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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 1954-55

Finance—Entire City Council.

Military Affairs—Councillors Morgan,
Wells and Lawless.

Ordinances and Legislative Matters—
Entire City Council.

Public Assistance—Councillors Katz,
Sweeney and Favulli.

Public Safety—Councillors Wells,
Sweeney and Favulli.

Public Service—Councillors Soulliere,
Katz and Lawless.

Public Works—Councillors Holmstrom,
Soulliere and Lawless.

Traffic—Councillors Favulli, Morgan
and Sweeney.

City Officers

Under the Plan E form of government the City Manager shall make all appointments in the departments, commissions, boards and offices of the city, except as otherwise indicated.

City Manager

Elected by the City Council.

Francis J. McGrath
John M. Coughlin, Budget Officer
Doris E. Swanson, Secretary

City Clerk

By vote at City Election, Nov. 7, 1939, placed
under Civil Service.

Robert J. O'Keefe

Assistant City Clerks

Appointed by the City Council.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.

First—Russell T. Ober
Second—Helen M. Defino

City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

By vote at State Election Nov. 5, 1940, placed
under Civil Service.

Harold J. Tunison

City Solicitor

City Solicitor and four Assistants appointed
for two years. Terms expire April 1, 1956.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.

Harry J. Meleski

First Assistant City Solicitor

Henry P. Grady

Second Assistant City Solicitor

Alfred N. Whiting

Third Assistant City Solicitor

Arthur F. Koskinas

Fourth Assistant City Solicitor

Andrew F. McCarthy

City Auditor

Elected by the City Council triennially. Term
 expires first Monday in January, 1956.
 Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.

Francis X. Powers

City Messenger

Term expires January, 1956.

Michael F. Walsh

Clerk of Committees

Robert J. O'Keefe,
 City Clerk, ex-officio

Commissioner of Public Works

Term expires January, 1956.

Earl R. Perry

Bureau of Engineering

Vincent M. Hynes,
 Chief Engineer

Bureau of Public Buildings

Willard Hedlund, Supt.

Bureau of Street Lighting

Horace H. Bigelow, Acting Supt.

Bureau of Sewers

Paul C. Hedenstad, Supt.

Bureau of Streets

John F. Donahue, Supt.

Bureau of Water

Charles B. Hardy, Supt.

Purchasing Agent

Appointed under provisions of an ordinance
 passed April 20, 1950. (Now Revised Ordi-
 nances 1951, Chap. 2.)

George A. Herpich

Assessors of Taxes

G. L. Chap. 41, Sec. 24.

Joseph W. Carney, Chairman

Term expires 1956

Archie J. Horne, Clerk

Term expires 1956

Alfred A. Bianchi

Term expires 1955

Director of Veterans' Service

Appointed under G. L. Ch. 115, Sec. 10.
 Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 15.

Eulick F. Ward

Custodian of Tax Title Property

G. L. Chap. 60, Sec. 77B.

George J. Fox

City Physician

Appointed for term of three years.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.

Dr. Carlo P. Benaglia
Term expires Feb., 1957

Personnel Director

Appointed under the provisions of an ordinance passed Dec. 8, 1949. (Now Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

Eugene R. Gardiner
Term expires Sept., 1954

**Inspector of Milk, Butter, Cheese,
Lard and Vinegar**

Appointed by the Board of Health, under Sec. 33 of Chap. 94 of the General Laws.

George D. Melican

Sealer of Weights and Measures

By rule of Civil Service Commissioners Sealer and Deputy Sealers placed under Civil Service.
G. L. Chap. 98, Sec. 34.

Austin L. Kennedy

Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures

John W. Brotherton

John Balkonus

Edward L. McAuliffe

John F. McLaughlin

James E. Walsh

John E. Hassett

Timothy J. Reardon

Dog Officer

Appointed annually in accordance with Chap. 140 of the General Laws.

Herbert W. Cooper

Fence Viewers

Appointed annually in accordance with Chap. 49 of the General Laws.

Stanford L. Strogoff

James L. Clifford

Benjamin G. Strukus

Field Driver

Appointed annually in accordance with Chap. 49 of the General Laws.

Leonard W. Russell

Pound Keeper

Appointed annually in accordance with Chap. 49 of the General Laws.

Leonard W. Russell

**Local Superintendent for the Suppression
of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths**

Appointed annually in January, in accordance with Chap. 132 of the General Laws.

Herman B. Adams

Forest Warden

Appointed annually in January, in accordance with Chap. 48 of the General Laws.

Herbert F. Travers

Inspector of Animals

Appointed in March annually, pursuant to Sec. 15, Chap. 129, of the General Laws.

James E. Masterson

Engineers of the Fire Department

See Chap. 144 of Acts of 1953 re. Civil Service.
Appointed to hold office during good behavior.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 5.

Herbert F. Travers, Chief
Roy H. Stevens Deputy Chief
William M. Carroll Deputy Chief
Stephen J. Kelliher Deputy Chief

District Chiefs

Edward J. Foley James P. Fanning
(Vacancy) James E. Cavanaugh
Oscar A. Lundquist John J. Corcoran
Francis P. Cavanaugh

Superintendent of Fire Alarm**Telegraph**

Appointed by the Board of Engineers of the
Fire Department.

(Vacancy)

Chief of Police

Chief of Police and Deputies appointed under
the provisions of an ordinance passed Decem-
ber 1, 1900, (now Chap. 13, Revised Ordinances
of 1951), to hold office during good behavior.

William P. Finneran

Deputy Chiefs of Police

Oscar W. Johnson, Supervisor
Daniel J. Sullivan, Inspector
Jeremiah T. O'Leary
Patrick F. Carroll

Board of Appeals

Constituted pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance
(so called) passed Dec. 29, 1924 (now Chap. 21
of Revised Ordinances 1951). One member
appointed in January, annually for three years.

George J. Abdella
Term expires January, 1955
Arthur J. Lariviere
Term expires January, 1956
George J. Lian
Term expires January, 1957
Alternate Member
Francis S. Bailey
Term expires January, 1957

Commissioner of Public Health

Appointed first Monday in January, in accord-
ance with Chap. 181 of the Acts of 1953, for
term of three years.

Alexander Witkow, M.D., M.P.H.
Term expires first Monday January, 1956

Health Board

Appointed first Monday in January in accord-
ance with Chap. 181 of the Acts of 1953, for
terms of three years.

A. Eugene Messier, M.D.
Term expires 1955
Carlton B. Payson
Term expires 1955
Clarence Peterson, D.M.D.
Term expires 1956
Samuel Seder
Term expires 1956
William F. Henry
Term expires 1957

License Board

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 8 of the
Revised Ordinances of 1951.

Willard Hedlund, Chairman
Supt. Bureau of Public Buildings

Robert J. O'Keefe
City Clerk

Herbert F. Travers, Chief Engineer
of the Fire Department

Earl R. Perry, Commissioner of
Public Works

William P. Finneran, Chief of Police

Robert J. O'Keefe, Clerk

Off-Street Parking Board

Appointed in accordance with an ordinance
passed July 10, 1951 for terms of four years.

Edward L. Clifford, Chairman
Term expires July, 1957

Arthur W. Johnson, Secretary
Term expires July, 1956

Edward C. Maher
Term expires July, 1954

Adelard W. Thibeault
Term expires July, 1955

Chief of Police
City Traffic Engineer
City Planning Director
Members ex-officiis

Planning Board

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 41, Sec. 81A of
the Gen. Laws as amended. Members appoint-
ed annually for terms of five years.

Edward Early, Chairman
Lester W. West, Secretary

Lester W. West
Term expires June, 1954

Thomas F. J. Dillon
Term expires June, 1955

Russell W. Anderson
Term expires June, 1956

Edward Early
Term expires June, 1957

Andrew H. Holt
Term expires June, 1958

City Planning Director

Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.

Robert S. Russell

Board of Public Welfare

Appointed in accordance with an ordinance
passed Jan. 18, 1950 (now Chap. 15 of Revised
Ordinances 1951) for terms of three years.

Edward A. Kennedy, Chairman
Term expires January, 1957

Ernest Hansen
Term expires January, 1955

Mrs. Herbert Layport
Term expires January, 1956

Gerhard Becker
Director of Public Welfare

Superintendent of Brookside Home

Elected by the Board of Public Welfare
Ellery E. Royal

Registrars of Voters

Except the City Clerk, one member appointed
in February or March, annually, for three
years. (G. L. Chap. 51.)

Albin L. Bjork

Term expires 1955

Emil Zaeder

Term expired April 1, 1954

Joseph A. Sootkoos

Term expired April 1, 1953

Robert J. O'Keefe, ex-officio
Clerk

Rent Board

(Established under Chap. 434, Acts of 1953.)
Appointed by City Manager July 14, 1953.

Representing Landlords

Edward Medlinsky

Maurice J. Wall

Representing Tenants

Henry A. Allen

Joseph E. McGuire

Representing Public Interests

Joseph T. Benedict

Samuel J. Donnelly

Edward W. Eidt

Ralph V. Hedlund

Harvey A. J. Muir

Philip R. Kneeland

Fred F. Beringer, Secretary

Worcester Retirement Board

Constituted pursuant to Chapter 32 of the
General Laws, Sects. 26 to 31 I (Accepted by
the city May 8, 1944). One member appointed
by the City Manager, one member of the
system elected by the members.
(G. L. Chap. 32, Sec. 31 F.)

Francis X. Powers, City Auditor
ex-officio

W. Ellery Bright, Jr. (second member)

Term expires Jan. 1, 1957

Paul H. Fell (third member)

Term expires Dec. 31, 1954

Sewerage Appeal Board

Two members appointed for terms of two
years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 16.)

Paul P. Spaulding

Term expired April 30, 1954

Edward F. Donohue

Term expires April 30, 1955

Ex-officiis

Earl R. Perry,

Commissioner of Public Works

Alexander Witkow, M.D., M.P.H.,

Commissioner of Public Health

Harry J. Meleski, City Solicitor

Airport Commission

Appointed under the provisions of Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1946, for terms of three years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

Robert W. Stoddard, Chairman

Term expires June, 1955

Timothy S. Shea

Term expires June, 1954

Frederick W. Howe

Term expires June, 1954

Thomas F. Killeen

Term expires June, 1955

Henry E. Prunier

Term expires June, 1956

John W. Coghlin

Term expires June, 1956

Ralph F. Gow

Term expires June, 1956

Great Brook Valley Commission

(Appointed March 6, 1951.)

Allen D. Wassall, Chairman

G. Adolph Johnson

Robert S. Heald

William J. Regan

Mrs. Norman Sharfman

Commissioners of Hope Cemetery

One member appointed annually, for three years. (Revised ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

Charles A. Harrington, Chairman

Term expires January, 1957

Linwood M. Erskine, Secretary

Term expires January, 1955

Clayton B. Angell

Term expires January, 1955

William F. Foster

Term expires January, 1956

Timothy Flaherty

Term expires January, 1956

Insurance Commission

Established by Ordinance passed Jan. 27, 1941. One member appointed for term of two years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

Percy D. Betterley

Term expires January 31, 1955

Ex-officiis

Francis X. Powers, City Auditor

Willard Hedlund, Supt. Bureau of Public Buildings

Commissioners of the Jaques Fund and Other Funds of the City Hospital

One member appointed annually, for three years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 4.)

Anthony J. Karpawich, Chairman

Term expired January 1, 1954

Israel Josephs

Term expired January 1, 1953

James P. Loughlin

Term expires January 1, 1955

Harold J. Tunison, Treasurer

Lake Quinsigamond Commission

Two members appointed in accordance with Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1936 for terms of three years.

Walter J. Moossa, Chairman

Term expires Jan. 1956

Dr. Alfred N. Belisle

Term expires 1955

Chief of Police (ex-officio)

License Commission

One member appointed in January, in accordance with Chap. 461 of the Acts of 1914, for terms of four years.

Charles F. Donnelly, Chairman

Term expires January 1, 1958

Henry C. Alarie

Term expires January 1, 1956

Michael E. Cosgrove

Term expires January 1, 1957

Parks and Recreation Commission

Appointed in accordance with Chap. 204, of the Special Acts of 1917, for terms of three years.

Alfred A. Saltus, Chairman

Term expires May, 1955

Albert J. Agbay, Secretary

Term expires May, 1955

Mrs. Dorothy L. Salter

Term expires May, 1954

Mrs. Lillian N. Shea

Term expires May, 1954

M. Joseph Stacey

Term expires May, 1956

William J. Regan

Term expires May, 1956

Francis J. Logan

Term expires May, 1956

Director and Executive Officer

Herman B. Adams

Traffic Advisory Commission

Established by Ordinance passed March 20, 1951. Appointed for terms of two years.

William P. Finneran

A. Wallace Gove

Michael J. Favulli

Judge Walter D. Allen

Henry P. Grady

Robert S. Russell

Nelson P. Wood

Norman L. Sharfman

Howard B. Jefferson

Howard W. Hindes

Carl R. Engel

Harold F. Murphy

Stephen A. Bergin

William F. Brennan

Vacancy

Executive Committee

Michael J. Favulli,
Chairman Traffic Committee
William P. Finneran
A. Wallace Gove
Walter D. Allen
Nelson P. Wood

Civil Defense Department

(Appointed by City Manager Jan. 13, 1953.)

Fred J. Maloney, Director
Edward J. Purcell, Chief of Operations
Prof. Hobart H. Newell,
Electronics Consultant
Alan D. McKerrow, Radio Officer
Mrs. Rita Hawthorne, Secretary

Directors of the Free Public Library

Two members recommended by City Manager
and chosen by City Council, in December
annually, for a term of six years from the
first day of January next ensuing.

(Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 14.)

Anthony G. Cusick, President
Term expires 1955

Samuel Gurwitz, Secretary
Term expires 1955

Martin J. Armstrong	Term expires	1956
Gerald C. O'Toole	" "	1956
Howard B. Jefferson	" "	1957
Thomas F. Fleming	" "	1957
John Jeppson	" "	1958
Edward F. O'Brien	" "	1958
Rose Rhodes	" "	1959

Joseph W. Riordan	Term expires	1959
Robert N. Scola	" "	1960
Stanley J. Jablonski	" "	1960

Thurston Taylor, Librarian

Medical Panel

To examine petitioners applying for pensions
under G. L. Chap. 32, Sec. 77.

Dr. Michael B. Fox, Chairman
Dr. Wilfred D. MacDonald
Dr. Merle S. Bacastow

Trustees of the Aaron and Lucretia**Bancroft Scholarship Fund**

One member recommended by the City Manager
and chosen by City Council, biennially,
for six years.

Dr. John J. Goldsberry
Term expires January 31, 1955
Reginald Washburn
Term expires February, 1957
Harry J. Meleski
Term expires January 31, 1959

Trustees of the Worcester City Hospital
Appointed annually, for three years in accordance
with Chap. 266 of Acts of 1953.

Cosimo J. Toscano, President
Term expires 1956
Jeremiah T. Shea, Secretary
Term expires 1955

Thomas J. Early
Term expires 1955

Israel Joseph
Term expires 1956

Dr. John W. O'Meara
Term expires 1956

N. Myra (Glazier) Kenney
Term expires 1957

Archibald R. LeMieux
Term expires 1957

Theodore Austin, Superintendent
John B. Hughes, 1st Asst. Supt.

Edward J. Tucker, 2nd Asst. Supt.

James F. McFadden, 3rd Asst. Supt.

Adrian R. Latour, 4th Asst. Supt.

Trustees for G. A. R. Memorial Hall

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 29 of the Acts of 1930. Appointed to serve for terms of three years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

Thomas F. Foley, Chairman
Term expires November 24, 1956

Alice K. Kallman, Clerk
Term expires November 24, 1954

George J. Cross
Term expired November 24, 1952

George F. Fuller
Term expires November 24, 1954

Dr. George C. Dowd
Term expires November 24, 1956

Trustees of Independent Industrial Schools

Constituted pursuant to an ordinance passed February 1, 1950. Members appointed for terms of three years.

(Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

John J. Ladden, President
Term expires 1955

Irene E. Dumphy, Clerk
Term expires 1957

George F. Wright Term expires 1955

Norman L. Sharfman " " 1956

Milton P. Higgins " " 1957

Trustees of Joseph and Mary Jackson Scholarship Fund

One member recommended by City Manager and chosen by City Council in accordance with the will of Mary Jackson, for terms of five years.

Ragnar W. Gustafson
Term expires December, 1955

Dr. Arthur D. Ward
Term expires December, 1956

Don Day Swain
Term expires December, 1957

Trustees of Municipal Memorial Auditorium

Appointed under provisions of Chap. 41, Sec. 105 of General Laws, for terms of three years.

Matthew R. McCann, Chairman

John T. Sheehan, Secretary

Matthew R. McCann

Term expires June, 1954

Albert E. Hall

Term expires June, 1955

James J. Redican

Term expires June, 1955

John T. Sheehan

Term expires June, 1956

Charles Kotsilibas Davis

Term expires June, 1956

James D. O'Brien, Mayor

Ex-officio

Housing Authority

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 484 of the Acts of 1938, (now G. L. 121, Sec. 261 C and 26 L also Acts 1951, Chap. 322). Four members appointed by the City Manager and one member appointed by the Housing Board. To serve for terms of five years.

Samuel J. Donnelly, Chairman

Joseph T. Benedict, Secretary

Members appointed by City Manager

George A. Debs

Term expires November 2, 1954

Edwin B. Coghlin

Term expires November 2, 1955

Samuel J. Donnelly

Term expires November 2, 1957

Joseph T. Benedict

Term expires November 2, 1958

Member appointed by Housing Board

Lawrence H. Fisher

Term expires November, 1956

Trustees of Trust Funds

Constituted pursuant to Chap. 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1951. One appointed in January, annually, for two years.

Edward Medlinsky

Term expires February 1, 1955

John J. Flynn

Term expires January, 1956

Secretary and Treasurer

Harold J. Tunison

Trustees of World War Memorial

Constituted pursuant to an ordinance passed January 21, 1935. (Now Chap. 2 of Revised Ordinances of 1951). Members appointed annually, for terms of three years.

Joseph W. O'Connor, Chairman

Term expires February, 1955

Frank R. Crotty, Secretary

Term expires February, 1957

John D. Lynch

Term expires February, 1955

J. Albert Banks
 Term expires February, 1956
 Alfred E. Rankin
 Term expires February, 1957
 James D. O'Brien, Mayor
 Ex-officio

**Trustees of World War Veterans
 Memorial Fund**

Constituted pursuant to order of City Council
 adopted March 27, 1933. Appointed under
 provisions of Sec. 105, Chap. 41 of General
 Laws, for terms of three years.

John J. Flynn, Chairman
 Term expires April, 1956
 Paul W. Glennon
 Term expires April, 1955
 George F. Power
 Term expires April, 1955
 Ralph U. Cross
 Term expires April, 1956
 Harrison G. Taylor
 Term expires April, 1956
 James D. O'Brien, Mayor
 Ex-officio

School Committee

James D. O'Brien, Chairman
 Herman J. Dumas, Vice-Chairman
 John F. Buckley
 Timothy J. Dowd
 Katharine F. Erskine
 Italia M. D'Argenis Granata
 Edwin Higginbottom

Superintendent of Schools

Thomas F. Power

Business Manager and Clerk

Raymond L. Divoll

MAYORS

Levi Lincoln	1848
Died May 29, 1868	
*Henry Chapin	1849-50, 70
Died Oct. 13, 1878	
Peter C. Bacon	1851-2
Died Feb. 7, 1886	
John S. C. Knowlton	1853-4
Died June 11, 1871	
George W. Richardson	1855, 7
Died June 15, 1886	
Isaac Davis	1856, 8, 61
Died April 1, 1883	
Alexander H. Bullock	1859
Died January 17, 1882	
William W. Rice	1860
Died March 1, 1896	
P. Emory Aldrich	1862
Died March 4, 1895	
D. Waldo Lincoln	1863-4
Died July 1, 1880	
Phinehas Ball	1865
Died December 19, 1894	
†James B. Blake	1866-7-8-9-70
Died December 18, 1870	

*Elected Mayor, ad interim, by the City Council, in joint convention, December 19, 1870 to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of James B. Blake.

†Elected for the sixth time, December 12, 1870. Died December 18, 1870.

Edward Earle	1871
Died May 19, 1877	
George F. Verry	1872
Died October 5, 1883	
Clark Jillson	1873, 5-6
Died June 5, 1894	
Edward L. Davis	1874
Died March 2, 1912	
Charles B. Pratt	1877-8-9
Died May 9, 1898	
Frank H. Kelley	1880-1
Died October 25, 1890	
Elijah B. Stoddard	1882
Died September 27, 1903	
Samuel E. Hildreth	1883
Died June 26, 1893	
Charles G. Reed	1884-5
Died November 21, 1899	
Samuel Winslow	1886-7-8-9
Died October 21, 1894	
Francis A. Harrington	1890-1-2
Died August 28, 1922	
Henry A. Marsh	1893-4-5
Died November 6, 1914	
Augustus B. R. Sprague	1896-7
Died May 17, 1910	
†Rufus B. Dodge, Jr.	1898-9-1900
Died December 13, 1935	

†By reason of a tie vote for Mayor at the election of December, 1900, whereby there was no choice. Rufus B. Dodge, Jr., held the office until February 25, 1901.

Philip J. O'Connell	1901
Died March 2, 1931	
Edward F. Fletcher	1902-3
Died December 18, 1943	
Walter H. Blodget	1904-5
Died January 6, 1923	
John T. Duggan	1906-7
Died September 5, 1927	
James Logan	1908-9-10-11
Died November 30, 1929	
David F. O'Connell	1912
Died August 12, 1923	
George M. Wright	1913-14-15-16
Died January 7, 1926	
Pehr G. Holmes	1917-18-19
Died December 19, 1952	
Peter F. Sullivan	1920-21-22-23
Died May 21, 1931	
Michael J. O'Hara	1924-5-6-7-8-9-30-1
Died February 3, 1946	
John C. Mahoney	1932-3-4-5
Died July 12, 1946	
Walter J. Cookson	1936
Died June 11, 1936	
*John S. Sullivan	1936-7
Died April 12, 1949	
William A. Bennett	1938-9-40-1-2-3-4-5
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan	1946-7-8-9
Andrew B. Holmstrom	1950-51-52-53
James D. O'Brien	1954-55

*Elected Oct. 6, 1936 to fill vacancy caused by the decease of Walter J. Cookson.

WORCESTER

"Heart of the Commonwealth"

First settled in 1674, named and re-settled 1684.

Permanently settled, 1713.

Incorporated as a town 1722, as a city 1848.

Area, 38.41 square miles, or about 24,634 acres.

Average length 6.4 miles, width 6.0 miles.

Dwellings April, 1949, 25,972; 1950, 29,174; 1951, 27,490; 1952, 27,426; 1953, 28,482.

Valuation:

1949	\$308,786,000
1950	\$310,624,200
1951	\$319,472,700
1952	\$326,018,350
1953	\$331,255,700

Tax exclusive of polls:

1949	\$12,660,226.00
1950	\$15,158,460.96
1951	\$15,589,640.68
1952	\$16,561,732.18
1953	\$16,562,785.00

Rate of taxation per \$1,000: 1949, \$41.00; 1950, \$48.80; 1951, \$48.40; 1952, \$50.80; 1953, \$50.00; 1954, \$52.00.

Assessed polls: male, 1949, 65,174; 1950, 64,299; 1951, 63,581; 1952, 63,610; 1953, 62,037.

Registered Voters (male and female): 1950, 104,947; 1951, 101,386; 1952, 108,465; 1953, 103,313.

Vote for President: 1940, 90,044; 1944, 83,931 and 152 Federal War Ballots; 1948, 94,461; 1952, 97,421.

Vote for Governor: 1946, 72,891; 1948, 94,461; 1950, 82,666; 1952, 96,341.

Vote for Mayor: 1943, 53,492; 1945, 58,874; 1947, 69,653.

Vote for Councillors (Plan E): 1949, 74,708; 1951, 58,573; 1953, 56,766.

State Election, November 2, 1954.

Municipal Election, November 8, 1955.

Miles of Public Streets, 302.9.

Miles of Paved Streets, 83.8.

Miles of Asphalt Sidewalks, 146.7.

Miles of Granolithic Sidewalks, 136.3.

16,000-Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights, 282.

11,200-Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights, 125.

15,000-Lumen Lamps, 1078.

6,000-Lumen Lamps, 1500.

2,500-Lumen Lamps, 170.

1,000-Lumen Lamps, 5271.

Welsbach Gas Lights, 555.

Police Officers, exclusive of Chief and Deputy Chiefs of Police, 367.

Police Signals, 78.

Permanent Firefighters, exclusive of Board of Engineers, 450.

CITY HALL

Corner stone laid September 12, 1896.

Dedication exercises, April 28, 1898.

Occupied May 1, 1898.

Length, 219 feet; width, 85 feet.

Heights from grade line to top of cornice, 65 feet; to top of tower, 205 feet.

Cost of Building, \$590,000. Furnishings, \$38,000. Grading, etc., \$22,000. Total, \$650,000.

Architects, Peabody & Stearns, Boston.

Builders, Norcross Brothers, Worcester.

PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Green Hill Park, 501.439 acres; Boynton Park, 114.66 acres; Lake Park, 110 acres; Elm Park, 88 acres; *Chandler Hill Park, 81.288 acres; Hadwen Park, 50.14 acres; Burncoat Park, 41.51 acres; Salisbury Park, 19.99 acres; Institute Park, 24.62 acres; Crompton Park, 14.81 acres; University Park, 13.7 acres; Dodge Park, 13 acres; Middle River Park, 8.1 acres; Common (exclusive of City Hall site), 4.8 acres; North Shore Reservation, 4.055 acres; Ramshorn Island, 1.5 acres; Cascades, 34.7 acres; Columbus Park,

*Fee in the Commonwealth.

8.01 acres; Vernon Hill, 16.43 acres; Kendrick Field, 14.87 acres; Beaver Brook, 16.30 acres; Greenwood, 14.95 acres; Indian Lake, 1.63 acres; Logan Field, 11.28 acres; South Worcester, 4.87 acres; Bell Pond, 3.5 acres; Shale Street, .777 acres; Holmes Field, 8 acres; Coes Pond, 1.86 acres; Harrington, 6 acres; Cookson Field, 18.63 acres; Fairmont Square, .95 acres; Grant Square, 1.55 acres; Morgan, 11.2 acres; Rockwood Field, 15.78 acres; Apricot Street, 2.39 acres; Burncoat Street, 1.26 acres; Bennett Field, 5.673 acres; John Hapgood Brooks Square, .12 acres; Duffy Field, 12.33 acres; Mulcahy Field, 3.44 acres; Flagg Street Square, .32 acres; Beaconsfield Road Square, 1.24 acres; Freeman M. Saltus Play Area, .3 acres; North Street Lots, .977 acres; Jos. and Paul Banis Play Area, .467 acres; Boyce Sq., .18 acres; Oread Castle Park, 3.123 acres; Lt. Martin O'Brien Play Area, .689 acres; Shore Drive, 2.23 acres (leased land); Lake View, 1.2 acres (leased land); Circuit Ave. Lots, .249 acres; Old Normal School Property, .051 acres. Total: 1,319.138 acres.

RESERVOIRS

Area in acres, elevation above City Hall and Storage Capacity

High Service Reservoirs

Lynde Brook, 132 acres; 342.75 feet, 717,422,000 gallons.
 Kettle Brook, No. 1, 15 acres; 364.35 feet, 19,307,000 gallons
 Kettle Brook, No. 2, 30.36 acres; 507.5 feet, 127,310,000 gallons.
 Kettle Brook, No. 3, 37.41 acres; 559 feet, 152,306,000 gallons.
 Kettle Brook, No. 4, 118.51 acres; 604.73 feet, 513,746,000 gallons.

Low Service Reservoirs

Holden, No. 2, 52.63 acres; 237.80 feet, 257,398,000 gallons.
 Holden, No. 1, 130 acres; 269.85 feet, 729,319,000 gallons.
 Kendall, 171.82 acres; 333 feet, 792,163,000 gallons.
 Pine Hill, 350.9 acres; 429 feet, 2,970,967,000 gallons.
 Quinapoxet, 280 acres; 250 feet, 1,200,000,000 gallons.
 Elevation of Main Street at City Hall, above tide water, 481 feet.
 Water pressure at City Hall (high service), 145 pounds per square inch.

Water pressure at City Hall (low service), 90 pounds per square inch.

WATER STATISTICS

Miles of Main Pipe	482.364
Miles of Service Pipes in Use	348.326
Number of Service Pipes	32,718
Fire Hydrants	4,359
Gates	6,688
Meters	33,132
Total Valuation of Water Works to Dec. 31, 1953	\$19,785,908.12

SEWER STATISTICS

Miles of Sanitary Sewers	242.449
Miles of Combined Sewers	71.209
Miles of Surface Sewers	207.578
Total Miles of Sewers	521.236
Number of Manholes	14,447
Number of Catch Basins	7,546
Number of House Connections	37,919
Number of Miles of House Connections	341.98
Gallons of Sewage for fiscal year ending December 31, 1953	11,681.61
Total cost of sewerage system December 31, 1953	\$27,484,469.86

POPULATION OF WORCESTER

1722—	200	1880—	58,291
1765—	1,475	1885—	68,389
1775—	1,925	1890—	84,655
1790—	2,095	1895—	98,767
1800—	2,411	1900—	118,421
1810—	2,577	1905—	128,135
1820—	2,962	1910—	145,986
1830—	4,172	1915—	162,697
1840—	7,497	1920—	179,754
1850—	17,049	1925—	190,757
1860—	24,960	1930—	196,837
1865—	30,058	1935—	190,471
1870—	41,105	1940—	193,402
1875—	49,317	1945—	198,741
		1950—	203,486

Year	Births Recorded	Marriages Recorded	Deaths Recorded
1935	3501	1652	2732
1936	3420	1783	2874
1937	3663	1928	2932
1938	3661	1756	2740
1939	3616	2152	2735
1940	3884	2537	2927
1941	4241	3058	2896
1942	5241	2748	3044
1943	5124	1937	3079
1944	4618	1747	2940
1945	4565	2081	3005
1946	6054	3171	3002
1947	6581	2942	2952
1948	5908	2661	3019
1949	5893	2266	2849
1950	5771	2255	2841
1951	6205	2289	3002
1952	6370	2122	3031
1953	6352	2105	3052

RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL of the

City of Worcester, Massachusetts

Rule 1. At all meetings of the City Council five (5) Councillors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CHAIR

Rule 2. On the first Monday of January, following the regular municipal election, the city council shall, by a majority vote of all the members elected, elect a mayor from its own members who shall preside at all meetings of the city council and perform such other duties as are prescribed in section one hundred (100) of Chapter 43 of the General Laws, and any acts in amendment thereof or supplementary thereto. The City Council shall, in like manner, elect a vice-chairman.

Rule 3. The mayor shall take the chair at the hour to which the city council has adjourned and call the members to order. In the absence of the mayor, the vice-chairman of the city council

shall preside and, in the absence of both, a temporary chairman shall be chosen, who shall serve during the absence of both the mayor and vice-chairman.

Rule 4. He shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order, in preference to other members; shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the city council, regularly seconded; and no other business shall be in order till the question on the appeal shall have been decided. The question shall be put as follows: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the city council?" The vote shall be by roll call, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a majority of the votes are to the contrary.

Rule 5. He shall declare all votes. If any member doubts the vote, the chair, without further debate upon the question, shall require the members voting in the affirmative and negative, respectively, to rise and stand until counted, and shall declare the results; but no such declaration shall be made unless a quorum of the city council has voted.

Rule 6. All final votes of the city council on questions involving the ex-

penditure of fifty dollars or more, or upon the request of any member any vote of the city council shall be by yeas and nays and shall be entered on the records.

Rule 7. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by a standing committee of the city council, such order or resolution shall upon presentation be referred to such committee.

All petitions, remonstrances, memorials or communications shall in like manner be referred to an appropriate committee.

When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the motion shall be put in the following order:

1. To a standing committee of the city council.
2. To a special committee of the city council.

Any member offering a motion, order or resolution which is referred to a committee shall be given a hearing on the same by the committee before a report is made thereon, provided he

so requests at the time of offering the order, or before final action by the committee.

Rule 8. The chair shall put all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

After a motion has been put by the president, it shall not be withdrawn, except by unanimous consent.

Rule 9. When a question is under debate the chair shall receive no motion, but

- To adjourn
- To lay on the table
- For the previous question
- To postpone to a certain day
- To refer
- To amend
- To postpone indefinitely

which several motions shall have precedence in the above order. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of an ordinance shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at anytime,

except upon immediate repetition, and that motion, the motion to lay on the table, the motion to take from the table, and the motion for a previous question shall be decided without debate.

Rule 10. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "Shall the main questions be now put?" and all further amendments or debates of the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

Rule 11. When two or more members rise at once, the chair shall name the member who is entitled to the floor.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 12. Every member, when about to speak shall rise and respectfully address the chair, and wait until he is recognized; shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

Rule 13. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to a call to order for explanation.

Rule 14. No member shall vote on any question, or serve on any committee, where his private interest is immediately concerned distinct from that of the public.

Rule 15. Every member present when a question is put shall vote unless the city council for special reasons excuses him. Application to be so excused on any question must be made before the city council has decided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons and shall be decided without debate.

Rule 16. A question having been taken, it shall not be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, but a motion to reconsider may be made at the next meeting, provided written notice of such motion shall be filed with the city clerk within thirty-six hours; but no more than one motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be entertained.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Rule 17. Regular meetings of the city council shall be held weekly on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

During the months of July and August, one meeting each month. They shall be held in the council chambers.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Rule 18. The mayor, or vice-chairman of the city council, or any four

members thereof, may at any time call a special meeting by causing written notices, stating the time and purpose of holding such meeting and signed by the person or persons calling the same, to be delivered in hand to each member of the city council, or left at his usual dwelling place, at least twelve hours before the time of such meeting.

Meetings of the city council may also be held at any time when all members of the city council are present and consent thereto. (G. L., c. 43, s. 98.)

Rule 18A. An item not on the calendar of a regular or special meeting shall not be considered nor acted upon in the event that there is one vote in objection thereto.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 19. At every regular meeting of this city council the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the records, if requested by the City Council.
2. Communications from the City Manager.
3. Public Hearings.
4. Under the provisions of Chapter 43, Section 98 of the General Laws,

Tercentenary Edition, citizens and employees of the city shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting of the City Council in regard to any matter considered thereat; the time allowed for each person and employee shall be limited to ten minutes on each matter upon which they wish to express their opinion unless the City Council shall by vote allow additional time on such matter.

5. Presentation of petitions, memorials, and remonstrances.
6. Communications and reports from city officers.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Motions, orders, or resolutions.
9. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.
10. Motions for reconsideration.

Rule 20. The seats of the members of the city council shall be numbered, and determined by lot; and no member shall change his seat but by permission of the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Rule 21. All petitions, memorials or remonstrances addressed to the city

council shall be filed with the city clerk and presented by the chair or by a member in his place who may explain the subject thereof.

No petition, remonstrance, resolution or other communication, submitted by any improvement association, civic society, club or other unincorporated organization, or its officers, shall be considered by the city council or printed in its proceedings unless such organization shall have filed with the city clerk a statement sworn to by one of its officers, specifying the number of members in good standing, the time and place of meeting and a list of the officers for the current year.

Rule 22. All papers of whatever description which may require action by the city council, shall be presented to the City Clerk not later than 2 p.m. on the Friday preceding the day of each regular meeting. Papers presented after that hour on such day will not be considered until the next meeting.

Rule 23. The City Clerk shall prepare a list of all matters to come before the City Council at each meeting in accordance with the established order of business and shall mail to the residence of each Councillor a copy of the

same not later than twenty-four hours prior to said meeting.

Rule 24. The City Clerk is authorized by these rules to order and publish notice of hearings on petitions presented to him requiring public hearings before the Council.

Rule 24A. A petition for annuity to be paid under Section 89 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file unless it shall be accompanied by a medical certificate, certifying that the death of the applicant's husband was casually related to his employment in the Police or Fire Department of the City of Worcester.

A petition for annuity to be paid under Section 89 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file if it is received within six months after a petition for an annuity to be paid to the same persons has been denied by the City Council or within six months after a board of physicians created under the provisions of said Section 89 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws has refused to issue to the City Treasurer the certificate required by said section.

A petition for increase of pension under the provisions of Section 90A of

Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file if it is not accompanied by a medical certificate certifying that the disability of the petitioner at the time of his retirement was causally related to his employment as an employee of the City of Worcester.

A petition for increase of pension under the provisions of Section 90A of Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file if it is received within two years after a petition for increase of pension to be paid the same person has been denied by the City Council.

Rule 25. There shall be appointed standing committees of the City Council as follows:

1. Committee on Finance, to consist of the mayor and eight (8) councillors, to consider all matters of appropriations and loans, and in general any matters affecting the financial interests of the city; to consider all official bonds.
2. Committee on Ordinances and Legislative Matters to consist of the mayor and eight (8) councillors.
3. Committee on Public Service, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all complaints that may be sent to the city council against

public service corporations, and to consider all matters affecting lighting system.

4. Committee on Public Safety, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to police, fire and public health.
5. Committee on Traffic, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to traffic conditions.
6. Committee on Public Works, to consist of three (3) councillors to consider all matters pertaining to streets, water, sewers, public buildings and engineering.
7. Committee on Military Affairs and Veterans' Service, to consist of three (3) Councillors, to consider all matters pertaining to veterans' organizations and veterans in general.
8. Committee on Public Assistance, to consist of three (3) councillors, to consider all matters affecting policies and expenditures for welfare and relief.

All committees of this council shall be appointed by the Mayor.

Rule 26. Every committee of the city council to which any subject may be referred, shall report therein within four (4) weeks from the time such subject is referred to it, or ask for further time. In case the chairman of any committee shall fail for ten (10) days from the time any subject has been referred to it, to call a meeting of the committee, a majority of the committee may call a meeting of said committee.

Notice of all committee meetings must be given at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time for meeting, but meetings may be held at any time by unanimous consent of all of the members of the committee.

Rule 27. All committees shall cause records to be kept of their proceedings in books provided therefor. All reports and papers submitted to the city council shall be legibly written. The City Clerk or one of his assistants shall make copies of any papers to be reported by the committee, at the request of the chairman thereof.

Reports of all committees, whether by ordinance, resolve or otherwise, shall be made to the city council, and no report shall be received unless agreed to in committee actually assembled.

Rule 28. The Mayor shall be ex-officio chairman of any committee of which he is a member, and on all other committees the councillor first named shall be chairman, and in case of his resignation, or inability to serve, the member of the committee next in order shall be chairman.

MEMBERS' LOBBY

Rule 29. No person will be admitted within the rail in the city council chamber or in the members' lobby connected with said chamber at any meeting of the city council, except upon permission of the mayor.

HEARINGS

Rule 30. The time devoted to public hearings at any meeting of the city council shall not be more than two (2) hours at any one sitting. Any hearing not completed within the specified time may be continued to another meeting. Any individual, except attorneys at law, appearing before the city council at a public hearing and claiming to represent another as agent or otherwise in the matter being heard shall file with the city council a written authorization signed by the individual, organization or corporation whose interests such individual represents. Ten (10) minutes shall

be allowed each speaker to express his views on the matter being heard by the city council.

In all hearings before the City Council the case of the petitioner shall be first submitted, except in matters affecting acceptance of highways or taking by right of eminent domain.

ORDINANCES, ORDERS, ETC.

Rule 31. All by-laws passed by the city council shall be termed ordinances, and the enacting style shall be, "Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Worcester." In all votes by which the city council expresses anything by order or command the form of expression shall be "Ordered," and in all votes by which the city council expresses opinions, principles, facts, or purposes, the form shall be "Resolved."

Rule 32. The City Clerk shall determine the newspaper of the city in which shall be published any loan order or any ordinance and said publication shall be made in each newspaper in regular order, beginning with the oldest publication.

Rule 33. Every ordinance and every order, resolution or vote shall after its

passage remain in the possession of the city clerk for thirty-six (36) hours after the day of meeting for the purpose of giving any councillor an opportunity to file notice of his intention to move reconsideration.

AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION

Rule 34. None of the foregoing rules and orders shall be suspended, amended or repealed at any meeting unless two-thirds of all the members of the council consent thereto.

CUSHING'S LAW

Rule 35. The council shall be governed by "Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies" in all questions of parliamentary practice not provided for by special rules or orders.

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