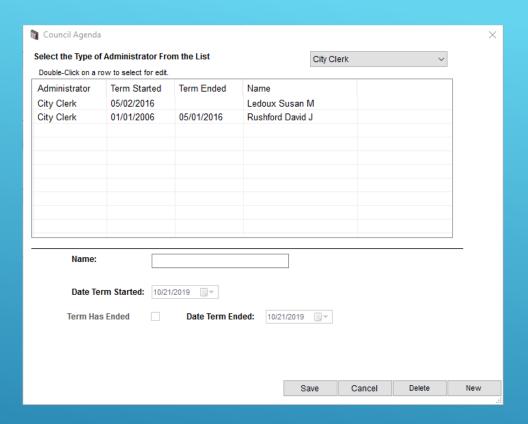
The templates are simply a list of sections that items can be placed under.



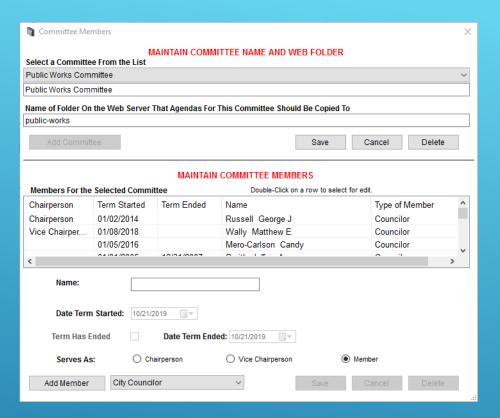
- Maintain councilor terms.
- ▶ Maintain Mayor terms.



 Maintain city administrator terms (City Manager, City Clerk, City Auditor)



Maintain sub-committee member terms.



- Create City Council agendas from the predefined template.
- The agenda header brings in names of councilors, mayor and city administrators, based on the date of the meeting and the predefined terms.
- The location and start time are also predefined.



## CREATE AGENDAS

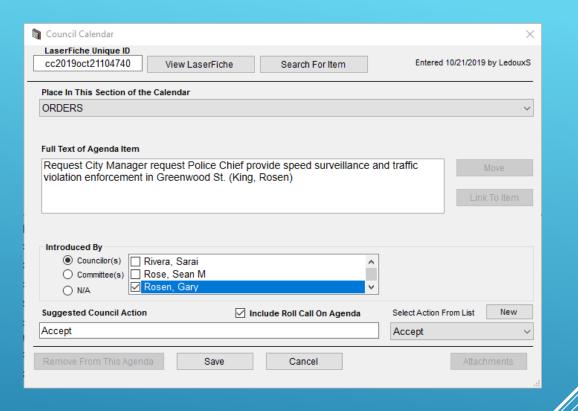
#### Agenda items can originate from multiple sources:

- Petitions requested by the public and/or city councilors.
- Orders requested by city councilors and/or sub-committees.
- Communications submitted by city administrators or public agencies.
- Miscellaneous items submitted to the City Clerk

## ADD AGENDA ITEMS

#### Each agenda item includes:

- Item text
  - Shortcuts to name the councilor(s) or sub-committees who introduced the item are available to select from.
- Agenda section selected
- Suggested council action (predefined shortcuts are available to select)
- Checkbox to indicate if a roll call will be taken.
- ▶ LaserFiche Unique ID



## ADD AGENDA ITEMS

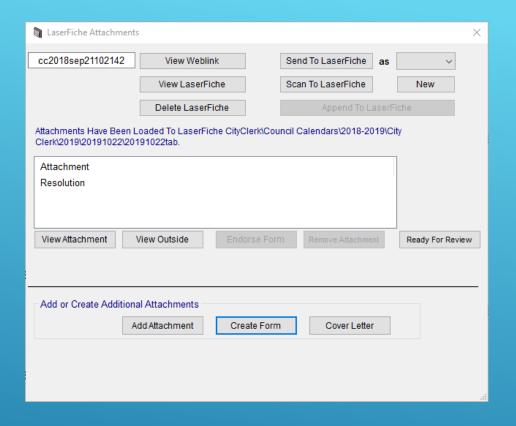
Agenda items entered by the **City Clerk** for the council agenda can have a variety of backup documents that are attached to the agenda items:

- Petitions have a copy of the signed petition.
- Communications have a copy of the communication document.
- Orders, resolutions, reports from committees have predefined forms.
- "Jackets" are also created for all council items. These are used for internal use only for filing of paper backups.

#### Each agenda item can:

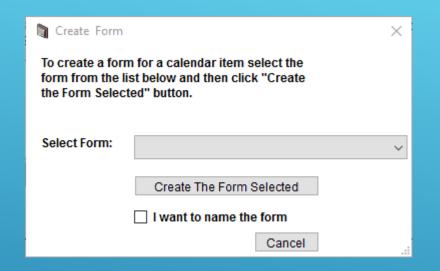
- Add attachments (PDF, Word doc, Excel, PPT, etc)
- Create standardized forms
- Create cover letters (CM agenda)

Once all attachments are added the "Send to LaserFiche" button is used to combine the files into one PDF and import into LaserFiche.



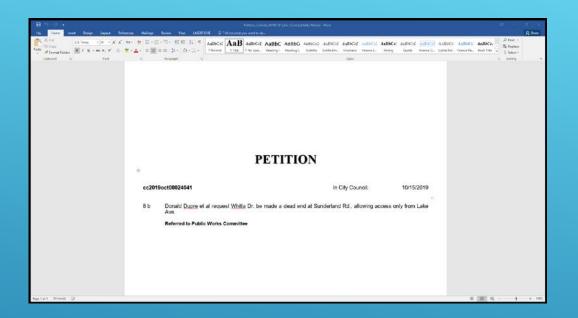
## Standardized forms can be created for agenda items:

- Actual order, resolution, report of committee.
- "Jackets" for any council item.



Item jackets are designed to be printed on a full size sheet of paper and folded in thirds to be wrapped around the item documents. They are filed in a manner so that the jacket can be used to easily identify the enclosed documents. The jacket includes:

- LaserFiche Unique ID
- Meeting date
- Agenda item number
- Agenda item text
- Action taken by council



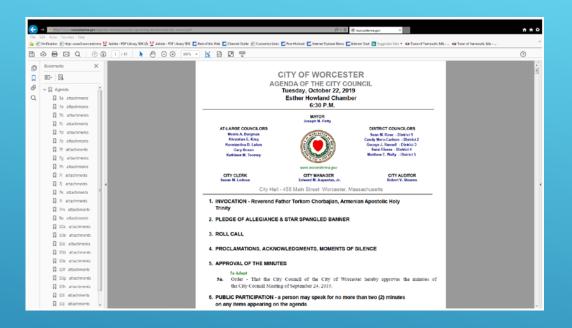
The City Clerk publishes the council agenda for public viewing no less than two business days prior to the scheduled time of the meeting. This automated process includes:

- Full council agenda with all backup documents packaged and published as one PDF with built-in bookmarks.
- Full council agenda published in HTML format with hyperlinks for each agenda item to view the backup documents in the LaserFiche repository.
- Automatic e-mail notification to councilors and city administrators.

## PUBLISH AGENDAS

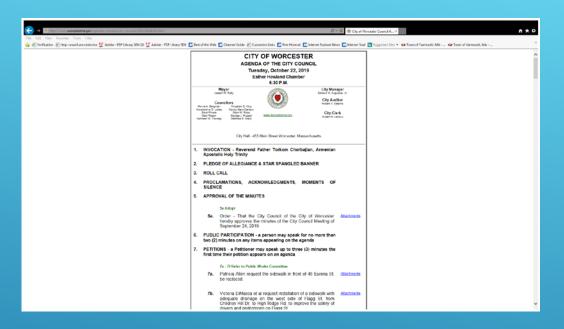
PDF packet with bookmarks

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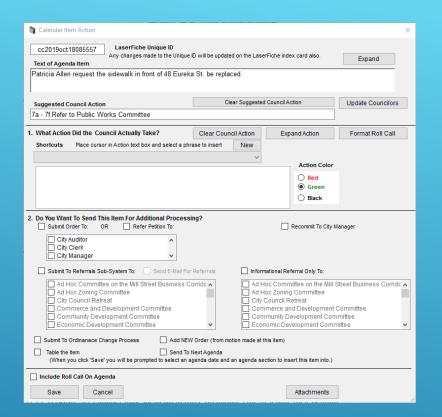
HTML agenda with hyperlinks to documents in LaserFiche

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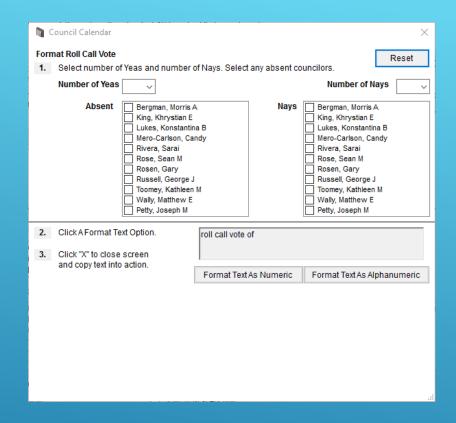
The City Clerk records the action taken by Council for each agenda item. This screen is used. There are two sections:

- What action did the council take?
- 2. Do you want to send this item for additional processing?

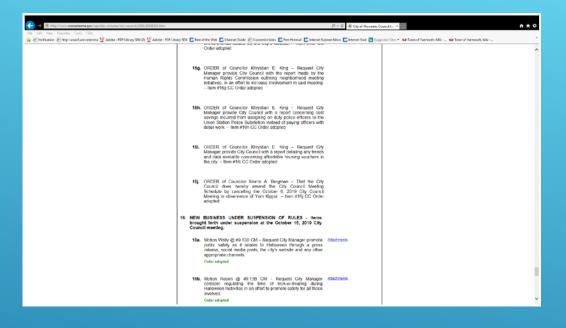


## What action did the council actually take?

- Common actions are predefined and can be selected to begin the text of the action taken.
- A dialog can be used to record the roll call vote.



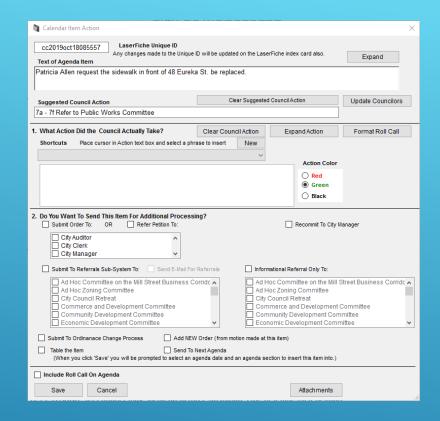
New agenda items can be added to the end of an agenda in new sections. These items are added during the meeting and are noted as such.



The City Clerk creates and/or updates the "jacket" form for each item to include the action taken by Council.

#### Submit item for additional processing. This includes:

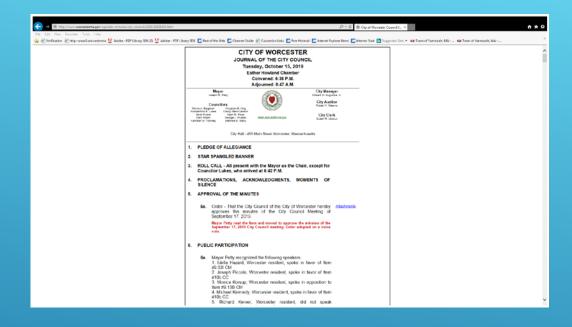
- Sending orders to the City Manager, City Clerk or City Auditor.
- Sending communications to a sub-committee.
- Referring petitions to a sub-committee.
- Submit an ordinance change to the ordinance change process (may not be used).
- ▶ Table an item
- > Send the item to a future agenda
- Add a new order from a motion made at this item.



# ASSIGN AGENDA ITEMS FOR PROCESSING

The final step after recording the minutes is to publish the "journal" of the meeting. This is the historical document of the agenda with actions taken.

The journal is an HTML file with hyperlinks to the backup documents in the LaserFiche repository.

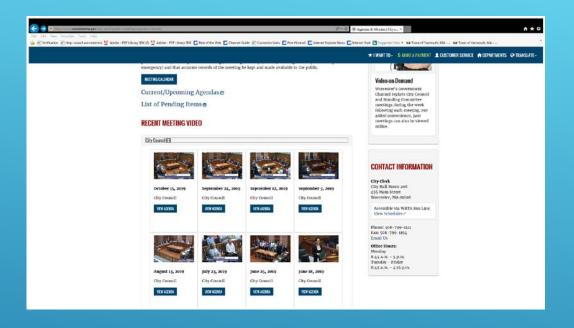


## PUBLISH MINUTES

Prior to each meeting the agenda is published on the City of Worcester web site.

Links to backup documents are provided for each agenda item.

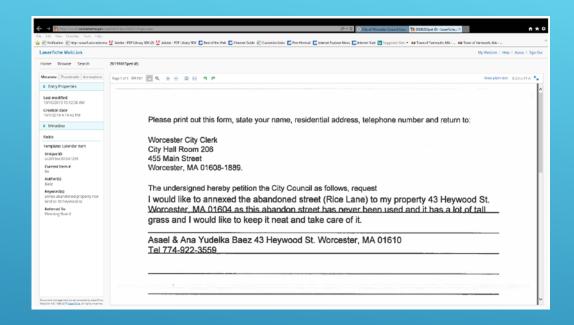
Agendas with minutes (action taken by council or committee) are republished to the web for public viewing and searching.



### PUBLIC VIEWING

The public can click any "Attachments" link for an agenda item to view the backup documents.

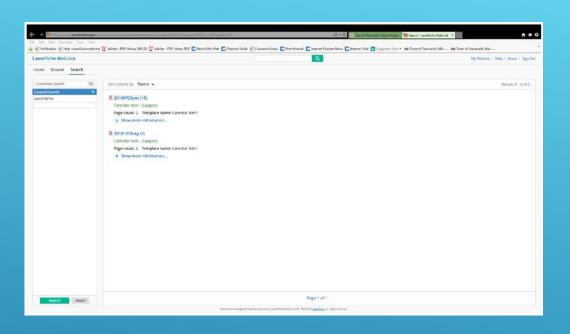
Once they are within the LaserFiche repository they can search and view additional historical documents.



## PUBLIC VIEWING

One feature of the link to backup documents is that the public can see the list of all related documents.

This example shows an original petition document and the report from the committee that the petition was referred to.



## PUBLIC VIEWING

The City's Cable Services division video records each meeting. The video recordings are published and can be viewed at any time.

The video recordings are not bookmarked by agenda item.

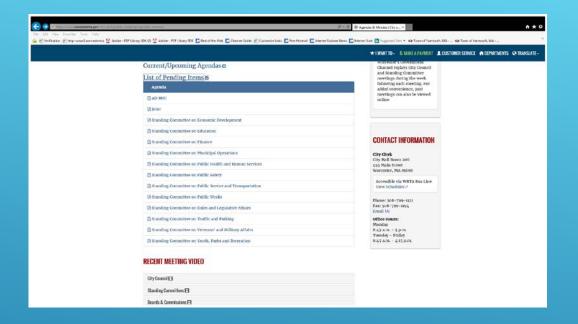
## VIDEO RECORDINGS OF MEETINGS

The City Clerk processes items assigned to the ten Council sub-committees. Petition referrals, communications to be reviewed and approved, and any other type of item referred to a sub-committee will eventually be placed on an agenda for a meeting of the sub-committee.

The in-house app can create lists of pending referrals by sub-committee, to be sent to the committee members. The committee indicates which items they would like to have placed on their committee meeting agenda. The City Clerk creates the agenda and publishes, similar to the council agendas, except that there are no additional attachments to the agenda items.

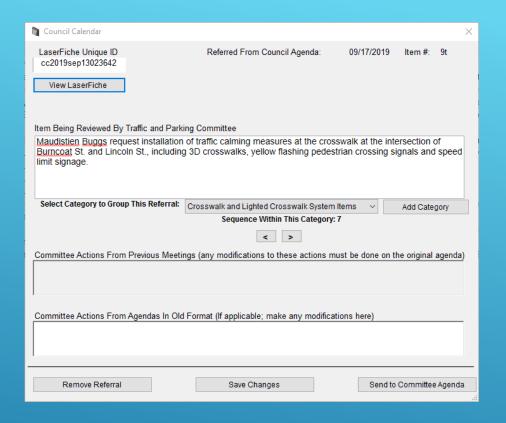
Lists of current pending referrals by committee are also kept on the web for public viewing.

As referred items are selected for placement on a committee agenda their status is changed to processed.



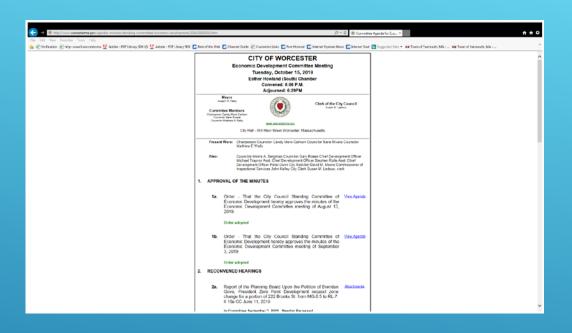
Referrals selected for inclusion on a committee agenda are sent to the agenda using an automated process in the in-house app.

The City Clerk locates the referral in the committee pending list, selects it and uses the "Send to Committee Agenda" button to add the referral as an agenda item.



Committee agendas are published as HTML only.

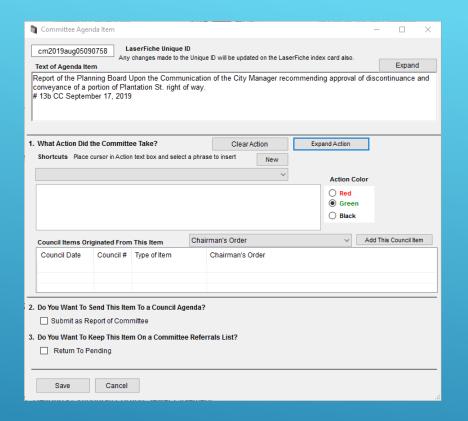
Their hyperlinks for items are for the backup documents for the original council agenda item that was referred to committee.



Minutes from a committee agenda are slightly different from minutes of council meetings, with three options available for each item:

- 1. Send the item back to a council agenda (with the committee's decision) in a section "Reports From Committee". These are usually accepted and filed, completing the life cycle of the original item.
- 2. Return the item to the pending referral list.
- No additional processing needed. Item life cycle is complete.

In addition chairman's orders can be created and sent to the agenda for the next council meeting.



## CITY OF WORCESTER

In-house Agenda Management System
City Manager

The City Manager (CM) creates an agenda that becomes one section in the council agenda (an agenda within an agenda).

This mostly occurs on an every other meeting schedule but there are exceptions. The City Clerk determines which meetings the CM will be allowed to submit an agenda.

The CM does not want anyone outside of authorized CMO employees, including the City Clerk, to view his/her agenda until it is published.

Once this agenda is published it should be merged into the full council agenda and controlled by the City Clerk for recording of the minutes.

## **SUMMARY**

The process to create agendas and add agenda items is nearly identical to the City Clerk's process.

The City Manager is unique in that departments submit their agenda item requests to the City Manager's Office for approval and inclusion on the CM agenda.

This presentation identifies the aspects of the in-house app that are unique to the City Manager's agenda.

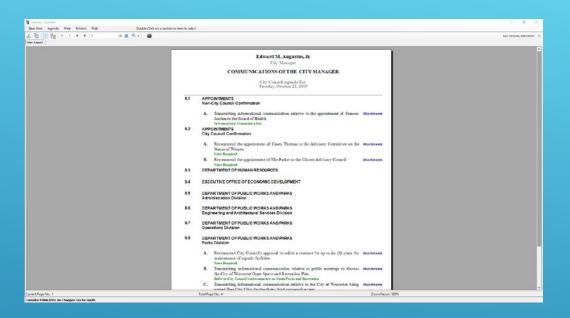
## SUMMARY

- Create Agendas
- Add Agenda Items
- Add Backup Documents
- Review and Approve Department Requests
- Publish Agendas
- Maintain Boards and Commission Members

## SUMMARY

- Create agendas from the CM predefined template.
- The agenda header brings in the name of the city manager, based on the date of the meeting and the predefined terms.
- The date of the council meeting this agenda will be merged into is also displayed.

This example shows a built agenda, not an initial agenda created from the template.



## CREATE AGENDAS

#### Agenda items can originate from multiple sources:

- Submitted from city department heads (or their designated staff on their behalf) and approved by the CMO:
  - Responses to orders from previous council meetings that were referred to the City Manager and delegated to the department heads.
  - New communications, reports or requests.
  - Finance requests to transfer money.
- Submitted directly from the City Manager.
  - Responses to orders from previous council meetings that were referred to the City Manager and not delegated to a department.
  - New communications or reports to council.
  - Requests for board and commission appointments.

## ADD AGENDA ITEMS

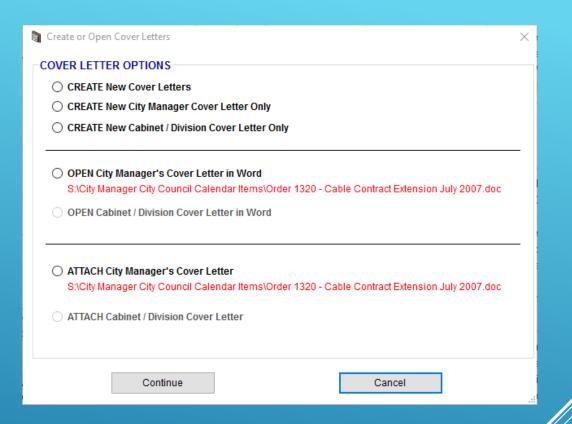
The in-house app provides the mechanism for orders from council to be assigned to departments, who then use the app to prepare the response and submit back to the City Manager for inclusion on the CM agenda.

Part of this response includes automated cover letters: one from the CM to Council and a second from the department head to the CM. The in-house app uses Word templates to assists with creating these documents.

## ADD AGENDA ITEMS

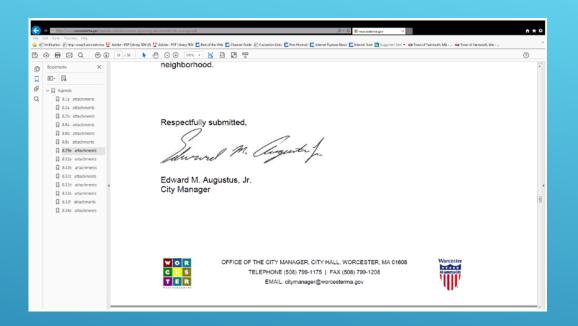
Departments submit agenda item requests with a minimum of two letters. Additional documents can be included as needed. The letters are created within the app using the "Create Cover Letters" option.

Once created they are linked to the agenda item request automatically.



## ADD BACKUP DOCUMENTS

Each letter template has a placemark for a signature image to be inserted, eliminating the need to print and sign.



## ADD BACKUP DOCUMENTS

The City Manager's Office staff prepare the CM agenda on behalf of the CM.

There is a specific workflow for when departments submit items to the City Manager's Office. Staff members perform an initial review which leads to the approval of the City Manager.

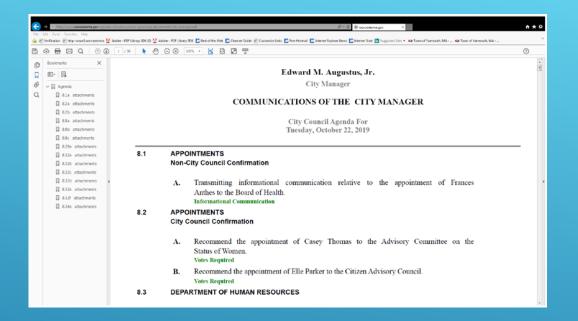
Approved requests are added to the CM agenda.

# REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

The City Manager's Office publishes their own agenda, which is then merged into the full council agenda by the City Clerk.

#### This automated process includes:

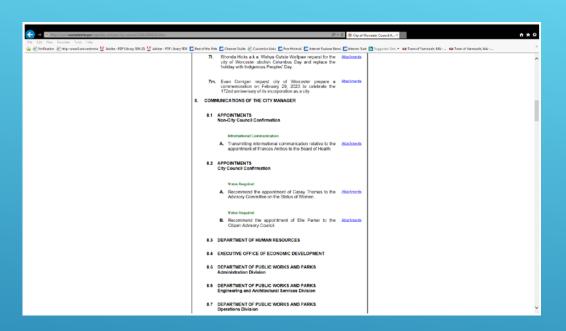
- Agenda with all backup documents packaged and published as one PDF with built-in bookmarks.
- Agenda published in HTML format with hyperlinks for each agenda item to view the backup documents in the LaserFiche repository.
- Automated email notification to city councilors and department heads.



## PUBLISH AGENDAS

Here's the CM agenda merged into the council agenda

## PUBLISH AGENDAS



The in-house app includes a section for the City Manager's Office to record the membership of boards and commissions, including applicant history, advertisements and nominations and appointments.

## MAINTAIN BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS