

**MANUAL**

FOR THE

**CITY COUNCIL**

OF THE



**CITY OF**

**WORCESTER, MA**

2000 - 2001

## **CITY COUNCIL**

### **MAYOR – 2000 - 2001**

Raymond V. Mariano                      14 Fox Hollow  
Elected under Article 2, Section 2-2 (b) of the City Charter

### **MAYOR'S OFFICE STAFF**

Dianna B. Marinello, Chief Secretary  
Andrea L. Glass, Assistant Secretary  
Kathleen M. Rodrique, Administrative Secretary

### **COUNCILORS - AT - LARGE**

Dennis L. Irish	36 Sever Street
Konstantina B. Lukes	24 Hadwen Road
Stacey DeBoise Luster	31 Blithewood Ave.
Timothy P. Murray	70 Richmond Ave.
Joseph M. Petty	57 Wildrose Ave.
Raymond V. Mariano	14 Fox Hollow

### **DISTRICT COUNCILORS**

Stephen T. Patton District #1 - Wards 1 and 2	16 Hapgood Rd.
Michael C. Perotto District #2 - Wards 3 and 4	8 Norfolk St.
Paul P. Clancy, Jr. District #3 - Wards 5 and 6	62 Miscoe Rd.
Janice L. Nadeau District #4 - Wards 8 and 10	67 Southgate St.
Stephen G. Abraham District #5 - Wards 7 and 9	38 Havelock Rd.

**STANDING COMMITTEES  
of the City Council, 2000 - 2001**

**COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT**  
Patton (Chairman), Irish, Petty

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
Clancy (Chairman), Nadeau, Abraham

**EDUCATION**  
Luster (Chairman), Patton, Petty

**ELDER AFFAIRS**  
Petty (Chairman), Clancy, Murray

**ETHNIC AND MINORITY AFFAIRS**  
Luster (Chairman), Murray, Lukes

**FEES AND CHARGES**  
Perotto (Chairman), Petty, Murray

**FINANCE**  
Mayor and Entire Council

**HEALTH**  
Irish (Chairman), Luster, Perotto

**HOUSING**  
Irish (Chairman), Patton, Nadeau

**LAND USE**  
Nadeau (Chairman), Patton, Perotto

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**  
Nadeau (Chairman), Perotto, Petty

**MILITARY AFFAIRS**  
Murray (Chairman), Perotto, Lukes



**STANDING COMMITTEES - CONTINUED**

**MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS**

Lukes (Chairman), Irish, Abraham

**ORDINANCES**

Mayor and Entire Council

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Petty (Chairman), Clancy, Abraham

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION**

Lukes (Chairman), Abraham, Irish

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Clancy (Chairman), Luster, Nadeau

**REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

Perotto (Chairman), Lukes, Murray

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Abraham (Chairman), Clancy, Luster

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Patton (Chairman), Irish, Luster

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

Murray (Chairman), Nadeau, Lukes

**YOUTH, PARKS AND RECREATION**

Abraham (Chairman), Patton, Clancy

# WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. James A. Caradonio, Superintendent

Dr. Claire L. Angers, Deputy Superintendent for  
Education/Research & Development

Dr. Helen A. Friel, Asst. to the Superintendent/Clerk of the  
School Committee

Roger Odoardi, Business Manager

Kenneth J. Person, School Plant Manager

Thomas Kennedy, Human Resources Manager

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE 2000 – 2001

### **Chairman**

Mayor Raymond V. Mariano

### **Vice Chairman**

Philip J. Niddrie

### **Committee Members**

John L. Foley	6 Winter Hill Drive
Ogretta V. McNeil	14 Tahanto Road
Mary Mullaney	24 Howland Terrace
Philip J. Niddrie	10 Zenith Drive
Brian A. O'Connell	1029 Pleasant Street
Kathleen M. Toomey	50 Ideal Road

## **CITY OFFICERS**

### **City Manager**

Thomas R. Hoover

### **Staff Assistant for Administration**

Marianne Grenon

### **Staff Assistant for Operations**

Jill C. Dagilis

### **Budget Director**

John P. Prankevicius

### **Chief Development Officer**

Everett R. Shaw

### **Marketing Director**

Susan J. Black

### **City Clerk**

David J. Rushford

### **Assistant City Clerks**

Mary G. Babbidge

Michael F. Dolan

### **Airport Director**

Eric N. Waldron

### **Assessor**

Paul F. Leary

### **Deputy Assessor**

Robert Allard

### **Auditor**

James A. DelSignore

### **Deputy Auditor**

Thomas Clawson

**City Physician**

John Kelly, M.D.

**Communications Director**

Collette Johnson

**Elder Affairs Executive Director**

Elizabeth Mullaney

**Election Commission Executive Director**

Craig Manseau

**Emergency Management Director**

William Trotta

**Employment & Training Director**

Stephen R. Willand

**Fire Chief**

Dennis L. Budd

**Deputy Fire Chiefs**

Gerard Dio

John D. Fenton

Ralph Lombardi

John P. McNamara

Timothy J. Gray

**District Fire Chiefs**

Randy A. Chavoor

Clifton Decourcy, Jr.

Ronald Fritz

Paul A. Rogacz

Walter C. Giard

Stuart B. Howe

Michael O. McNamee

Laurence J. Mulry

James Callery

Ronald Defusco

**Forest Warden**

Michael V. O'Brien

**Human Resources Director**  
Janice Borg Silverman

**Assistant Director of Human Resources and Coordinator,  
Affirmative Action Officer**  
Lawrence M. Raymond

**Information Services Director**  
Paul R. Covello

**Law Department City Solicitor**  
David M. Moore

**Deputy City Solicitor**  
Michael E. Traynor

**Assistant City Solicitors**  
Stephen Madaus  
Janet McGuiggan  
John F. O'Day  
Elizabeth O'Donnell  
Donald V. Rider, Jr.  
Beth Sanning  
Angela McConney

**Parking Administrator**  
Richard H. Widak

**Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commissioner**  
Michael V. O'Brien

**Planning and Community Development Director**  
Stephen F. O'Neil

**Police Chief**  
Edward P. Gardella

**Deputy Chiefs of Police**  
Carlo J. Genatossio  
James Gallagher  
Harold McRae



**Public Health & Code Enforcement Commissioner**  
Arnold Gurwitz, M.D.

**Deputy Commissioner of Public Health & Code Enforcement**  
Joseph G. McCarthy

**Director of Public Health**  
John A. Gagliastro

**Director of Code Enforcement/Building Commissioner**  
David F. Holden

**Director of Public Health Nurses**  
Christine Damiano

**Air, Water, Hazardous Materials, Chief Sanitarian**  
Robert J. Peterson

**Environmental Health, Chief Sanitarian**  
David L. Crocker

**Food Inspection, Chief Sanitarian**  
Francis X. Birch

**Lead Paint Prevention, Chief Sanitarian**  
James Gardinier

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**  
Philip P. Madaio

**Public Library Head Librarian**  
Penelope B. Johnson

**Public Works Commissioner**  
Robert L. Moylan, Jr.

**Deputy Commissioner of Public Works**  
Andrew C. Murch

**Assistant Commissioner-Operations-Public Works**  
Anthony Meriano

**Director of Engineering-Public Works**  
Edward S. Carrigan

**Director of Traffic Engineering**  
Joseph Borbone

**Director of Water**  
Konstantin Eliadi

**Director of Streets**  
Peter Paldino

**Director of Central Garage**  
Thomas H. Garr

**Director of Sewers**  
Matthew Lebovites

**Purchasing Director**  
John C. Orrell

**Tax Title Property Custodian**  
Thomas F. Zidelis

**Treasurer and Collector of Taxes**  
Thomas F. Zidelis

**Assistant Collector of Taxes**  
Kathleen G. Johnson

**Tree Warden**  
Michael V. O'Brien

**Veterans' Services Agent-Director**  
Pierce Gould

**Workers Compensation Agent & Claims Manager**  
Arthur C. Carilo, Jr.

**Worcester Housing Authority Executive Director &  
Secretary**  
Ruth E. Carlson

**Worcester Redevelopment Authority Executive Director**  
Michael S. Latka

**Worcester Regional Transit Authority Acting  
Administrator**  
John C. Orrell

## **MEMBERSHIP OF ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Affirmative Action Advisory Committee**

Edna P. Spencer	September 30, 2001
Karen Nugent	September 30, 2001
Margaret P. Moore	September 30, 2001
William P. Densmore	September 30, 2001
Marilyn J. Martin	September 30, 2001
Phounsavanh P. Phouthavong	September 30, 2001
Robert L. Howland	September 30, 2001
Brenda K. Safford	September 30, 2001

### **Airport Commission**

Thomas F. Gorham, III	May 31, 2001
Stanley Leibowitz, Chairman	May 31, 2001
Gregory L. Wilder	May 31, 2002
Chaz Harris	May 31, 2002
Michael Amir	May 31, 2002
Raymond J. Perrone	May 31, 2001
Brian K. Carroll	May 31, 2000

### **Auditorium, Trustees of the Worcester Memorial**

Joseph P. Genduso	May 31, 2002
Jack McLemore	May 31, 2002
Paul E. Mullan	May 31, 2001
Ralph J. Ferraro	May 31, 2001
Lee F. Bartlett	May 31, 2000

### **Bancroft, Aaron & Lucretia Scholarship Fund Trustees**

Maryanne N. Kenary	January 31, 2002
John Wadsworth, Chairman	December 31, 2001
John A. Franchi	December 31, 2000

### **Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District**

F. Worth Landers	March 31, 2000
Robert L. Moylan, Jr.	March 31, 2000
Stephen F. O'Neil	March 31, 2000
Alternate Member:	
Jill C. Dagilis	March 31, 2000

### **Cable Television Advisory Committee**

Lori Linkevich	October 31, 2000
Allan J. Eisenberg	October 31, 2001
J. Martin Shanahan	October 31, 2000
Raymond P. Bilodeau	December 31, 2000
Jeffrey K. Jenkins	October 31, 2001
Warren E. Houle	October 31, 2001
George J. Neuman	January 31, 2002
William R. Nay	December 31, 2000
Carl E. Cooper	October 31, 2001
Derryl J. Dion	October 31, 2000

### **Citizens Advisory Council**

Mark H. Middleden, Esq.	March 31, 2002
Chrysanthi Charalambides	March 31, 2002
Scott Najarian	March 31, 2002
Helen M. Whall	March 31, 2002
Steven M. Genduso, Vice Chair	March 31, 2002
Albert A. Gammal, Jr.	March 31, 2002
Ellen E. Vallon	March 31, 2002
Paul D. Wasgatt At Large	March 31, 2002
Michael O'Mara	March 31, 2002
Roland G. Carlson	March 31, 2002
Scott Hayman	March 31, 2002

### **Civic Center Commission**

Nicholas P. Manzello, Chairman	October 31, 2001
Brian J. Buckley	October 31, 2000
Donna T. Salvidio	October 31, 2002
John M. Harrity	October 31, 2003
Francis J. Farrell, Jr.	October 4, 2004

### **Community Development Advisory Committee**

Linda F. Parham	June 30, 2002
Christopher W. Glynn	June 30, 2000
Richard Greenhalgh	June 30, 2001
John J. Giordano, D.M.D.	June 30, 2000
Maria Rosado-Oakley	June 30, 2000
Michael A. Manzello	June 30, 2001
John Riggle	June 30, 2002
Arny Spielberg	October 30, 2002
Roberto Sanchez	January 31, 2003
Scott A. Johnson	June 30, 2002

**Conservation Commission**

Peter B. Schneider, M.D., Chairman	September 30, 2000
Ray A. Frieden	September 30, 2000
Marilyn Levitsky	September 30, 2000
Michael J. Moore	September 30, 2001
Peter M. Lukes	September 30, 2002
Frederick H. Hall	September 30, 2001

**Cultural Commission**

Joseph N. Najemy	December 31, 2001
Marcus A. McCorison	December 31, 2001
Roz Levine	December 31, 2001
Earlena B. Yelverton	December 31, 2002
Mary Ann A. Powers	December 31, 2002
Alexandria MacIntyre	December 31, 2000
Donna M. Conroy-Laboeuf	December 31, 2000
Diane M. Long	December 31, 2002
Donna M. Winant	December 31, 2002

**Advisory Committee for Persons With Disabilities**

Joanne M. Gallagher	May 31, 2002
Idella J. Szydlik	May 31, 2001
Scott J. Babbitt	May 31, 2001
Ann L. Gamelin	May 31, 2001
Michael F. Mitchell, Sr.	May 31, 2001
John F. Cronin	May 31, 2001
Madeline Shepard	May 31, 2001
Paul S. Goldstein	January 31, 2003
Peter W. VanVoorhis	January 31, 2003
Philip I. Ekeson	May 31, 2001
Mary R. Labree	January 31, 2002
Albert N. Powers	January 31, 2003

**Mayor Thomas J. Early Scholarship Committee**

Ann Marie Curtis, Chairman	July 31, 2000
Francis S. Harvey, Sr.	July 31, 2000
Maryanne Abraham	July 31, 2000
Daniel R. Bonnette	July 31, 2000
Robert Bowditch	July 31, 2000
Dr. James A. Caradonio, Ex Officio Superintendent of Schools	

**Elder Affairs Commission**

William J. Cahill	October 13, 2000
Catherine H. Levine	October 31, 2002
Edward T. Saksa	October 31, 2002
Katherine J. Davitt, Chairman	October 31, 2002
Beatrice A. Haddad	October 31, 2003
Francis S. Harvey, Jr.	October 31, 2003
Robert T. Cronin	October 31, 2003
Ann D. Walsh	October 31, 2003
Catherine I. Quint	October 31, 2001
Emily J. Hunte	October 31, 2002
Joel A. Kinsman	October 31, 2001
Brunilda E. Chevalier	October 31, 2001
Maria C. Gorsuch-Kennedy	October 31, 2002
MariAnn Paladino	October 31, 2002

**Election Commission**

Duane Sargisson, Secretary	March 31, 2002
Beverly Chester	March 31, 2002
Lena Barry, Chairman	March 31, 2002
Thomas P. Begley	March 31, 2002
Nicholas Charlambides	March 31, 2002

**G.A.R. Memorial Hall Trustees**

Catherine M. Butler	November 30, 2001
Daniel R. Rivard	November 30, 2001
David L. Ross	November 30, 2000
Paul E. Johnson	November 30, 2000
Warren F. Brewer	November 30, 2000

**Health Board**

Howard M. Silver	December 31, 2001
Robert O. Bonin	December 31, 2000
Edward M. Morin, D.M.D.	December 31, 2000

**Historical Commission**

Richard L. Clifford	December 31, 2002
Bruce G. Bunke	December 31, 2000
Montvale Historical District	
Michael R. Theerman, M.D.	December 31, 2001
Massachusetts Historical District	
Edward F. Quinlan	December 31, 2001
Gregory P. Stockmal	December 31, 2000
Peter Viles	December 31, 2001
Alternate Members	
Jeanice Sherman	December 31, 2001
Edmund A. Schofield	December 31, 2001

**Hope Cemetery Commission**

William D. Wallace	December 31, 2001
Richard W. Zadroga	December 31, 2002

**Human Rights Commission**

Jennifer L. Ginsburg	April 30, 2002
Noberto Soto	April 30, 2002
Donald A. Haapakoski	April 30, 2001
Maureen S. Gomez	April 30, 2001
Luis Lizano	April 30, 2000
Janet R. Mathis, Vice Chair	April 30, 2000
Albert M. Toney	April 30, 2000
Kendall Molina, Chairman	April 30, 2001
Carolyn H. Leary	April 30, 2001

**Industrial Development Finance Authority**

Isabel M. Maloney	March 31, 2000
John Chojnicki	March 31, 2001
Carolyn A. Grenier	March 31, 2003
Thomas E. Murphy	March 31, 2003
Mohamed J. Jaber	March 31, 2001
William Purcell, Chair, Executive Director and Secretary	

**Lake Quinsigamond Commission**

Robert McGinley, Chair  
Dr. Donald J. Gauch  
Police Chief Edward Gardella  
John Wilson  
Thomas Esip  
Lincoln E. Pearson



### **Worcester Free Public Library Board of Directors**

Leonard Cooper	1995-2000
Mary E. O'Neil	1996-2001
Satya B. Mitra	1998-2003
Norman J. Richardson	1996-2001
Michael Pakaluk	1995-2000
Nina Fletcher	1997-2002
Paul W. Shapter, Jr	1997-2002
David Boulay, Jr.	1998-2003
Richard E. Greene	1999-2004
John M. Stewart	1999-2004
Beverly Grier	2000-2005
Joseph W. Spillane	2000-2005

### **License Commission**

Jordan Levy, Chair	December 31, 2002
Barbara J. Sinnott	December 31, 2002
George A. Haddad	December 31, 2000

### **Off -Street Parking Board**

Sheldon L. Hampton	June 30, 2000
Ann M. Walsh	June 30, 2002
John M. Lazzaro, Chairman	June 30, 2002
Clarence Plant	June 30, 2000
Anthony J. Virga	June 30, 2002

### **Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commission**

Francis X. Pisegna	April 30, 2002
Douglas J. Hannam	April 30, 2001
Paul F. Cantiani	April 30, 2000
Joseph M. Capone, Chairman	April 30, 2000
Elizabeth A. Proko	April 30, 2001
Joseph A. Sacco	April 30, 2001
William F. Monroe, Sr.	April 30, 2002

### **Planning Board**

John A. Shea	May 31, 2004
Joseph G. Sova, Chairman	May 31, 2002
Joe Boynton	May 31, 2000
Samuel Rosario	May 31, 2001
Stephen E. Petro	May 31, 2003

### **Retirement Board**

Stephen F. Wentzell	
Elizabeth Early	October 30, 2001
Raymond F. McGrath	December 31, 2002
Thomas M. Wade	December 31, 2002
James DelSignore, Ex Officio	
Elizabeth Early, Board Administrator	

### **Advisory Committee on the Status of Women**

Victoria A. Theoharides	December 31, 2001
Martha Flint, Secretary	August 31, 2000
Carol A. Kozlowski	December 31, 2001
Lauren E. Adams	December 31, 2001
Karen R. Fine	December 31, 2002
Marie R. Piergallini	August 31, 2000
Carolyn L. Haglund	December 31, 2001
Robin M. Tuiskula, Co-chair	December 31, 2002
Linda B. Rosenlund	March 31, 2001
Abha P. Ghosh	May 31, 2000
Elaine J. Fallon	May 31, 2000
Kim M. Lassman, Co-Chair	August 31, 2000
Janis Bierman	August 31, 2000
Lynne P. Starbard	December 31, 2000
Dianne E. Bruce	August 31, 2000
Denise Dobson	August 31, 2000
Karen Mulhern	August 31, 2000
Allison Negron	October 31, 2002
Roberta L. Adams	October 31, 2002

### **Trust Funds Commission**

Craig A. Gates	January 31, 2002
Carl P. Larson	January 31, 2002
James J. Paugh, III	January 31, 2002
Thomas F. Zidelis, Ex-Officio	

### **Worcester Housing Authority**

James P. Lennon	November 2, 2004
Julia M. Senckowski	November 30, 2000
Joseph P. Carlson	November 30, 2000
Paul J. Giorgio	November 30, 2003
Constance A. Morrison (State Appointee)	November 21, 2001

**Worcester Redevelopment Authority**

Linda C. Nelson (State Appointee)	April 15, 2000
John H. McCabe, Chairman	April 15, 2001
Michael W. Coonan	April 15, 2004
Juan A. Gomez	April 15, 2002
Reverend Lee F. Bartlett	April 15, 2003

**World War Memorial at Lincoln Square**

Christopher B. Dougherty	August 31, 2001
John E. McAuliffe	August 31, 2000
Domenic J. Caccialino	August 31, 2001

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

John N. Barbale, Jr.	September 30, 2004
Sara J. Robertson	September 30, 2003
Amar V. Kapur	September 30, 2001
Matthew J. Armendo	September 30, 2002
Thomas W. Hannigan	September 30, 2001

**Alternate Members**

Charles J. Buffone	September 30, 2000
John T. Reynolds	September 30, 2002

Grade	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987
K	2198	2326	2304	2383	2461	2447	2319	2230	2138	2215	2173	2173	2064
1	2308	2241	2342	2415	2432	2232	2196	2107	2157	2154	2200	2115	1888
2	2133	2178	2359	2283	2155	2056	2022	2012	2004	2037	1964	1850	1835
3	2166	2286	2212	2048	1993	1955	1967	1925	1910	1903	1818	1791	1674
4	2185	2126	2051	1965	1970	1937	1915	1925	1856	1773	1804	1701	1650
5	2080	2012	1968	1907	1913	1898	1902	1811	1705	1762	1701	1664	1517
6	1924	1946	1882	1868	1888	1857	1801	1672	1730	1659	1637	1556	1525
7	1848	1760	1698	1721	1735	1744	1611	1585	1548	1524	1574	1609	1632
8	1710	1700	1651	1645	1610	1458	1531	1512	1466	1500	1617	1598	1509
9	1979	1986	1548	1414	1256	1357	1257	1162	1172	1183	1210	1248	1295
10	1509	1288	1034	1268	1220	1169	1116	1121	1131	1127	1157	1223	1182
11	1267	1277	1077	1089	1141	1037	944	1011	1002	1033	1122	1084	1140
12	1252	1231	995	983	994	855	895	954	924	968	919	1000	1030
PG	54	245											
PreSch	905	810	844	739	651	566	448	377	309	228	185	154	128
Ungraded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254
Total	25518	25412	23965	23728	23419	22568	21924	21404	21052	21066	21081	20766	20323
Chg	106	1447	237	309	851	644	520	352	-14	-15	315	443	

The following shows changes in grade size from 1 year to the next. Followed by 10&5 year averages.

Grades	98>99	97>98	96>97	95>96	94>95	93>94	92>93	91>92	90>91	89>90	88>89	10 yr	5 yr
K-1	-18	-63	-41	-46	-15	-87	-34	-31	-58	-19	27	-36.7	-50.4
1-2	-108	-164	-56	-149	-77	-140	-85	-145	-150	-163	-151	-128	-117
2-3	-12	-73	-71	-107	-63	-67	-45	-79	-127	-61	-32	-72.5	-76.2
3-4	-101	-86	3	-28	15	-30	-10	15	-47	-45	13	-20	-25.2
4-5	-46	-39	3	-63	-24	-17	-23	-45	-68	-42	0	-31.8	-28
5-6	-88	-22	-25	-45	-10	-45	-10	-33	-32	-42	-27	-29.1	-29.4
6-7	-98	-122	-170	-167	-122	-57	-61	-145	-111	-113	18	-105	-128
7-8	-50	2	-70	-90	-134	-153	-54	-36	-58	-74	8	-65.9	-89
8-9	279	335	-97	-196	-202	-174	-255	-304	-328	-434	-388	-204	-66.8
9-10	-477	-260	-380	12	-137	-88	-46	-51	-52	-83	-91	-118	-171
10-11	-21	243	-191	-131	-28	-79	-177	-120	-125	-124	-101	-83.3	-37.2
11-12	-25	154	-94	-158	-43	-89	-116	-48	-109	-154	-165	-82.2	-46

- D. Waldo Lincoln ..... 1863-4  
 Born January 16, 1813  
 Died July 1, 1880
- Phineas Ball ..... 1865  
 Born January 18, 1824  
 Died December 19, 1894
- \*\*James B. Blake ..... 1866-70  
 Born June 19, 1827  
 Died December 18, 1870
- Edward Earle ..... 1871  
 Born February 10, 1811  
 Died May 19, 1877
- George F. Verry ..... 1872  
 Born July 14, 1826  
 Died October 5, 1883
- Clark Jillson ..... 1873,5-6  
 Born April 11, 1825  
 Died June 5, 1894
- Edward L. Davis ..... 1874  
 Born April 22, 1834  
 Died March 2, 1912
- Charles B. Pratt ..... 1877-9  
 Born February 14, 1824  
 Died May 9, 1898
- Frank H. Kelly ..... 1880-1  
 Born September 9, 1827  
 Died October 25, 1890
- Elijah B. Stoddard ..... 1882  
 Born June 5, 1826  
 Died September 27, 1903

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

- Samuel E. Hildreth..... 1883  
 Born December 8, 1829  
 Died June 26, 1893
- Charles G. Reed ..... 1884-5  
 Born April 2, 1835  
 Died November 21, 1899
- Samuel Winslow ..... 1886-9  
 Born February 28, 1827  
 Died October 21, 1894
- Francis A. Harrington ..... 1890-2  
 Born November 17, 1846  
 Died August 28, 1922
- Henry A. Marsh ..... 1893-5  
 Born September 7, 1836  
 Died November 6, 1914
- Augustus B. R. Sprague..... 1896-7  
 Born March 7, 1827  
 Died May 17, 1910
- \*Rufus B. Dodge, Jr..... 1898-1900  
 Born November 24, 1861  
 Died December 13, 1935
- Philip J. O'Connell ..... 1901  
 Born December 18, 1870  
 Died March 2, 1931
- Edward F. Fletcher..... 1902-3  
 Born June 17, 1854  
 Died December 18, 1943

\*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.

- Walter H. Blodget.....1904-5  
 Born 1850  
 Died January 6, 1923
- John T. Duggan.....1906-7  
 Born October 27, 1855  
 Died September 5, 1927
- James Logan .....1908-11  
 Born May 6, 1852  
 Died November 30, 1929
- David F. O'Connell .....1912  
 Born February 8, 1859  
 Died August 12, 1923
- George M. Wright.....1913-16  
 Born April 12, 1865  
 Died January 7, 1926
- Pehr G. Holmes.....1917-19  
 Born 1881  
 Died December 19, 1952
- Peter F. Sullivan.....1920-23  
 Born June 29, 1871  
 Died May 21, 1931
- Michael J. O'Hara.....1924-31  
 Born 1878  
 Died February 3, 1946
- John C. Mahoney .....1932-35  
 Born 1878  
 Died July 12, 1946
- Walter J. Cookson.....1936  
 Born April 17, 1876  
 Died June 11, 1936

- Walter H. Blodget..... 1904-5  
 Born 1850  
 Died January 6, 1923
- John T. Duggan..... 1906-7  
 Born October 27, 1855  
 Died September 5, 1927
- James Logan ..... 1908-11  
 Born May 6, 1852  
 Died November 30, 1929
- David F. O'Connell ..... 1912  
 Born February 8, 1859  
 Died August 12, 1923
- George M. Wright..... 1913-16  
 Born April 12, 1865  
 Died January 7, 1926
- Pehr G. Holmes..... 1917-19  
 Born 1881  
 Died December 19, 1952
- Peter F. Sullivan..... 1920-23  
 Born June 29, 1871  
 Died May 21, 1931
- Michael J. O'Hara..... 1924-31  
 Born 1878  
 Died February 3, 1946
- John C. Mahoney ..... 1932-35  
 Born 1878  
 Died July 12, 1946
- Walter J. Cookson..... 1936  
 Born April 17, 1876  
 Died June 11, 1936



- \*John S. Sullivan ..... 1936-7  
 Born December 18, 1875  
 Died April 12, 1949
- William A. Bennett ..... 1938-45  
 Born March 7, 1887  
 Died September 15, 1970
- Charles F. Jeff Sullivan ..... 1946-49  
 Born October 10, 1904  
 Died August 24, 1962
- Andrew B. Holmstrom ..... 1950-53  
 Born April 10, 1895  
 Died January 13, 1970
- James D. O'Brien ..... 1954-58,60-1  
 Born June 12, 1908  
 (resigned January 2, 1959)  
 Died June 9, 1965
- Joseph C. Casdin ..... 1959  
 Born March 10, 1914
- John M. Shea ..... Jan-Aug. 1962  
 Born December 8, 1902  
 (resigned August 31, 1962)  
 Died November 3, 1988
- Joseph C. Casdin ..... Sept. 1, 1962-April 30, 1963  
 Born March 10, 1914
- Paul V. Mullaney ..... 1963-5  
 Born November 22, 1919
- George A. Wells ..... 1966  
 Born October 7, 1910  
 (resigned Jan. 3, 1967)

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

- Joseph C. Casdin.....1967-8  
 Born March 10, 1914
- John M. Shea.....1969  
 Born December 8, 1902  
 (resigned Jan. 5, 1970)  
 Died November 3, 1988
- George Wells .....1970  
 Born October 7, 1910  
 (resigned Jan. 4, 1971)  
 Died October 19, 1978
- Joseph M. Tinsley.....1971  
 Born June 23, 1915  
 (resigned Jan. 3, 1972)
- Thomas J. Early .....1972  
 Born July 18, 1917  
 (resigned Jan. 2, 1973)  
 Died January 23, 1992
- Joseph M. Tinsley.....1973  
 Born June 23, 1915
- Israel Katz.....1974-5  
 Born May 20, 1907  
 Died August 13, 1979
- Thomas J. Early .....1976-79  
 Born July 18, 1917  
 Died January 23, 1992
- Jordan Levy.....1980-1  
 Born November 4, 1943
- Sara Robertson.....1982-3  
 Born July 22, 1934
- Joseph M. Tinsley.....1984-5  
 Born June 23, 1915

John B. Anderson .....	1986
Born January 1, 1935	
Timothy J. Cooney, Jr. ....	1987
Born November 22, 1940	
Jordan Levy .....	1988-1993
Born November 4, 1943	
Raymond V. Mariano .....	1994-2001
Born September 23, 1950	

**WORCESTER**  
**“Heart of the Commonwealth”**

First settled in 1674, named and resettled 1684. Permanently settled, 1713. Incorporated as a town 1722, as a city 1848. Area 38.441 sq. miles, or about 24,634 acres. Average length 6.4 miles, width 6 miles.

<b>Dwellings Apr.</b>	1951, 27,409;	1952, 27,426;
	1953, 28,482;	1954, 28,640;
	1955, 28,719;	1956, 29,280;
	1957, 29,775;	1958, 29,618;
	1959, 29,537;	1960, 29,755;
	1961, 29,890;	1962, 30,324;
	1963, 30,324;	1964, 30,596;
	1965, 30,606;	1966, 30,843;
	1967, 31,143;	1968, 31,103;
	1969, 31,104;	1970, 30,783;
	1971, 30,569;	1972, 30,320;
	1973, 30,000;	1974, 30,275;
	1975, 30,304;	1976, 30,578;
	1977, 30,524;	1978, 30,482;
	1979, 30,514;	1980, 30,067;
	1981, 29,951;	1982, 30,078;
	1983, 30,115;	1984, 31,210;
	1985, 31,409;	1986, 31,618;
	1987, 31,977;	1988, 32,086;
	1989, 33,600;	1990, 35,100;
	1991, 38,573;	1992, 38,773;
	1993, 34,951;	1994, 35,071;
	1995, 35,249;	1996, 35,918;
	1997, 36,032;	1998, 36,051
	1999, 36,719	

**Valuation**

1953 .....	\$331,225,700
1954 .....	34,434,550
1955 .....	340,437,150
1956 .....	343,673,400
1957 .....	347,774,950
1958 .....	357,172,050
1959 .....	358,800,550
1960 .....	360,761,150
1961 .....	362,780,200
1962 .....	365,933,750
1963 .....	370,282,500
1964 .....	374,832,600
1965 .....	377,710,600

1966 .....	388,837,850
1967 .....	388,530,600
1968 .....	390,403,500
1969 .....	395,552,650
1970 .....	405,641,900
1971 .....	413,013,900
1972 .....	423,218,050
1973 .....	434,485,500
1974 .....	442,161,850
1975 .....	462,762,900
1976 .....	457,363,150
1977 .....	452,204,275
1978 .....	453,604,125
1979 .....	58,415,525
1980 .....	463,168,275
1981 .....	466,022,570
1982 .....	413,520,020
1983 .....	420,351,630

	<b>Total Taxable Assessed Value</b>	<b>Total Exempt Assessed Value</b>
1984	2,453,164,909	1,032,961,000
1985	2,688,296,587	1,047,940,860
1986	2,726,493,611	1,046,815,860
1987	4,515,360,100	1,547,436,100
1988	4,637,906,943	1,473,568,700
1989	5,863,251,926	1,622,025,570
1990	7,117,818,452	1,779,572,600
1991	7,008,169,362	1,879,388,200
1992	6,542,179,437	1,877,848,300
1993	5,666,783,091	1,311,333,700
1994	5,226,088,956	1,663,841,700
1995	5,213,678,881	1,676,060,600
1996	5,020,492,696	1,703,253,300
1997	5,074,535,475	1,699,564,700
1998	5,258,936,965	1,653,645,700
1999	5,389,546,300	1,661,179,000

**Tax, exclusive of polls;**

1953 .....	\$16,562,785.00
1954 .....	17,390,596.60
1955 .....	19,064,480.40
1956 .....	21,307,750.80

1957	22,535,816.76
1958	25,609,243.57
1959	25,403,078.94
1960	26,479,868.41
1961	26,628,066.68
1962	28,103,732.00
1963	29,844,688.27
1964	33,135,201.84
1965	33,389,617.04
1966	33,931,265.94
1967	38,775,353.88
1968	38,962,269.30
1969	47,308,096.94
1970	50,461,852.36
1971	58,069,754.34
1972	61,281,973.64
1973	65,433,516.30
1974	68,892,390.03
1975	68,581,461.78
1976	72,263,377.70
1977	75,337,232.22
1978	75,570,447.23
1979	75,363,512.31
1980	84,481,893.36
1981	71,767,475.78
1982	71,934,764.00
1983	61,001,500.00
1984	61,324,109.00
1985	63,958,547.00
1986	66,366,292.00
1987	70,686,133.00
1988	74,785,432.00
1989	79,586,310.00
1990	85,402,463.00
1991	89,186,131.00
1992	97,682,607.00
1993	101,926,622.00
1994	107,046,948.00
1995	111,969,010.89
1996	114,479,284.00
1997	119,935,361.00
1998	124,739,199.29
1999	129,605,481.82

**Rate of taxation per \$1,000**

1951, \$ 48.40; 1952, \$ 50.80; 1953, \$ 50.00; 1954, \$ 52.00;  
1955, \$ 56.00; 1956, \$ 52.00; 1957, \$ 64.80; 1958, \$ 71.70;  
1959, \$ 70.80; 1960, \$ 73.40; 1961, \$ 73.40 1962, \$ 76.80;  
1963, \$ 80.60; 1964, \$ 88.40; 1965, \$ 88.40; 1966, \$ 88.40;  
1967, \$ 99.80; 1968, \$ 99.80; 1969, \$ 119.60; 1970, \$ 124.40;  
1971, \$ 140.60; 1972, \$ 144.80; 1973, \$ 150.60; 1974, \$ 144.50;  
1975, \$ 148.10; 1976, \$ 158.00; 1977, \$ 166.60; 1978, \$ 166.60;  
1979, \$ 164.40; 1980, \$ 182.40; 1981, \$ 154.00; 1982, \$ 154.00;  
1983, \$ 129.80;  
1984, \$ 20.00 Residential  
1984, \$ 31.16 Commercial & Industrial  
1985, \$ 20.30 Residential  
1985, \$ 32.17 Commercial & Industrial  
1986, \$ 20.30 Residential  
1986, \$ 32.17 Commercial & Industrial  
1987, \$ 13.00 Residential  
1987, \$ 21.71 Commercial & Industrial  
1988, \$ 13.39 Residential  
1988, \$ 22.37 Commercial & Industrial  
1989, \$ 9.75 Residential  
1989, \$ 21.00 Commercial & Industrial  
1990, \$ 9.50 Residential  
1990, \$ 21.00 Commercial & Industrial  
1991, \$ 9.68 Residential  
1991, \$ 21.64 Commercial & Industrial  
1992, \$ 11.23 Residential  
1992, \$ 25.08 Commercial & Industrial  
1993, \$ 13.72 Residential  
1993, \$ 30.13 Commercial, Industrial & Personal  
1994, \$ 15.57 Residential  
1994, \$ 33.36 Commercial, Industrial & Personal  
1995, \$ 16.32 Residential  
1995, \$ 34.50 Commercial, Industrial & Personal  
1996, \$ 17.41 Residential  
1996, \$ 35.93 Commercial, Industrial & Personal  
1997, \$ 18.67 Residential  
1997, \$ 35.69 Commercial, Industrial & Personal  
1998, \$ 18.06 Residential  
1998, \$ 37.63 Commercial, Industrial & Personal  
1999, \$ 18.48 Residential  
1999, \$ 37.63 Commercial, Industrial & Personal

**Assessed Polls: Male**

1949, 65,174;	1950, 64,299;	1951, 63,581;
1952, 63,610;	1953, 62,037;	1954, 62,294;
1955, 61,549;	1956, 61,181;	1957, 57,720;
1958, 57,288;	1959, 55,932;	1960, 56,332;
1961, 55,387;	1962, 53,332;	1963, 52,832;
1964, None; (Abolished by Law)		

**Registered Voters (Male & Female)**

1952, 108,465;	1953, 103,313;	1954, 101,481;
1955, 97,459;	1956, 101,977;	1957, 97,150;
1958, 96,259;	1959, 93,400;	1960, 98,744;
1961, 95,062;	1962, 94,424;	1963, 91,752;
1964, 94,982;	1965, 91,254;	1966, 86,779;
1967, 87,450;	1968, 90,350;	1969, 85,708;
1970, 84,904;	1971, 86,195;	1972, 91,450;
1973, 87,889;	1974, 85,957;	1975, 83,757;
1976, 87,657;	1977, 85,529;	1978, 82,196;
1979, 79,961;	1980, 83,756;	1981, 80,308;
1982, 79,879;	1983, 78,123;	1984, 82,872;
1985, 74,463;	1986, 75,671;	1987, 67,982;
1988, 79,111;	1989, 69,596;	1990, 73,003;
1991, 74,429;	1992, 74,831;	1993, 62,005;
1994, 64,358;	1995, 67,729;	1996, 76,918;
1997, 79,315	1998, 83,160;	1999, 86,424

**Vote for President:** 1940, 90,044; 1944, 83,931;  
and 152 Federal War Ballots;

1948, 94,461;	1952, 97,421;	1956, 50,853;
1960, 91,362;	1964, 82,629;	1968, 76,650;
1970, 71,121;	1976, 9,742;	1980, 64,263;
1984, 62,261;	1988, 59,143;	1992, 60,196;
1996, 54,012		

**Vote for Governor:**

1946, 72,891;	1948, 94,461;
1950, 82,666;	1952, 96,341;
1954, 41,208;	1956, 49,890;
1958, 75,708;	1960, 91,362;
1962, 78,975;	1964, 82,366;
1966, 71,497;	1970, 31,365;
1974, 57,404;	1978, 53,833;
1982, 52,356;	1986, 41,479;
1990, 51,650;	1994, 46,465
1998, 41,145	



**Vote for Mayor:**

1943, 53,492;	1945, 58,874;	1947, 69,653;
1987, 23,163;	1989, 27,199;	1991, 33,031;
1993, 32,101;	1995, 23,128;	1997, 22,860
1999, 23,594		

**Vote for Councilors (Plan E):**

1949, 74,708;	1951, 58,573;	1953, 56,766;
1955, 63,804;	1957, 61,460;	1959, 67,102;
1961, 64,981;	1963, 65,632;	1965, 56,774;
1967, 48,562;	1969, 43,876;	1971, 48,455;
1973, 46,137;	1975, 45,418;	1977, 37,396;
1979, 39,487;	1981, 31,842;	1983, 36,479;
1985, 30,609		

**Vote for Councilors-at-Large:**

1987, 38,688;	1989, 29,614;	1991, 35,418;
1993, 33,128;	1995, 24,385;	1997, 25,293
1999, 24,897		

**Vote for District Councilors:****District #1**

1987, 9,389; 1989, 7,855; 1991, 8,768; 1993, 8,365;  
1995, 6,055; 1997, 4,002; 1999, 6,913

**District #2**

1987, 7,008; 1989, 4,979; 1991, 5,285; 1993, 5,672;  
1995, 3,029; 1997, 2,900; 1999, 3,903

**District #3**

1987, 7,293; 1989, 5,166; 1991, 6,069; 1993, 4,234;  
1995, 3,090; 1997, 3,030; 1999, 4,274

**District #4**

1987, 4,926; 1989, 3,507; 1991, 3,802; 1993, 3,046;  
1995, 2,421; 1997, 4,026; 1999, 2,662

**District #5**

1987, 10,052; 1989, 8,107; 1991, 8,183; 1993, 7,802;  
1995, 5,925; 1997, 6,799; 1999, 7,145

**State Election, November 3, 1998 – 41,912**

**Municipal Election, November 2, 1999 – 24,897**

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Officers, exclusive of Chief and Deputy Chiefs of Police

10 Captains

29 Lieutenants

55 Sergeants

355 Police Officers

449 Total

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Firefighters, exclusive of Chief and Deputy Fire Chiefs

10 District Chiefs

25 Captains

77 Lieutenants

361 Firefighters

473 Total

## **CITY HALL**

Cornerstone laid September 12, 1896

Dedication exercises, April 28, 1898

Occupied May 1, 1898

Length, 219 feet; width, 85 feet

Height from grade line to top of cornice, 65 feet:

to top of tower, 205

Cost of building, \$590,000. Furnishings, \$38,000.

Grading, etc. \$22,000. Total \$650,000.

Architects, Peabody & Stearns, Boston

Builders, Norcross Brothers, Worcester

City of Worcester Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Dept.		Acree	Football	Little League	Softball	Baseball	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Handball	Volleyball	Shuffleboard	Playground	Bathing Beach	Pool Complex	Sledding	Skating Area	Picnic Grove	Roller Hockey	Park Bldgs.	Mnmt/Tower	Bandstand
Park Facilities													*					1				
*Lighted Playing Fields													*									
Apricot Street Playground, Apricot St.	2.39												*									
Bailey-Prouty Pikayground Bailey-Prouty Lane	1.00		1										*									
Banis Street Playlot, Dorchester and Banis	0.47												*		1				1	2		
Beaver Brook Park, Mann St.	16.30	1	2	2*				1					*									
Bell Hill, Belmont St	23.00						3						*									
Bennett Field, Holland Road & Gates St.	5.17			1									*									
Blithwood Avenue Park	3.46		1					1					*									
Boynton Park, Mower Park	114.67				1								*					2				
Burncoat Park, Wawecuss Road	15.10		1		1								*				1					
Burncoat Street Playground, Upper Burncoat St.	1.26							1*	1*				*									
Cascades Park, Cataract Street	70.70																					6
City Hall Common, Main St.	4.40																			1		
Coes Pond Beach, Mill St	1.87										1				1							
Columbus Park, Circuit Ave South	8.03																					
Cookson Field, Kendig St.	18.63												*		1							1
Cristoforo Columbo Park, Shrewsbury St.	58.29	1*	1	1*	1*			1*	2*				*		1					2		
Crompton Park, Canton St.	14.63	1*		2*	1			1*	2*				*		1							
Crompton Park, Canton St.	13.00																					
Dodge Park, Randolph Road	13.00												*					3*	1	2	3	
Elm Park, Newton Square & Highland St.	60.00							1*	4*				*									
Elm Park, Newton Square & Highland St.	0.95							1				1	*									
Fairmont Park, North St.	5.00						1													1		
Farber Field, Moreland St.	1.55							1														
Grant Square, Grant Square	1.55							1														
Great Brook Valley Playground, E. Mountain St.	6.96				1								*				1*	1*	7	6	1	1
Green Hill Park, Skyline Drive	482.37		1										*		1			1		2		
Greenwood Park, Foresberg St.	14.85		1	1				1*	2				*		1		1*			1		
Greenwood Park, Foresberg St.	50.14					1		1*				1	*							1		
Hadwen Park, Heard St.	50.14							1*					*							1		
Harrington Field, Harrington Way	6.00		3					1*					*		1					2		
Harry Sherry Field (S, Worcester) Cambridge St.	4.87		1		1			1*	1*				*		1					1	1	
Harry Sherry Field (S, Worcester) Cambridge St.	8.00	1			1								*									
Holmes Street, Plantation St.	8.00		1					2					*									
Holland Rink Playground, Lincoln St.	8.00		1					2					*									
Holland Rink Playground, Lincoln St.	1.63														1							1
Indian Lake Beach, Clason Road	1.63																					1
Indian Lake Beach, Clason Road	24.62									3*												2
Institute Park, Salisbury St	24.62												*		1							1
Institute Park, Salisbury St	15.05			2	1*	1		1*					*									3
Kendrick Field, Brooks Street	15.05					1	1*	1*					*									1
Kendrick Field, Brooks Street	78.16					1	1*	1*					*									3
Lake Park, Lake Ave.	78.16												*									1
Lake Park, Lake Ave.	1.20												*									1
Lake View Playground, Coburn Ave.	1.20					1	1	1					*									1
Lake View Playground, Coburn Ave.	11.28																					
Logan Field, Mill St.	11.28																					
Middle River Park, Middle River	8.10																					
Middle River Park, Middle River	11.20									3*												
Morgan Landing, Grove St.	11.20							1*														2
Morgan Landing, Grove St.	3.44			2				1*														
Mulcahy Field, Dorchester St.	3.44							1					*						1			
Mulcahy Field, Dorchester St.	1.46							1					*									
Oakland Heights Playground, Garney Road	1.46							1					*									
Oakland Heights Playground, Garney Road	3.12							1*	1	2			*									
Oread Castle Park, Castle St.	3.12							1					*									
Oread Castle Park, Castle St.	4.59							1					*									
Providence St. Playground,	4.59							1					*									
Providence St. Playground,																						
William J. Glodis Soccer Field, Providence St																						
Ramshorn, Island, Belmont St.	1.50																					2
Ramshorn, Island, Belmont St.	15.78					1	1	1	1													
Ramshorn, Island, Belmont St.	15.78					1	1	1	1													1
Rockwood Field, Chandler St.	11.79																					
Rockwood Field, Chandler St.	11.79																					
Sallsbury Park, Bancroft Tower St.	0.77														*							
Sallsbury Park, Bancroft Tower St.	0.77														*							
Shale Street Playground, Shale St.	0.77															1				1		
Shale Street Playground, Shale St.	0.77															1				1		
Shore Park, Shore Drive	5.00											1			*		1					
Shore Park, Shore Drive	5.00											1			*		1					
Tacoma Street Playground, Tacoma St.	15.00								2						*		1					
Tacoma Street Playground, Tacoma St.	15.00								2						*		1					
Ty Cobb, James Street	11.00														*		1		1*			
Ty Cobb, James Street	11.00														*		1		1*			
University Park, Main St.	13.00									2					*		1		1*			
University Park, Main St.	13.00									2					*		1		1*			
Vernon Hill Park, Providence St.	13.70				1	1	1	1*							*							1
Vernon Hill Park, Providence St.	13.70				1	1	1	1*							*							1
Wetherell Estate, Newton Ave North	6.70				1										*							

## 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--11.50 acres; 364.35 feet;  
19,307,000 gallons  
Kettle Brook, No. 2--30.76 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--118.61 acres; 604.73 feet;  
513,746,000 gallons

### Low Service Reservoirs

Holden, No. 1--130 acres; 269.85 feet;  
729,319,000 gallons  
Holden, No. 2--52.63 acres; 237.80 feet;  
257,398,000 gallons  
Kendall--175 acres; 333 feet;  
792,163,000 gallons  
Pine Hill--345 acres; 429 feet;  
2,970,967,000 gallons  
Quinapoxet--280 acres; 250 feet;  
1,116,000,000 gallons  
Elevation of Main Street at City Hall, above tide water 481 feet  
Water pressure at City Hall:  
High Service--145 pounds per sq. in.  
Low Service--101 pounds per sq. in.

## WATER STATISTICS

Miles of Main Pipe .....	591.8
Fire Hydrants (Public) .....	6,069
Meters .....	40,115

Total Valuation of Water Works  
\$554,850,000.      December 31, 1999

## SEWER STATISTICS

Miles of Main Sanitary Sewers .....	378
Miles of Combined Sewers .....	61
Miles of Surface Sewers .....	349
Total Miles of Sewers.....	788
Number of Manholes .....	27,309
Number of Catch Basins.....	14,557
Number of House Connections .....	34,500
C.C.F. of Recorded Sewer Usage for 1999 .....	7,548,000
Total Valuation of Sewerage System December 31, 1999.....	\$486,800,308

## STREET STATISTICS

Miles of Public Streets .....	408.8
Miles of Private Streets .....	104.0
Miles of Asphalt Sidewalks.....	368.1
Miles of Concrete Sidewalks.....	238.9
9,600 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights.....	2,757
4,000 Lumen Sodium Lights .....	6,049
50,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights .....	319
Gas Lights.....	29
27,500 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights.....	3,264
16,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Lights .....	240
Downtown Streetscape Lights.....	226
Total Street Lights .....	12,855

## POPULATION OF WORCESTER

1722-- 200	1900--118,421
1765-- 1,475	1905--128,135
1775-- 1,925	1910--145,986
1790-- 2,095	1915--162,697
1800-- 2,411	1920--179,754
1810-- 2,577	1925--190,757
1820-- 2,962	1930--196,837
1830-- 4,172	1935--190,471
1840-- 7,497	1940--193,402
1850--17,049	1945--198,741
1860--24,960	1950--203,486
1865--30,058	1955--202,612
1870--41,105	1960--186,587
1875--49,317	1965--180,341
1880--58,291	1970--176,572
1885--68,389	1975--172,342
1890--84,655	1980--161,799
1895--98,767	1985--164,655
	1990--158,833
	1993--153,892
	1994--153,107
	1995--154,222
	1996--159,635
	1997--160,222
	1999--163,121

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>BIRTHS</b>	<b>MARRIAGES</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
1950	5771	2255	2841
1951	6205	2289	3002
1952	6307	2122	3031
1953	6352	2105	3052
1954	6452	1946	2944
1955	6522	1951	3066
1956	6522	1984	3008
1957	6864	1848	3077
1958	6606	1699	3078
1959	6498	1571	3119
1960	6451	1657	3213
1961	6412	1543	3125
1962	6222	1549	3091
1963	6176	1549	3144
1964	5738	1571	3167
1965	5586	1729	3251
1966	5505	1714	3141
1967	5374	1837	3252
1968	5244	1877	3284
1969	5282	2018	3218
1970	5408	1894	3240
1971	5137	1968	3132
1972	4746	1953	3192
1973	4736	1898	3308
1974	4155	1933	3209
1975	4203	1815	3166
1976	4538	1722	3195
1977	4617	1815	2935
1978	4788	1860	3091
1979	4937	1933	3050
1980	5240	1614	3342
1981	5224	1629	3202
1982	5308	1613	3227
1983	5502	1634	3393
1984	5768	1604	3401
1985	6031	1619	3423
1986	6014	1666	3474
1987	6346	1598	3317
1988	6753	1627	3431
1989	7186	1606	3490
1990	7183	1521	3382
1991	6825	1382	3463

1992	6782	1228	3333
1993	6694	1244	3497
1994	6380	1206	3445
1995	6149	1302	3305
1996	5981	1194	3349
1997	6019	1319	3230
1998	6188	1232	3405
1999	6031	1374	3316



RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF  
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Rule 1. At all meetings of the City Council six (6) Councilors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

No business of the City Council may be considered or debated and the Council shall be in recess at any meeting where a quorum of the City Council is not present within the Council Chamber or meeting hall.

Duties and Powers of the Chair

Rule 2. 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, the most senior member with continuous service of the City Council shall serve during the absence of both the Mayor and Vice Chairman.

Rule 3. The chair 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; and no other business shall be in order until 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 4. The chair shall declare all votes. If any member doubts the vote, the chair, without further debate upon the question, shall require the Clerk to call the roll of affirmative and negative votes and the chair shall declare the results; but no such declaration shall be made unless a quorum of the City Council has voted.

Rule 5. 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 put first.

Rule 6. The chair shall determine who is entitled to take the floor and in what order as guided by the rules of the City Council.

In determining the order in which Councilors are allowed to speak the chair shall give preference to that member who has not yet spoken on the subject under discussion.

Rule 7. When the Mayor wishes to relinquish the chair, he or she shall do so consistent with the process outlined in Rule 2. Such substitution shall not continue beyond the will of the presiding officer so relinquishing the chair or beyond an adjournment.

Rule 8. If the presiding officer wishes to express an opinion on any subject under debate he or she shall relinquish the chair as provided in the rules established in this section. He or she shall not resume the chair until he or she is through speaking and all points of order arising as a part of that debate have been decided.

#### Rights and Duties of Members

Rule 9. Every member who wishes to speak shall indicate his or her intention to the chair who shall determine the order of speaking.

Rule 10. When speaking a member shall rise and respectfully address their comments, at all times, the member shall confine himself or herself to the question or issue discussed and avoid personalities.

Rule 11. After being recognized by the chair no Councilor shall speak for more than five (5) minutes at a time. Additional time may be granted to a speaker, as determined by the chair, if comments made by the City Manager or other individuals in response to questions, have taken an unusual amount of time.

Rule 12. On a particular issue being discussed, at a specific meeting of the City Council, no Councilor will be recognized by the chair to speak more than twice.

Rule 13. When speaking, voting, calling the roll and announcing votes, all members of the City Council, the City Manager, the City Clerk, department heads or members of the public shall use a microphone.

Rule 14. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another but by rising to raise a question of order; to a point of personal privilege, to a question of parliamentary procedure or to doubt the presence of a quorum.

Rule 15. A member may rise to a point of personal privilege with the permission of the chair but shall not discuss pending questions and shall confine his or her remarks to statements which have been made regarding his rights, reputation or conduct in his capacity as a City Councilor.

Rule 16. A member may rise to ask questions of parliamentary inquiry with the permission of the chair but shall not discuss pending questions.

Rule 17. No member shall vote on any question or serve on any committee where his or her private interest is immediately concerned distinct from that of the public.

Rule 18. When considering a council order properly before the City Council, if the filer states his or her intention to have that item referred to a standing committee of the City Council, the City Manager or other appropriate individual or body, the first time he or she rises to speak to that item, he or she will be allowed to speak to that item as permitted by the Rules of the City Council. No other debate will be allowed except to oppose or amend the motion of referral or to request clarification of the item.

Rule 19. Every member present when a question is put shall vote unless the City Council for special reasons excuses him or her. 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 20. The seats of the members of the City Council shall be numbered and determined by lot at the first meeting of each Council term; and no member shall change his or her seat but by permission of the chair.

## Committees of the City Council

Rule 21. All committees of the City Council shall be appointed by the Mayor under the guidelines established in this section.

Rule 22. There shall be appointed Standing Committees of the City Council as follows:

- a. Committee on Commerce and Development, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters pertaining to Commerce, Industry, Labor, Urban Renewal, Development, Planning, Arts and Entertainment.
- b. Committee on Community Development, to consist of three (3) councilors, to consider all aspects of Community Development Block Grant Funding.
- c. Committee on Education , to consist of three (3) councilors, to consider all matters pertaining to public vocational education, public education as offered by the City of Worcester or its departments and the public libraries.
- d. Committee on Elder Affairs, to consist of three (3) councilors, to consider all matters pertaining to the problems and issues affecting elderly citizens.
- e. Committee on Ethnic and Minority Affairs, to consist of three (3) councilors, to consider all matters pertaining to ethnic and minority affairs, human resources, handicapped, personnel policies, employee training and problems facing groups not otherwise represented in a Rule 22 Committee.
- f. Committee on Fees and Charges, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters pertaining to fees or charges or charges assessed by the City of Worcester or any of its departments.
- g. Committee on Finance, to consist of the Mayor and ten (10) Councilors, to consider all matters of appropriations, loans and official bonds and in general any matters affecting the financial interest of the city.

- h. Committee on Health, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters relating to health care, public health, employee insurance and hospitals.
-  i. Committee on Housing, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters related to housing.
- j. Committee on Land Use, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters involving the acquisition and preservation of open space and all zoning and other general land use issues.
- k. Committee on Legislative Affairs, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters pertaining to state and federal legislation affecting Worcester. Said Committee to meet periodically with elected members of the General Court so that the city can lobby for or against pending legislation that would have an impact on the community.
- l. Committee on Military Affairs and Veterans' Service, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters pertaining to veteran's organizations and veterans in general and military affairs.
- m. Committee on Municipal Operations, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters involving problems in municipal operations and procedures not otherwise the responsibility of another Standing or Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council.
- n. Committee on Ordinances, to consist of the Mayor and Ten (10) Councilors.
- o. Committee on Public Safety, to consist of the three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters pertaining to police, fire departments and ambulance services.
- p. Committee on Public Service and Transportation, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all complaints that may be sent to the City Council against public service corporations and to consider all matters affecting public street lighting, cable television and transportation.

- q. Committee on Public Works, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider all matters, except fees for service, pertaining to streets, water, sewers, public buildings, engineering and energy.
- r. Committee on Regional Affairs to consist of three (3) Councilors to consider issues with a regional impact, not already within the jurisdiction of another Committee.
- s. Committee on Rules and Regulations, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to periodically review the rules and regulations of the City Council and any other matter affecting or determining the conduct of a City Council meeting or a meeting of a Standing or Ad Hoc committee of the City Council.
- t. Committee on Strategic Planning, to consist of three (3) Councilors, to consider issues of strategic planning for the City of Worcester.
- u. Committee on Traffic and Parking, to consist of three (3) Councilors to consider all matters pertaining to traffic conditions, on and off street parking.
- v. Committee on Youth, Parks and Recreation to consist of three (3) Councilors to consider all matters involving youth, parks, playgrounds, recreation activities and Hope Cemetery.

All Standing Committees of the City Council shall have general budget and policy oversight relationships with City Departments as listed:

#### COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Auditorium

Civic Center Commission

License Commission

Development Office

Worcester Redevelopment Authority

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Community Development

#### EDUCATION

Public Library

Public Schools

Vocational Schools

#### ELDER AFFAIRS

Elder Affairs

#### ETHNIC AND MINORITY AFFAIRS

Employment/Training

Human Rights Commission

Human Resources

## HEALTH

Department of Public Health and Code Enforcement

Public Health and School Health Services

## HOUSING

Department of Public Health and Code Enforcement -

Code Inspection and Enforcement Services

Worcester Housing Authority

## LAND USE

Planning Board

Zoning Board of Appeals

Zoning Ordinance

Open Space Acquisition

Conservation Commission

## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

Assessor

Auditing

City Clerk

City Council

Information Services

Election Commission

City Manager's Office

Human Resources Department – Collective Bargaining Section



Law Department

Purchasing

Retirement System

Treasurer/Collector

**MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Veterans Services

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Emergency Management

Fire

Police

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION**

Airport

Street Lights

Worcester Regional Transit Authority

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

Department of Public Works – Traffic Engineering Division

**YOUTH, PARKS AND RECREATION**

Cultural Commission

Parks, Recreation and Cemetery

Rule 23. The City Council shall refrain from authorizing the establishment of Ad Hoc committees except in those instances when an item:

- a. cannot be considered by an existing Standing Committee of the City Council,
- b. is limited in the scope of responsibilities to a narrow/single area of responsibility,
- c. is limited in time and is established to exist for a specific period of time.

If such an Ad Hoc committee is established, it shall have a clearly defined purpose and have a date established at which time it will automatically be dissolved unless reestablished by a vote of the City Council.

If no such date has been established, the Ad Hoc Committee will be automatically dissolved at the end of the current term of Office of the City Council which established the Ad Hoc committee.

Rule 24. The Mayor shall be ex-officio chairman of any committee of which he or she is a member and on all other committees the Councilor first named by the Mayor upon initial appointment to a committee shall be chairman, and in case of his or her resignation, or inability to serve, the member of the committee next in order as named by the Mayor shall be chairman.

#### Regular Meetings

Rule 25. Regular meetings of the City Council shall be had weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chamber located inside City Hall, unless at a previous meeting, by a majority vote, the City Council determines another day, time and/or place. City Council meetings may, by a majority vote, be held at any other suitable public building within the City of Worcester.

Rule 26. During the months of July and August, the City Council shall hold one regular meeting each month.

Rule 27. No council meeting shall be allowed to proceed after midnight. Items still pending action at that time shall be carried forward as the "First Item of Business: at the next regular or special Council meeting.

### Special Meetings

Rule 28. The Mayor, or if the Mayor is unable to serve, the Vice Chairman of the City Council, or any five (5) members thereof, may call a special meeting by causing written notices at least forty eight (48) hours in advance, stating the time and purpose of holding such meetings 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 or her usual dwelling place, at least twenty four (24) hours before the time of such meeting.

Rule 29. An emergency meeting of the City Council may be called as permitted by state law (G.L. c. 39, s 23B). In such instances and only when absolutely necessary, the Mayor may waive the twenty four (24) hour notice period outlined in Rule 28.

Rule 30. 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)

### Filing Procedures and Notifications

Rule 31. A reasonable good faith effort should be made to notify the principal petitioner of any item to be heard before a Standing or Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council of the date, time and place at which his or her petition will be heard by the Committee.

No final action shall be taken on a citizen's petition unless the City Clerk's office can attest to said good faith effort.

Rule 32. Notice of all committee meetings must be given at least forty eight (48) hours before the time for meeting except in the case of an emergency as may be permitted by state law.

Rule 33. No petition, remonstrance, resolution or other communication which deals with personalities or with matters not within the general supervision of government shall be considered by the City Council. The City Clerk, with the assistance of the City Solicitor, shall determine when an item is not appropriate for placement on the City Council agenda.

Rule 34. A petition or any other item which would appear on the City Council or City Manager agendas must specifically state the business to be discussed. Items which do not state the business to be discussed shall not be placed on the agenda.

Rule 35. All papers of whatever description which may require action by the City Council, shall be presented to the City Clerk not later than 4:15 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the day of each regular meeting. Papers presented after that hour on such day will not be considered until the next meeting.

Rule 36. The City Manager's recommendation and reports including pertinent data relating to the same, shall be presented to the City Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the day of each regular meeting. Papers, excluding emergency items, presented after that hour on such day will not be considered until the next meeting.

Rule 37. The City Clerk shall prepare a calendar of all matters to come before the City Council and the Committee on Finance and Ordinances at each meeting in accordance with the established order of business and shall cause to be delivered to the City Council office in City Hall a copy of the same no later than 5:00 p.m. the Friday preceding a Tuesday meeting. Copies of this calendar shall be available to the public at each meeting.

For all citizen petitions, committee report and chairman's orders, the City Clerk shall indicate the appropriate action recommended for the Council's consideration.

Rule 38. That for all communications with the City Council, all documents will be available for public inspection except when such public inspection will:

- a. Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- b. Jeopardize the City's position or otherwise interfere with collective bargaining strategy or litigation.
- c. Jeopardize effective law enforcement, or
- d. Impede or jeopardize the effective operation of the City government.

#### Order of Business

Rule 39. At regular meetings of this City Council the order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance/Star Spangled Banner
- c. Roll Call
- d. Proclamations, Resolutions, Acknowledgments, Acknowledgements of Volunteerism and Community Service
- e. Public Hearing
- f. Motions of Reconsiderations
- g. First Items of Business
- h. Items of Citizens Interest  
That "Items of Citizen Interest" be only those items on Council's or Manager's calendars. Any suspension if entertained by the Council, unless of an emergency nature, shall only be considered after all regularly scheduled business has been completed.
- i. Items of Departmental or Employee Interest  
That "Items of Departmental or Employee Interest" be only those items on the Council's or Manager's calendars. Any suspension, if entertained by the Council, unless of an emergency nature, shall only be considered after all regularly scheduled business has been completed. That Reports of the Planning Board are exempted from the Council's alternating weekly schedule and appear on the Council's agenda as soon as they are received.
- j. Petitions

- k. Communications from the City Manager (Alternating weeks beginning on week one).
- l. Motions, Orders or Resolutions (Alternating weeks beginning on week two).
- m. Recess to Finance Committee, if necessary  
No final action is to be taken on any item pending in Finance and Ordinance. Final action can only be taken in the regular proceedings of a City Council meeting.
- n. Recess to Ordinance Committee, if necessary
- o. Communications and Reports from City Officers
- p. Reports of the Committees (Alternating weeks - beginning on week two)
- q. Tabled Items

### Council Meeting Process and Procedures

Rule 40. That discussion at a particular Council meeting on a single subject be limited to no more than one (1) hour or until each Councilor who wishes to speak is given an opportunity to do so.

Rule 41. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time within forty eight (48) hours after an item has been decided provided that the motion to reconsider has been accepted by two thirds (2/3) of the members of the City Council. However, no more than one (1) motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be entertained. In the computation of the forty eight (48) hours, Saturday and Sunday shall be excluded.

Rule 42. An item once duly considered and voted, if found in the negative, or if reconsidered, shall not be placed before the City Council within ninety (90) days of the last action taken by the City Council.

Rule 43. All final votes of the City Council on questions involving the expenditure of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more, or upon the request of any member, shall be by roll call and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the records.

Rule 44. That all matters referred to the City Solicitor and the Law Department be reported back to the City Council within sixty (60) days.

Rule 45. An item not on the calendar of a regular or special meeting shall not be considered nor acted upon unless two thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Council consent thereto.

Rule 46. None of the foregoing rules and orders shall be suspended at any meeting unless two thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Council consent thereto.

Rule 47. Smoking shall not be allowed at meetings of the City Council or at Committee Meetings of the City Council. The City Manager shall designate areas appropriate for smoking in all City of Worcester public buildings.

Rule 48. That prior to confirmation of appointments by the City Manager that those individuals nominated must first appear prior to or at the time confirmation.

Rule 49. When a question is under debate the chair shall receive no motion, but to adjourn

To adjourn

To recess

To leave to withdraw a motion

To lay on the table

For the previous question

To postpone to a certain day

To refer

To place on file

To amend

To postpone indefinitely

which several motions shall have precedence in the above order. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, 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.

## Citizen Participation

Rule 50. Consistent with the City's Charter, at any meeting of the City Council, the citizens and employees of the City shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard regarding any matter presently under consideration by the City Council.

It will be the responsibility of the chair, as guided by the rules established by the City Council, to determine citizen participation.

Rule 51. All petitions filed, by a citizen, with the City Council, shall automatically be referred without debate to the proper committee, board, commission, department of the City Manager for investigation, recommendation or disposition except for questions of clarification, amendment or opposition by members of the City Council. The City Clerk, in the preparation of the City Council agenda, shall note the recommended action on the agenda.

Whenever possible, the body or individual to whom the petition was referred will make every reasonable effort to complete its work on the petition within sixty (60) days.

Rule 52. In those instances where the referral of a petition shall, by its referral causes to render the petition moot or cause a negative response to the petition or for any petition which cannot be referred as outlined in Rule 50, the City Council shall allow only the primary petitioner the opportunity to address the City Council. It shall be the duty of the chair to determine such instances subject to the challenge of the City Council. Consistent with other Council rules the time for that presentation shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

Once a citizen has been given the opportunity to address the City Council, members of the Council will be allowed to speak guided by the rules of the Council governing Council participation.

Rule 53. On any matter being considered for final disposition by the City Council, any citizen shall have the opportunity to address the City Council. Consistent with other Council rules the time for that presentation shall not exceed five (5) minutes. When speaking, a citizen shall address all his or her remarks to the chair. He or she shall be requested to state his or her full name and residential address prior to addressing the issue under consideration.



Rule 54. On all matters appearing on either the City Council or City Manager's calendar that will be referred to a committee, board, commission, department or the City Manager for investigation, recommendations or dispositions and which will, at some other time, appear on the City Council or City Manager's calendar for final disposition, debate will be limited to members of the City Council, the City Manager or department heads.

Rule 55. On any matter being considered by the Finance Committee any citizen shall have an opportunity to address the City Council. Consistent with other Council rules that time shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

Rule 56. 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. Said individual will be given the opportunity to address the City Council consistent with the rules established in this section.

Rule 57. No person will be admitted within the rail in the City Council Chamber at any meeting of the City Council, except upon permission of the Mayor.

#### Additional Rules of the City Council

Rule 58. No action is to be taken on any proposed amendment to the rules until the next regular meeting after the amendment has been proposed.

None of the foregoing rules or orders shall be amended or repealed unless two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Council consent thereto.

Rule 59. For all questions of parliamentary practices or order not specifically provided for in Rules of the City Council, the Council shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order".

## Votes Required

Rule 60. The following votes shall be required for passage:

- a. For approval of budget-majority vote - 6 votes.  
G.L.c 44, section 32, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-2 (b).
- b. For intra-departmental (within the same department) transfer of funds - upon recommendation of City Manager and majority vote – 6 votes. G.L.c.44, section 33B, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-4.
- c. For intra-department (from one department to another) transfer of funds - upon recommendation of City Manager and 2/3 vote (8) votes plus assent of departmental head from whose department funds are being transferred. G.L.c.44, section 33B, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-4.
- d. For transfer of one appropriation to another not between departments is a straight appropriation of money and requires a recommendation of City Manager and a majority vote - 6 votes.  
G.L.c.44, section 33B, WHR Charter Art.5, section 5-4.
- e. For approval of Loan Orders whether within or outside of the Debt Limit - 2/3 vote 8 votes. G.L.c.44, sections 7 and 8. Except debts for temporary loans outside the debt limit - majority vote - 6 votes. G.L.c.44, section 8.
- f. For approval of appropriations for purchase or taking of land or any other interest therein, 2/3 vote - 8 votes. G.L.c.40, section 14, WHR Charter Art. 5, section 5-6.
- g. For acceptance of statute, a majority vote - 6 votes, G.L.c.4, section 4, WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6 (b). Unless otherwise provided in the statute G.L.c.4, section 4.
- h. For adoption of an ordinance - majority vote - 6 votes. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6 (b). Emergency preamble requires 2/3 votes. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-9 (a).
- i. For decreeing of a public street - majority vote - 6 votes. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6 (b). But such orders usually carry an appropriation for such taking under G.L. c.40, section 14 and therefore paragraph f, above applies.

j. For construction order, streets, sewer etc. - majority vote – 6 votes. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6 (b).

k. For passage of original zoning ordinance or change of zoning ordinance - 2/3 vote - 8 votes. G.L.c. 40A, section 5. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6 (b).

If written protest, stating the reasons, is filled with the City Clerk prior to final action by the Council and is duly signed by owners of at least 20% of the area of the land proposed to be included in the change or of the area of land immediately adjacent extending 300 feet therefrom, then 3/4 of the entire Council - 9 votes - are required. G.L.c. 40A, section 5. WHR Charter Art.2, section - 2-6 (b).

l. For increase of pension under G.L.c.32, section 90A - 2/3 vote – 8 votes. G.L.c.32, section 90A. WHR Charter Art. 2, 2-6 (b).

m. For increase in salary or wage - 2/3 vote - 8 votes. G.L.c.44, section 33A. WHR Charter Art. 2, section 2-6-(b).

n. To add a street to the Official Map, 2/3 vote - 8 votes, unless Planning Board after hearing, has approved, then majority vote - 6 votes. G.L.c.41, section 81F. WHR Charter Art.2, section 2-6 (b).

o. Worcester Home Rule Charter, Section 2-9 Ordinances and Other Measures, (b) Measures, (b) Measures. On the first occasion that the question of adopting any measure is put to the City Council, except an emergency measure as defined in section 2-9(a), if a single member objects to the taking of a vote, the vote shall be postponed until the next regular or special meeting of the City Council. If when the matter is taken up for a vote, four (4) or more

p. Any motion to advertise shall not be deemed to have been approved unless such motion shall have received the same number of votes as is required to ordain the proposed Ordinance or Order.

q. On all matters before the City Council in which numbers or monetary amounts are to be considered, if more than one (1) number is to be considered, that the highest number be put first. All other motions concerning numbers shall be considered in descending order.

## Public Library Trustee

Rule 61. The City Clerk shall cause to be notified the appropriate media and community outreach groups regarding the timing and availability of openings on the Library Board of Trustees. As part of this notification the Clerk shall use the same mailing list as utilized by the Citizens Advisory Committee.

All applications and resumes shall be filed with the City Clerk. They shall be forwarded to the City Council by the City Clerk no later than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled vote of the City Council. No applications or resumes shall be accepted after that date.

Rule 62. The Clerk shall present to the City Council a list of all applicants for a position as trustee of the Public Library prior to the Council meeting in accordance with other rules established herein.

Rule 63. Unless otherwise voted by the City Council, a vote to elect trustees to the Public Library, shall be taken on the first regular Council meeting in December. In the case of a vacancy, the Council shall establish a date for such a vote no later than sixty (60) days after the Clerk has been notified of the vacancy.

Rule 64. At the time of the voting, the City Clerk shall call the roll of the City Council with each member indicating his or her preference for each available position. The person receiving the most votes elected, also receiving more than a majority of the full City Council, shall be elected to the position.

If sufficient votes are not received to fill a position, subsequent ballots will be taken. For all subsequent ballots, the list of eligible candidates will be reduced to twice the number of positions available to be filled for all subsequent balloting. Those placed on said list shall have received the most votes on the previous ballot.

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## **CITY OF WORCESTER**

**ORDERED** : That Request that Rule 22(i) of the Rules of the City Council be changed as follows: that the Standing Committee on Housing be changed to be the Standing Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization to consist of three (3) Councillors to consider all matters related to housing and the importance of housing to neighborhoods.