

**CITY OF WORCESTER**  
**AGENDA OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**  
**Esther Howland (South) Chamber**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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**MAYOR**  
Joseph M. Petty

**AT-LARGE COUNCILORS**

Morris A. Bergman  
Donna M. Colorio  
Khrystian E. King  
Thu Nguyen  
Kathleen M. Toomey



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**DISTRICT COUNCILORS**

Jenny Pacillo - District 1  
Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2  
George J. Russell - District 3  
Luis A. Ojeda - District 4  
Etel Haxhijaj - District 5

**CITY CLERK**  
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**CITY MANAGER**  
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**CITY AUDITOR**  
Robert V. Stearns

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

**Virtual Attendee Call-In Information:**

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

### 3. ROLL CALL

### 4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

### 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### 5a Adopt

- 5a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 9, 2024.

### 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - a person may speak for no more than two (2) minutes on any items appearing on the agenda

- 6a. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in-person and remote participation at all City Council and Standing Committee meetings. To partake in the "Public Participation" section of the meeting, you may attend the meeting in-person within the meeting location, follow the below link to join via Zoom or dial the direct line as indicated.

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### 7. HEARINGS AND ORDERS - 6:30 P.M.

#### 7a and 7b Hold Hearings and Adopt

- 7a. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: EMERSON ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: EMERSON ST.

- 7b. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC for a jointly-owned pole at: DELMONT AVE.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC for a jointly-owned pole at: DELMONT AVE.

### 8. PETITIONS - a Petitioner may speak up to three (3) minutes the first time their petition appears on an agenda

#### 8a and 8b Refer to Public Works Committee

- 8a. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Kerrie Schofield request installation of a streetlight on utility pole #6-1, in the vicinity of 27 Balis Ave.

**8b.** Jennifer J. Gaskin request an honorary street name designation on Salisbury St. from West St. to Boynton St. for Daniel L. Gaskin, who co-founded the Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association.

**8c - 8j Refer to Traffic and Parking Committee**

**8c.** Marc LePain request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in the cul-de-sac at the end of Merlin Ct.

**8d.** Douglas Hamalainen request installation of handicap parking space in front of 15 Whitney St. across from 10 Whitney St.

**8e.** Philip Mallios request removal of handicap parking space in front of 41 Somerset St.

**8f.** Kelly Fitzpatrick request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in front of 199 Lake Ave.

**8g.** Molly Gallagher install No Parking Anytime signage for the odd side of Carlisle St.

**8h.** James Fenner request installation of handicap parking space in front of 4 Courtland St.

**8i.** Sheilagh Crotty request installation of speed humps between 55 and 57 Standish St.

**8j.** Dickson Mensah request installation of parking zones in front of 428, 430 and 432 Harding St.

**8k - 8n Set Hearing for May 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

**8k.** CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: MASSASOIT RD. at 500 GRAFTON ST.

**8l.** CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location at: LAURELWOOD DR.

**8m.** CROWN CASTLE NG EAST, LLC for a conduit location at: NORTHEAST CUTOFF.

**8n.** NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: MARS ST.

**8o.** Gordon Davis request City Council request Standing Committee on Public Safety investigate the issue of systemic racism and public safety with public hearings included.

- 8p.** Samantha Olney request City Council request City Manager enact measures that guarantee public access to information about the Quality of Life Task Force, including its mission, duties, policies and procedures governing its operations, through the city's website and other means.

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

### **10. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE**

- 10a.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend the adoption of a Loan Order in the amount of Eighty Six Million Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars and No Cents (\$86,221,444.00) to pay for costs associated with projects and equipment, as approved in the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 7, 2024)
- 10b.** ORDER of Councilor Donna M. Colorio - Request Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations review the Rules of the City Council Section titled "Conduct of Council Meetings," including but not limited to Rules 21, 22 and 35, in an effort to determine whether any amendments to the Rules of City Council would better ensure all speaking portions of City Council meetings are done efficiently and in a procedurally accurate manner. (Tabled Under Privilege - King May 7, 2024)

### **11. TABLED ITEMS**

- 11a.** ORDER of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)
- 11b.** RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

- 11c.** ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)
- 11d.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Council work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 24, 2022 and June 7, 2022 and Tabled - Petty June 14, 2022)
- 11e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)
- 11f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops: recommend Order be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)
- 11g.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhiaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhiaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhiaj August 22, 2023)

**12. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the May 7, 2024 City Council meeting.**

- 12a.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of using camera technology on city vehicles to identify locations where potholes need to be filled. – Item #26a CC Order adopted
- 12b.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning whether there has been an increase of the number of claims filed with the city relative to damage from potholes since COVID-19. Further, request City Manager request City Solicitor provide in said report information concerning best practices for filing claim forms. Further, request City Manager provide the link to filing claims on the front page of the city’s website. – Item #26b CC Order adopted
- 12c.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the consistency of the city’s under-pavement conditions when paving work is completed. Said report should also include a review of sanders that may be helpful when prepping the road for pavement work. – Item #26c CC Order adopted
- 12d.** ORDER of Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the consistency of the city’s under-pavement conditions when paving work is completed. Said report should also include a review of sanders that may be helpful when prepping the road for pavement work. – Item #26c CC Order adopted
- 12e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the percentage of rental properties owned by limited liability companies (LLCs). – Item #26e CC Order adopted
- 12f.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether the number of tickets issued for resident permit parking violations has decreased since the process of placing stickers on cars have been removed from the program. – Item #26f CC Order adopted
- 12g.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the status of the city’s feasibility study regarding the city’s Inclusionary Zoning ordinance. – Item #26g CC Order adopted

- 12h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning best practices used in other communities regarding performing feasibility studies relative to inclusionary zoning. – Item #26h CC Order adopted
  
- 12i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning a projected timeframe for reports brought to City Council concerning inclusionary zoning. –Item #26i CC Order adopted
  
- 12j.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager coordinate with the resident responsible for Street Assessment #25693 to determine any means the city can aid the resident, as an abatement could not be granted due to the time of filing the request. – Item 26j CC Order adopted
  
- 12k.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning number of years that have elapsed since each of the city’s Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements were initiated and/or last negotiated. – Item #26k CC Order adopted

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## Scheduled Meetings of the Standing Committees

<b>Tuesday, May. 14, 2024</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Joseph M. Petty, Kathleen M. Toomey, George J. Russell, Morris A. Bergman, Candy Mero-Carlson, Etel Haxhijaj, Thu Nguyen, Donna M. Colorio, Khrystian E. King, Luis A. Ojeda, Jenny Pacillo Re: Budget FY 2025	
<b>Wednesday, May. 15, 2024</b>	<b>Traffic and Parking Committee</b>	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King	
<b>Tuesday, May. 21, 2024</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Joseph M. Petty, Kathleen M. Toomey, George J. Russell, Morris A. Bergman, Candy Mero-Carlson, Etel Haxhijaj, Thu Nguyen, Donna M. Colorio, Khrystian E. King, Luis A. Ojeda, Jenny Pacillo Re: Budget FY 2025	
<b>Tuesday, May. 28, 2024</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Joseph M. Petty, Kathleen M. Toomey, George J. Russell, Morris A. Bergman, Candy Mero-Carlson, Etel Haxhijaj, Thu Nguyen, Donna M. Colorio, Khrystian E. King, Luis A. Ojeda, Jenny Pacillo Re: Budget FY 2025	
<b>Wednesday, May. 29, 2024</b>	<b>Traffic and Parking Committee</b>	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King	
<b>Wednesday, May. 29, 2024</b>	<b>Public Safety Committee</b>	Levi Lincoln (North) Chamber
05:30 PM	Chairperson Kathleen M. Toomey, Morris A. Bergman, Luis A. Ojeda	
<b>Tuesday, Jun. 4, 2024</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Joseph M. Petty, Kathleen M. Toomey, George J. Russell, Morris A. Bergman, Candy Mero-Carlson, Etel Haxhijaj, Thu Nguyen, Donna M. Colorio, Khrystian E. King, Luis A. Ojeda, Jenny Pacillo Re: Budget FY 2025	
<b>Wednesday, Jun. 5, 2024</b>	<b>Traffic and Parking Committee</b>	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King	
<b>Wednesday, Jun. 12, 2024</b>	<b>Traffic and Parking Committee</b>	Esther Howland (South) Chamber
05:00 PM	Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King	



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**CITY OF WORCESTER**  
**JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

**Esther Howland (South) Chamber**

**Convened: 6:34 P.M.**

**Adjourned: 9:18 P.M.**

**MAYOR**

Joseph M. Petty

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

**3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair. Councilor Nguyen participated in the meeting remotely.**

**4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**5a.** Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 26, 2024.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

## 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 6a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers:
1. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #9a CC and #9h CC
  2. Jane McGovern Gazdic, no residence given, spoke in opposition to item #13f CC
  3. John Provost, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13f CC
  4. Charles Fox, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10a CC
  5. Bill Lundmark, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10a CC
  6. Margaret Wong, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10a CC
  7. Richard Shea, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #10a CC
  8. Idella Hazard, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13f CC
  9. Terry Kelly, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #13f CC and in favor of item #7s CC
  10. Adrien Morin, Fitchburg resident, spoke in favor of item #9i CC
  11. Geoffrey Killebrew, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #9i CC
  12. Yenni Desroches, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor or opposed to items #7b CC and #7c CC, opposed to items #9f CC and #13f CC and in favor of items #9c CC, #10a CC and #10b CC
  13. Emma Narkowitz, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #9e CC and #9f CC and in favor of item #13f CC

## 7. PETITIONS

- 7a. Jason Cross request Tewksbury Rd. be made public.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 7b. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request Westinghouse Pkwy. be resurfaced.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7b CC through #7f CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 7c. Councilor Jenny Pacillo request Southwood Rd. be resurfaced.  
**Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)**
- 7d. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request Casco St. be resurfaced.  
**Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)**
- 7e. Sandra Pike request Goddard Memorial Dr. be resurfaced.  
**Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)**
- 7f. Valeria Claret request Moreland St. be resurfaced.  
**Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7b CC)**

- 7g.** Councilor Jenny Pacillo request installation of advisory crosswalk signage on the corner of Burncoat St. and Arbutus Rd.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7g CC through #7q CC, minus Item #7h CC, to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 7h.** Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of a traffic control signal light at the intersection of Pleasant St. and Bellevue St.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file.**  
**Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 7i.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of All-Way stop signs at the intersection of Newbury St. and Chatham St., with stop lines being painted at the location and “Stop Sign Ahead” signage being installed at the approaches to the intersection.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**
- 7j.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of curb extensions at the intersection of Pleasant St. and Newbury St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**
- 7k.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “Pedestrian Crossing Ahead” signage, “Yield Here to Pedestrian” signage and painted yield lines at the approach to the crosswalk at 425 Pleasant St. in both directions.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**
- 7l.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request installation of “Pedestrian Crossing Ahead” signage, “Yield Here to Pedestrian” signage and painted yield lines at the approach to the crosswalk at 1050-1060 Main St. in both directions.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**
- 7m.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request “30 Minute Parking” on the northwest side of Main St in front of 1000 Main St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**
- 7n.** Richard Wiggin request installation of No Parking Anytime signage on the even side of Liscomb St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**
- 7o.** James Pauly et al. request installation of winter parking ban on the even side of Shelby St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**

- 7p. Abby Mortillaro request installation of crosswalks on Park Ave. at its intersection with Townsend St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**
- 7q. John Feeley request removal of handicap parking space at 125-127 Plantation St.  
**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7g CC)**
- 7r. NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location at: FREMONT ST. and WEBSTER ST.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to set a hearing for May 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for May 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 7s. Gordon Davis request City Council request City Manager consider holding public hearings concerning the equity audit of the Police Department and the release of public records of police misconduct and hate incidents and the Diversity Officer position and plans concerning the merger of the Human Rights Commission with the Diversity Office.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 1 Nay (Nay - King)**
- 7t. Beth A. Dyer request City Council meet with the City Manager on a weekly basis to discuss the need of funding to fix potholes.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Manager. Referred to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

## 8. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS

- 8a. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS - Request City Clerk work with City Solicitor to determine who can clerk City Council Standing Committee meetings.  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #8a CC and #8b CC. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 8b. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Police provide increased speed enforcement on Olean St.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a CC)**

## 9. ORDERS

- 9a. Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning the process and costs associated with the hand recount of all the Republican ballots cast at the Presidential Primary Election held on March 5, 2024 for the office of Republican, State Committee Woman, First Worcester District. (King)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

**9b.** Request City Manager request Chief Human Resources Officer provide technical assistance and guidance to the City Council for the purposes of establishing an advisory tool and guidelines relative to the Annual Performance Evaluation of the City Manager. (King)

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved, “That the City Council of the City of Worcester review documentation and tools provided by the National League of Cities when determining how to review the City Manager.” (See Item #19f CC).**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Pacillo, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of the item.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion as to whether any legal requirements exist relative to the format in which City Councilors submit their evaluations of the City Manager.” (See Item #19g CC).**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. Referred to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 9c. In an effort to make our city cleaner and greener, request City Manager review the feasibility of establishing a solar trash collection receptacle program in the downtown business corridor, public parks and other identified locations in the city. Further, request City Manager establish a trash pickup and recycling pilot program to pick up materials from said receptacles and provide City Council with a report regarding potential revenue streams from wayfinding signage and advertisements, to assist in funding of said services. (King, Pacillo, Mero-Carlson)

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King and Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Ojeda, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Ojeda.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mero-Carlson.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who moved to amend the item to strike the word, “downtown,” from the item.**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 9d. Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the status of renovations to Bennett Field, including an estimate for costs associated with cleaning the contamination, repairing the retaining wall, and sources of funding available. (Haxhiaj)

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 9e. Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning how an ordinance can be repealed. Said report should address the question of whether the City Council can repeal an ordinance without it being approved or initiated by the City Manager. (Russell)

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 9f. Request City Manager consider waiving all fees to enter the Rental Registration Program and issue a refund to anyone who has paid thus far. (Russell)

**Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13f CC)**

- 9g. Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility replace the existing “No Parking Anytime” signage on Oriol Dr. (Pacillo)

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 9h.** Request City Manager work with the Police Chief and the city’s State Delegation to install license plate readers on Country Club Blvd. (Pacillo)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Pacillo and Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.**
- Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report relative to the effectiveness of license plate readers, as well as whether any privacy concerns exist with them.” (See Item #19h CC).**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Colorio, who moved to amend the item the item to read as follows: “Request City Manager work with the Police Chief to provide City Council with a report concerning installing a license plate reader on Country Club Blvd.”**
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item as amended. Order adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent)**
- 9i.** Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with an opinion as to whether Chapter Fourteen, Section Two of the Revised Ordinances relative to street vendors includes an age restriction and, if so, what steps can be taken to remove said restriction as to those aged fourteen (14) and above. (Bergman)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman and Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Toomey.**
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 9j.** Request City Manager review the large number of streets with “Permanent Winter Parking Ban” signage on them to determine if said signage is needed given how few “snow days” have recently occurred and the challenges associated with on-street parking. (Bergman)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.**
- Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**



- 9k.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of conducting a citywide crises response training. (Toomey)

**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

## **10. RESOLUTIONS**

- 10a.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby urge the Legislature to pass the Cherish Act and that a copy of this resolution shall forthwith be sent to the State Legislative Delegation. (Mero-Carlson)

**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item.**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 10b.** That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support the Worcester Public Schools' advocacy for a higher inflation rate in the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) foundation budget. (Haxhiaj)

**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Ojeda, who moved to recuse himself from the item and left the room.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda recused)**

## **11. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No items pending**

## **12. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY AUDITOR**

- 12a.** Recommend adoption of an Order to allow the City's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Board to execute a three (3) year contract for Actuarial Services that includes the option(s) to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year periods.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)**

### 13. COMMUNICATIONS

- 13a. Eric D. Batista, City Manager, recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$250,000.00) from the Commonwealth of MA, Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation & Recreation, to support Elm Park & Newton Hill Improvements program.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take items #13a CC through #13e CC collectively.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to refer item #13c CC to Public Works Committee.**

**Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.**

**Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Bergman.**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote on Councilor Russell's motion to refer item #13c CC to Public Works Committee and to adopt items #13a CC, #13b CC, #13d CC and #13e CC. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- 13b. Eric D. Batista, City Manager, recommend that One Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$100,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1062-600100, Treasury Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1062-610100, Treasury Ordinary Maintenance, to fund citywide postage costs through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)**

- 13c. Eric D. Batista, City Manager, recommend that Eight Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars And No Cents (\$826,710.00) be transferred from various Snow accounts, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1051-699399, Snow Capital Outlay, to fund the purchase of snow equipment.

**Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)**

- 13d. Eric D. Batista, City Manager, recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$150,000.00) from the Commonwealth of MA, Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation & Recreation, to support the Morgan's Landing and Shore Park Improvements program.

**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)**

- 13e. Eric D. Batista, City Manager, recommend that One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$148,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1072-610100, City Manager's Contingency, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1058-610100, Union Station Ordinary Maintenance.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13a CC)**

**13f.** Eric D. Batista, City Manager, recommend adoption of an amendment to the Rental Property Registration Program and Residential Rental Unit Periodic Inspection Program ordinances.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with items #9f CC.

Vice Chairman Councilor King read the item and recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item.

Vice Chairman Councilor King recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Mayor Petty.

Mayor Petty then moved to, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion relative to the constitutionality of the city’s Rental Property Registration Program.” (See Item #19a CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Russell.

Councilor Russell then moved to place item #9f CC on file.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with an annual report concerning the progress of the Rental Property Registration Program that includes any challenges faced relative to the program.” (See Item #19b CC).

Councilor Haxhiaj then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of limited liability companies (LLC’s) that own property in the city.” (See Item #19c CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Toomey, Councilor Ojeda, and Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the Deputy City Solicitor and Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report auditing data around complaints received by the Inspectional Services Department, the percentage of those complaints that have been followed up on, percentages associated with enforcement of violations and any other pertinent information.” (See Item #19d CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell for a second time, who moved to, “Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report concerning how tenant access and tenant rights are addressed in Boston’s Rental Property Registration Program.” (See Item #19e CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Economic Development Committee.

#### 14. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

**14a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk recommend consideration for the negotiation of an employee contract with the City Clerk at the commencement of a new, two (2) year term, upon the review of the City Clerk's performance and goals over the past two (2) years: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance and adoption of the accompanying Order.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #14b CC.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to refer the items to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee. - Not Put.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who made a motion to rule Mayor Petty out of Order. – Not Put.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a third time, who moved to Recess to Executive Session. – Not Put.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Clerk, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Russell.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman for a third time, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a fourth time, who moved to Table Items #14a CC and #14b CC Under Privilege.

Tabled Under Privilege – King

**14b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS** Upon the Communication of the City Clerk recommend an amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Worcester, Part II, Organization of City Agencies relative to the City Clerk's Office and the City Council Office: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

Tabled Under Privilege - King (See Item #14a CC)

## 15. TO BE ORDAINED

- 15a.** Amending the Salary Ordinance of August 20, 1996 Relative to Members of DPW Clerks Bargaining Unit (Local 170, Teamsters).  
**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to ordain items #15a CC through #15g CC. Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**
- 15b.** Amending Article III of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991, Relative to Extension of the Residence General-5.0 (RG-5.0) Zoning District and Reduction of the Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere (CCOD-E) in the vicinity of Castle Street, Piedmont Court, And Valley Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)**
- 15c.** Amending Article III of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991, Relative to Extension of the Residence General-5.0 (RG-5.0) Zoning District in the vicinity of 12 Jackson Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)**
- 15d.** Amending Article III of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991, Relative to Extension of the Business, General-3.0 (BG-3.0) Zoning District and the Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere (CCOD-E) in the vicinity of 0 Grafton Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)**
- 15e.** Amending Article III of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991 Relative to Extension of the Residence General-5 (RG-5) Zoning District in the vicinity of 104 Armory Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)**
- 15f.** Amending Article III of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance Adopted April 2, 1991, Relative to Extension of the Business, General-3.0 (BG-3.0) Zoning District in the vicinity of 440, 454, & 474 Grove Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)**
- 15g.** Amending Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 to Prohibit Parking on Both Sides of Amanola Street.  
**Ordained on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #15a CC)**

## 16. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

- 16a.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting an informational communication relative to the City of Worcester's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements. (Tabled Under Privilege - King April 2, 2024)  
**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moved to Table the Item Under Privilege for a second time. Tabled Under Privilege on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.**

**Tabled Under Privilege - King**

**16b.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the Status of Street Resurfacing and Sidewalk Repair Projects. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson April 2, 2024)

**Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Mero-Carlson, who moved to, “Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report, at its next meeting, detailing a list of all streets and sidewalks approved for resurfacing by City Council from 2020 to present, as well as all speed hump installations considered for discussion by the City Council since the inception of the Resolution for a Speed Hump Pilot Program, which occurred on June 6, 2020.” (See Item #19i CC).**

**Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to recommit the item to the City Manager. Recommitted to the City Manager on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

**16c.** COMMUNICATION of the City Manager recommend adoption of an amendment to the Noise Ordinance. (Tabled Under Privilege - Petty April 2, 2024)

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to advertise the proposed Ordinance. Voted to advertise proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

## **17. TABLED ITEMS**

**17a.** ORDER of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)

**No action taken**

**17b.** RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz’s SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

**No action taken**

**17c.** ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester’s capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)

**No action taken**

**17d.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Council work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 24, 2022 and June 7, 2022 and Tabled - Petty June 14, 2022)

**No action taken**

**17e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION**  
Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

**No action taken**

**17f. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION**  
Upon the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops: recommend Order be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

**No action taken**

**17g. ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhij and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager** work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhij July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhij August 22, 2023)

**No action taken**

**18. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the April 2, 2024 City Council meeting.**

**18a. ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager** provide City Council with a report outlining best practices used in other communities relative to establishing public restrooms in areas with a high concentration of homeless individuals. – Item #14a CC Order adopted

**18b. ORDER of Councilor Donna M. Colorio – Request City Manager** extend the deadline for applying for the Rental Registration Program to June 30, 2024. – Item #14b CC Order adopted

**18c. ORDER of Councilor Donna M. Colorio – Request City Manager** provide City Council with an updated crash report for Mill St. that also encompasses a map of the crashes on Mill St. in October and November of 2024 and 2023, as well as any deaths that occurred in that timeframe that includes the causes of said deaths. – Item #14c CC Order adopted



- 18d.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhij – Request City Manager request Police Chief ensure statistics associated with traffic crashes are properly disseminated to the public only through the officers responsible for maintaining such data. – Item #14d CC Order adopted
- 18e.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report confirming the timelines for striping, installing flex poles and implementing additional safety measures on Mill St. – Item #14e CC Order adopted
- 18f.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with the dates of the last four (4) 110 Inspections that occurred at 2 Gage St. – Item #14f CC Order adopted
- 18g.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager complete livability upgrades to Worcester East Middle, including but not limited to painting the interior of the building, fixing the property’s windows and completing any accessibility needs at the property. – Item #14g CC Order adopted
- 18h.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager review strategies, investments and conservative approaches as they relate to the city’s capital requirements. – Item #14h CC Order adopted
- 18i.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager engage with the city’s elected officials and other gateway cities facing similar challenges to strategize ways to increase funding around the creation and maintenance of schools using MSBA and other state funds. – Item #14i CC Order adopted
- 18j.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the cost for replacing the windows at Worcester East Middle School, both with and without the accessibility upgrades that may be triggered from such work. Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning what would trigger such accessibility upgrades. – Item #14j CC Order adopted
- 18k.** ORDER of Mayor Joseph M. Petty – Request City Manager request Chief Financial Officer provide City Council with a report concerning ways the city may pay for the construction of a new Burncoat Middle and High School. – Item #14k CC Order adopted
- 19. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the April 9, 2024 City Council meeting.**
- 19a.** Motion Petty @ #13f CC – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion relative to the constitutionality of the city’s Rental Property Registration Program.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13f CC)**

- 19b.** Motion Haxhiaj @ #13f CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with an annual report concerning the progress of the Rental Property Registration Program that includes any challenges faced relative to the program.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13f CC)**
- 19c.** Motion Haxhiaj @ #13f CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of limited liability companies (LLC’s) that own property in the city.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13f CC)**
- 19d.** Motion King @ #13f CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report auditing data around complaints received by the Inspectional Services Department, the percentage of those complaints that have been followed up on, percentages associated with enforcement of violations and any other pertinent information.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13f CC)**
- 19e.** Motion Russell @ #13f CC – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Inspectional Services provide City Council with a report concerning how tenant access and tenant rights are addressed in Boston’s Rental Property Registration Program.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #13f CC)**
- 19f.** Motion Toomey @ #9b CC – That the City Council of the City of Worcester review documentation and tools provided by the National League of Cities when determining how to review the City Manager.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9b CC)**
- 19g.** Motion Bergman @ #9b CC – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion as to whether any legal requirements exist relative to the format in which City Councilors submit their evaluations of the City Manager.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9b CC)**
- 19h.** Motion King @#9h CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report relative to the effectiveness of license plate readers, as well as whether any privacy concerns exist with them.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays (Haxhiaj absent) (See Item #9h CC)**
- 19i.** Motion Mero-Carlson @ #16b –Request City Clerk provide City Council with a report, at its next meeting, detailing a list of all streets and sidewalks approved for resurfacing by City Council from 2020 to present, as well as all speed hump installations considered for discussion by the City Council since the inception of the Resolution for a Speed Hump Pilot Program, which occurred on June 6, 2020.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #16b CC)**

**19j.** Motion Toomey – Suspension of Rules – In light of conversations around school building costs and timelines associated with the city’s upcoming budget, request City Manager review the city’s financial planning structure (Five (5) Point Plan) to ensure the financial needs associated with building new schools and renovating existing schools are reflected in said financial plan.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**



4/22/2024

City of Worcester  
Petition for Charter Communications  
For Communication conduit

Re: 2 Emerson Street. Worcester, MA

To the City Council of Worcester Massachusetts:

Respectfully Charter Communications of Worcester, Massachusetts desires to construct a line of underground communications conduit, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, Charter to be granted permission to excavate the public roadway and to run and maintain our underground conduit. The conduit to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herein marked-#2 Emerson St. The following is the street referred to in the plans.

**Emerson Street - Install approximately 215' trench feet of (1)4"sch40 PVC.Starting at pole 7 Plantation St and heading South down Emerson St and turning East and crossing Emerson St to rear pole backyard easement at #2 Cameron St**

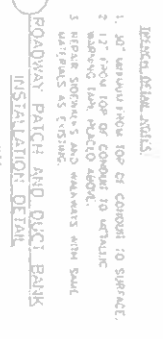
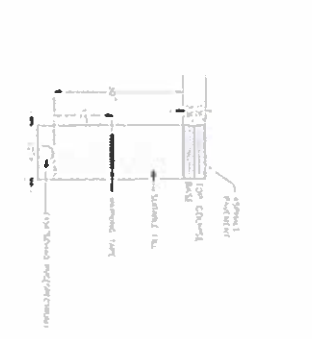
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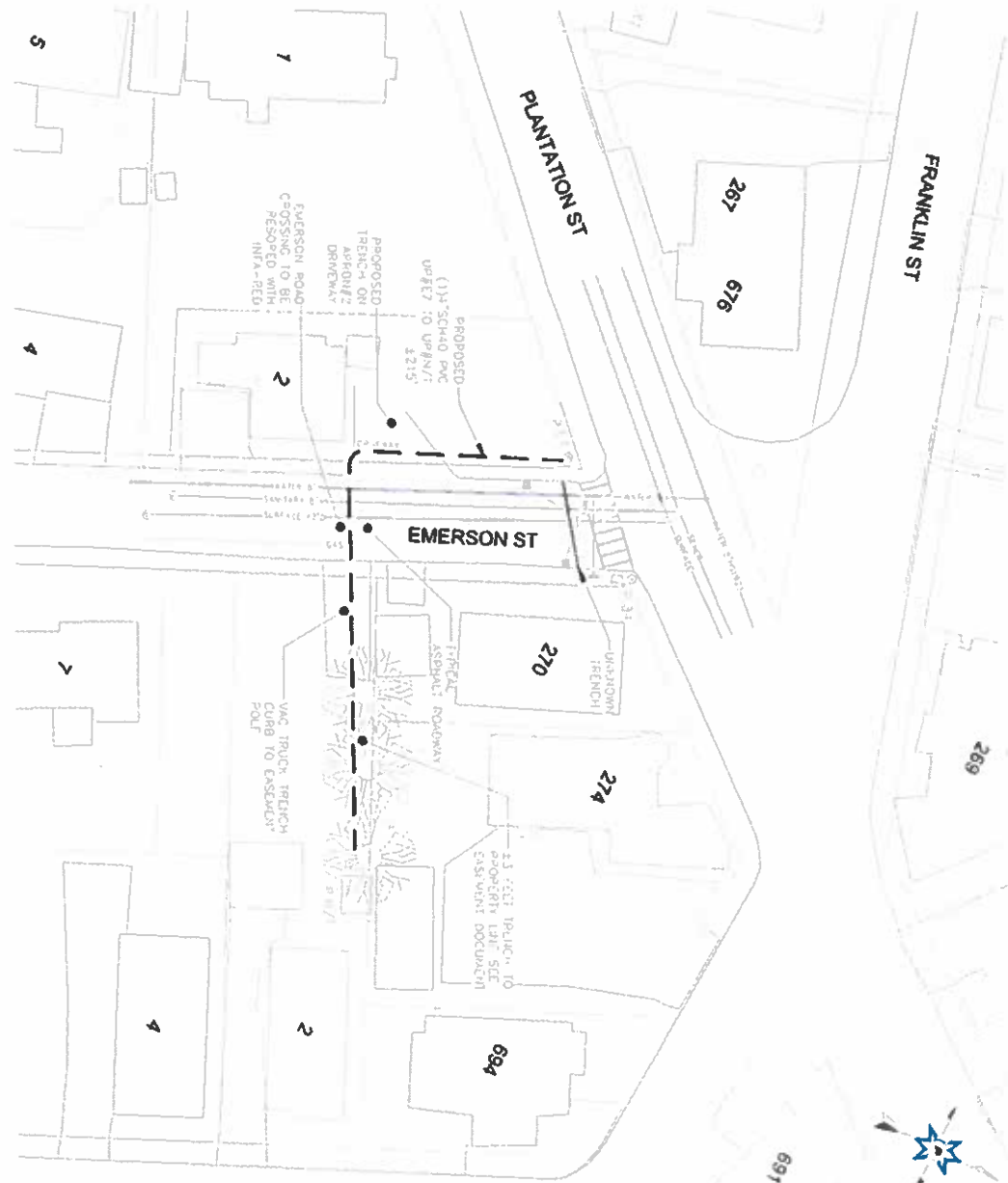
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**GENERAL NOTES**

1. THE LOCATIONS OF EXISTING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ARE SHOWN IN AN APPROXIMATE MANNER AND HAVE NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY THE CONTRACTOR. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES BEFORE ANY EXCAVATION IS UNDERTAKEN. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE EXCAVATION OF EXISTING UTILITIES.
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11. ALL EXISTING STATE, COUNTY, CITY AND LOCAL ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS SHALL BE OBSERVED AND FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY PERMITS AND APPROVALS FROM THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.
12. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN ALL EXISTING UTILITIES AT ALL TIMES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPAIR OF ALL UTILITIES DAMAGED BY THE EXCAVATION.



**NOTE:**  
THE LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHOWN ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO BE CORRECT.



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**PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS**

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council  
Of Worcester, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Delmont Ave - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole and remove 1 JO Pole on Delmont Ave beginning at a point approximately 118 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Cohasset St and Delmont Ave. Replace and Relocate Pole # 5-1 Delmont Ave ~11' to the sidewalk at approximately 42.25440, -71.77587.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Delmont Ave - Worcester - Massachusetts.

**No. 30947937** March 22, 2024

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a  
NATIONAL GRID *Raylene D'Souza*

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Engineering Department

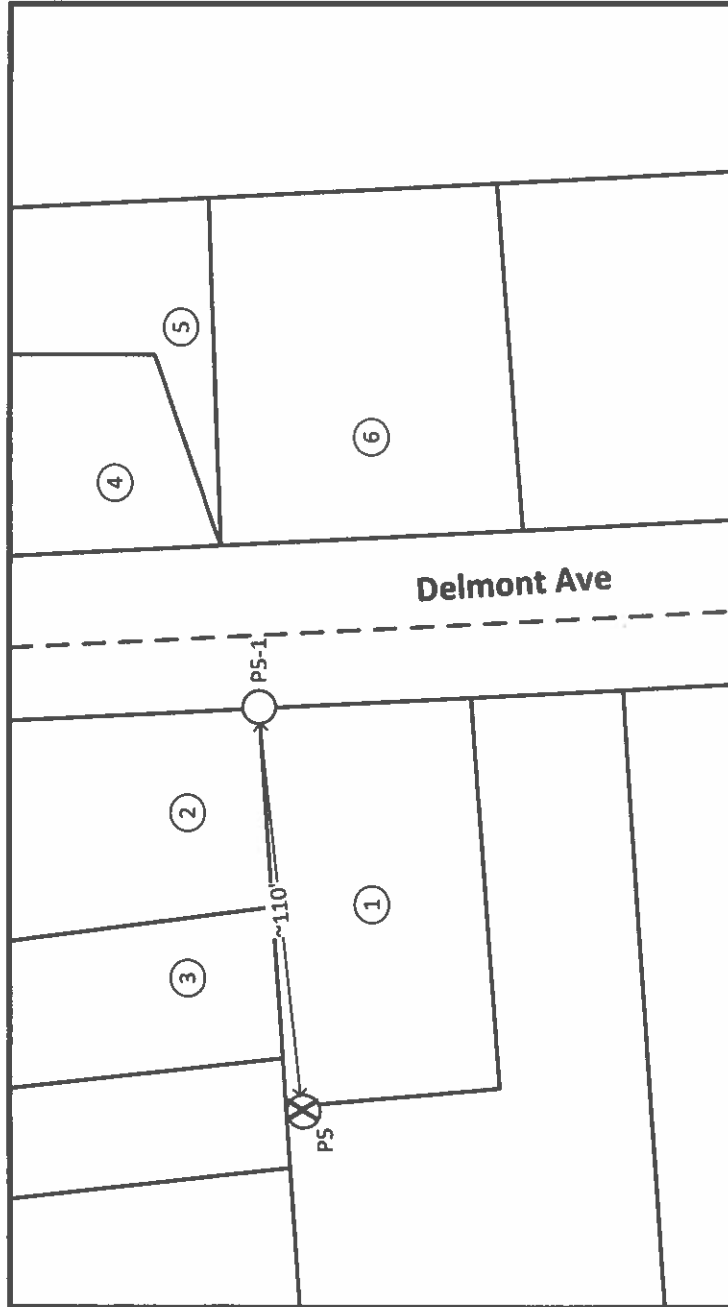
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager / Right of Way



PETITION SKETCH  
CITY OF WORCESTER  
WORCESTER COUNTY

- ① 110 Delmont Ave  
Owner: Buffone, George  
Book, Page: 44393, 0186  
Property ID: 18\_028\_005-1
- ② 112 Cohasset St  
Owner: Marma, Aungsathwi  
Book, Page: 65162, 278  
Property ID: 18\_028\_00003
- ③ 118 Cohasset St  
Owner: Imbody, Matthew  
Book, Page: 24085, 0213  
Property ID: 18\_028\_0002B
- ④ 105 Delmont Ave  
Owner: Filteau, Alexander  
Book, Page: 62974, 216  
Property ID: 18\_028\_00012
- ⑤ 0000 Cohasset St  
Owner: Kia Holdings LLC  
Book, Page: 61785, 0150  
Property ID: 18\_028\_012-1
- ⑥ 109 Delmont Ave  
Owner: Blackwell, Lori A  
Book, Page: 20063, 0094  
Property ID: 18\_028\_00016



Legend

- Proposed JO Pole
- ⊗ Existing JO Pole
- Center Line
- Property Line

The exact location of said facilities to be established by and upon the installation and erection of the facilities thereof.

**nationalgrid**



Designer: Aaron Amouzou  
aamouzou@cpteng.com  
ControlPoint Technologies, Inc.  
200 Ledgewood Place, Rockland, MA 02370

**PROPOSED POLE RELOCATION  
DELMONT AVE, WORCESTER, MA**

DATE: 3/15/2024  
DRAWN BY: AA  
WR #: 30947937  
PAGE 1 of 1

**cc2024may09042512**

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER:**

**The undersigned person(s) most respectfully petitions your Honorable Board:**

**Request installation of a streetlight on utility pole #6-1, in the vicinity of 27 Balis Ave.**

**Councilor George J. Russell**

**On behalf of Kerrie Schofield  
27 Balis Avenue  
Worcester, MA 01604**





## PETITION FOR HONORARY STREET NAME DESIGNATION

**Instructions:** To file your Petition for Honorary Street Name Designation, please complete the checklist below and submit all information to:

**Worcester City Clerk  
City Hall – Room 206  
455 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608**

1. This completed petition form:
2. A biography of the individual being honored:
3. A map indicating the series of blocks for the Honorary Designation:

*Note: A check payable to the City of Worcester will be requested (\$50 one street sign, or \$75 for two street signs) if and when a petition for honorary street name designation has been approved.*

Name of Applicant: Jennifer J. Gaskin Date: May 9, 2024

Email Address: jennifergaskin508@gmail.com Telephone #: 508-414-1149

Applicant Mailing Address: 60 Forsberg Street, Worcester, MA 01607  
Street City, State Zip

### Honorary Street Naming Information

Name of the individual or group to be honored: Daniel Gaskin

Series of blocks to receive the designation (Street Name)  
 From: Salisbury St. from West St. To: Salisbury St. to Boynton St.

Proposed Honorary Street Name: Daniel L. Gaskin Way

Description of the individual or group to be honored:  
 Daniel Gaskin was the co-founder of the Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association (WCACA), which is the organizing committee for the annual event. The WCACA was established in November 2012 and celebrated its first Worcester Caribbean American Carnival in 2013. The event will mark its tenth anniversary in 2023.

Significant contributions/reason(s) for honoring:  
 Through the establishment of the Caribbean American Carnival, the WCACA has been able to connect the Caribbean community within the city and create an opening for important dialogues around culture and shared traditions, being a bridge. The annual event has become a staple in the community and an example of the importance of shared traditions in creating bridges between communities.

#### THIS SECTION FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY (Information to be completed by City Hall):

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Application accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee calculated: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended action: \_\_\_\_\_ Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel L. Gaskin (7.7.77 - 11.25.23)

Co-Founder of the Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association

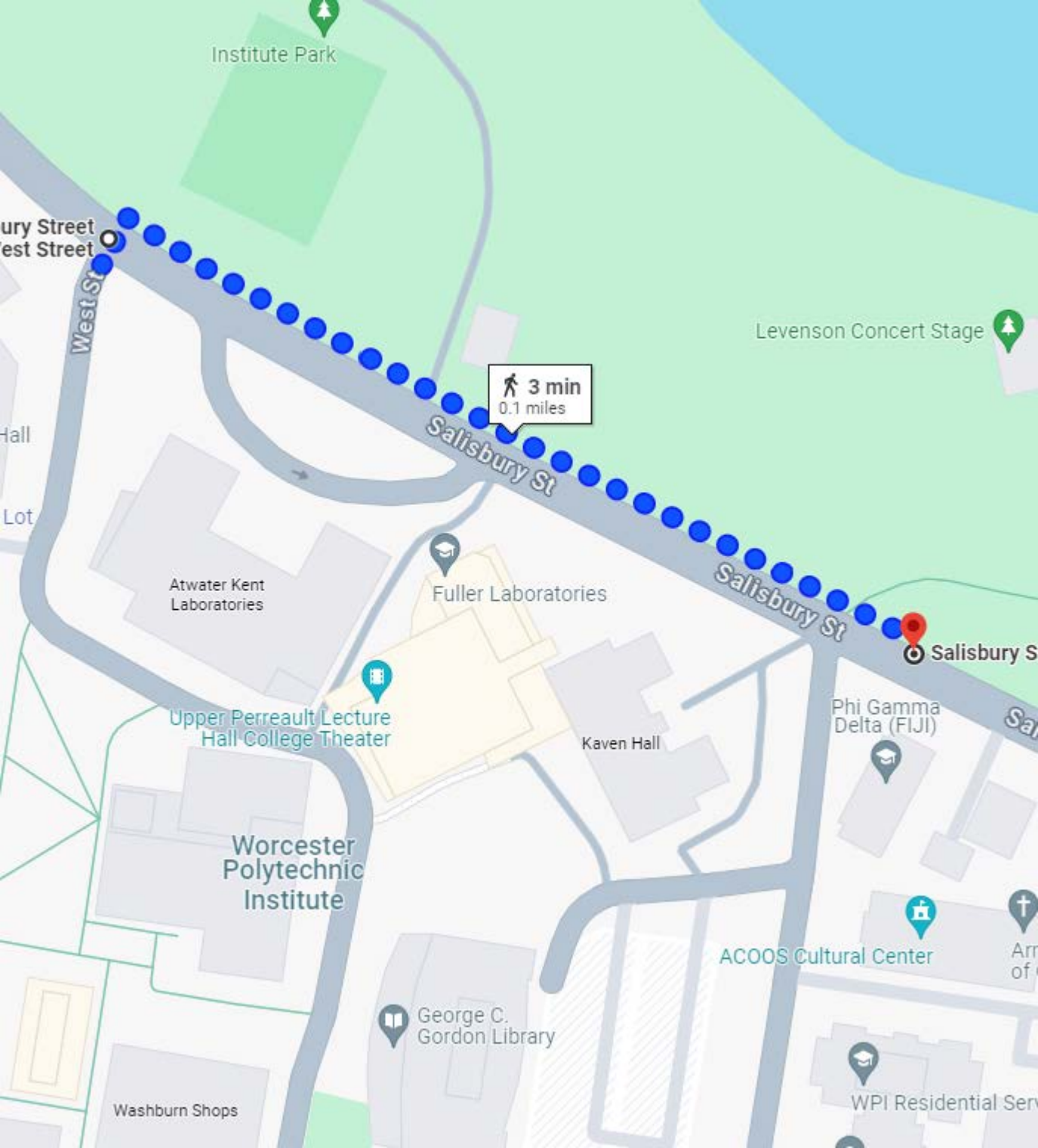
Residence at time of death: Worcester, MA

Daniel L. Gaskin was born July 7, 1977, in Manhasset, New York. He moved to Arima, Trinidad, at an early age, where he went to school and was given a solid foundation. Daniel moved back to the US to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1989, where he continued his education.

Daniel met his wife, Jennifer J. Gaskin, in December 2000. Daniel and Jennifer were married on April 7, 2000, and moved to their home in Worcester, MA, soon after that. In 2013, Daniel and Jennifer co-founded the Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association out of their love for the Caribbean culture.

Daniel was a regular figure in community settings, regularly acting as a mentor with his real world, upfront delivery of his messages of advocacy and empowerment. He was a beacon in the storm to many. He was the one to turn to whenever sound advice was needed.

Daniel is survived by the president and co-founder of the WCACA and co-host of "Don't Touch My Podcast, Jennifer J. Gaskin; their children, Louis Denis, Mekhi, and Amerie Gaskin, are all residents of Worcester, MA.



Institute Park

Salisbury Street  
West Street

West St

Levenson Concert Stage

3 min  
0.1 miles

Salisbury St

Atwater Kent  
Laboratories

Fuller Laboratories

Salisbury St

Salisbury S

Upper Perreault Lecture  
Hall College Theater

Kaven Hall

Phi Gamma  
Delta (FIJI)

Worcester  
Polytechnic  
Institute

ACOOS Cultural Center

Arr  
of

George C.  
Gordon Library

WPI Residential Ser

Washburn Shops



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Clare M. Robbins, Assistant City Clerk

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City Hall Room 206  
455 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

Installation of No Parking signage in cul-de-sac at end of Merlin Court.

Marc and Patricia LePain  
44 Merlin Court  
Worcester, MA 01602

508-723-2035

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
<small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small> <i>Marc Albert LePain</i> <small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small>	Marc A. LePain	44 Merlin Court	508-723-2035	blackpool1922@gmail.com



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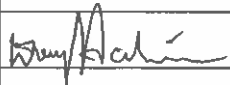
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Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

installation of Handicap Parking Space in front of ~~the~~ 15 Whitney St across from of 10 Whitney St. There is no parking on even side of Whitney St.

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
	Douglas Hamaluk	10 Whitney St 0160	774-6331855	

**PL5150072**

**Expires:**

**03-12-28**

**Disabled Persons  
Parking Identification Placard**



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*



HAMALAINEN  
DOUGLAS  
EDWARD

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts**





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City Hall Room 206  
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Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows. request  
Removal of "Handicapped Parking" signage in front of 41 Somerset Street (disable resident has passed away).

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Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
<i>pp Mallios</i>	Philip Mallios	41 Somerset Street, 01609	508-791-3349	pamallios@outlook.com

Room 206, City Hall ■ 455 Main Street ■ Worcester, Massachusetts 01608-1889  
Telephone (508) 799-1121 ■ Fax (508) 799-1194  
E-Mail: [clerk@worcesterma.gov](mailto:clerk@worcesterma.gov)



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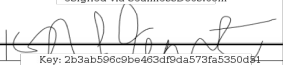
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Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

We request installation of no parking anytime signs in front of 199 Lake avenue. Cars continue to block our driveway entirely preventing us from entering it. Cars continue to park well within the 3-ft on either side rule which we deal with. However, when cars continue to park directly in front of our driveway, we have to park our car elsewhere. Jen, track down the owner through at least seven different businesses to get them to move it. Owners either act surprised that they have blocked our driveway or aggravated that they have to move because they're "only going to be here real quick"

We purchased our own sign on our own lamppost for years to no avail. We believe the only thing that will stop people from parking here is a sign from the city indicating they will be towed. I'm not even convinced that will work. We have numerous photo evidence of this happening over several years if required.

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
 <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small> <small>Key: 2b3ab59ec9be463df9da573fa5350d91</small>	Kelly J Fitzpatrick	199 lake ave	6177503905	missfitzy75@yahoo.com

Room 206, City Hall ■ 455 Main Street ■ Worcester, Massachusetts 01608-1889  
 Telephone (508) 799-1121 ■ Fax (508) 799-1194  
 E-Mail: [clerk@worcesterma.gov](mailto:clerk@worcesterma.gov)





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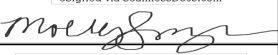
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Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

Installation of a "no parking any time" sign for the odd side of Carlisle Street. There is a sign present at the junction of Berkman's Street and Carlisle street (on the odd side of Carlisle) directing an arrow up towards Carlisle's intersection with June Street. The sign states "no parking any time" but does not indicate "to the corner" or "to end of street" and is not visible from the current section in need of a "no parking" sign. The segment in question is diagonal from 2 Carlisle Street. When vehicles park there, across from permitted parking on the even side of Carlisle, there is room only for one vehicle to drive through the street. Residents of 2 Carlisle street have been impacted by trash not being collected due to lack of access for garbage trucks, on multiple occasions. Multiple complaints have been lodged including reference number 2099744. Thank you for your consideration.

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
<small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small>  <small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small>	Molly Gallagher	2 Carlisle St Apt 2 01602	978-870-5574	Playeatspeak@gmail.com

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 Telephone (508) 799-1121 ■ Fax (508) 799-1194  
 E-Mail: [clerk@worcesterma.gov](mailto:clerk@worcesterma.gov)



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455 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

Hi my name is James Fenner of 4 courtland Street Worcester Mass I was just wondering if you could put up a handicap pole in front of my house I am disabled. it's hard to find parking

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
 <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small> <small>Key: 2b3ab596cbe463df9da573fa5350d81</small>	James Fenner	4 courtland st Apt 3	5083715148	fennerjames168@yahoo.co

Room 206, City Hall ■ 455 Main Street ■ Worcester, Massachusetts 01608-1889  
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455 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

Install a speed bump between 55 and 57 Standish St

Sheilagh Crotty

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address, Zip Code</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Email</b>
<small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small>  <small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small>	Sheilagh Crotty	57 Standish St 01604	508-612-8286	tiogatoo@aol.com

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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

For the tenants residing in the 3 decker  
apartments at 430, 432, 428 Harding St to  
be able to park in front of those buildings  
to which they reside in without being penalized  
ticketed or towed. Due to the buisness across  
the street there is no parking available for  
those tenants and when they are forced to  
park in front of the apartment to which they  
reside they get tickets. I am petitioning  
as the landlord along with the tenants  
to have the no parking band/sign to be taken  
down permanently.

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
<i>Dickson Mensah</i>	Dickson Mensah	430 Harding St	774-386-5025	





5/7/2024

City of Worcester  
Petition for Charter Communications  
For Communication conduit

Re: 500 Grafton St. Worcester, MA

To the City Council of Worcester Massachusetts:

Respectfully Charter Communications of Worcester, Massachusetts desires to construct a line of underground communications conduit, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

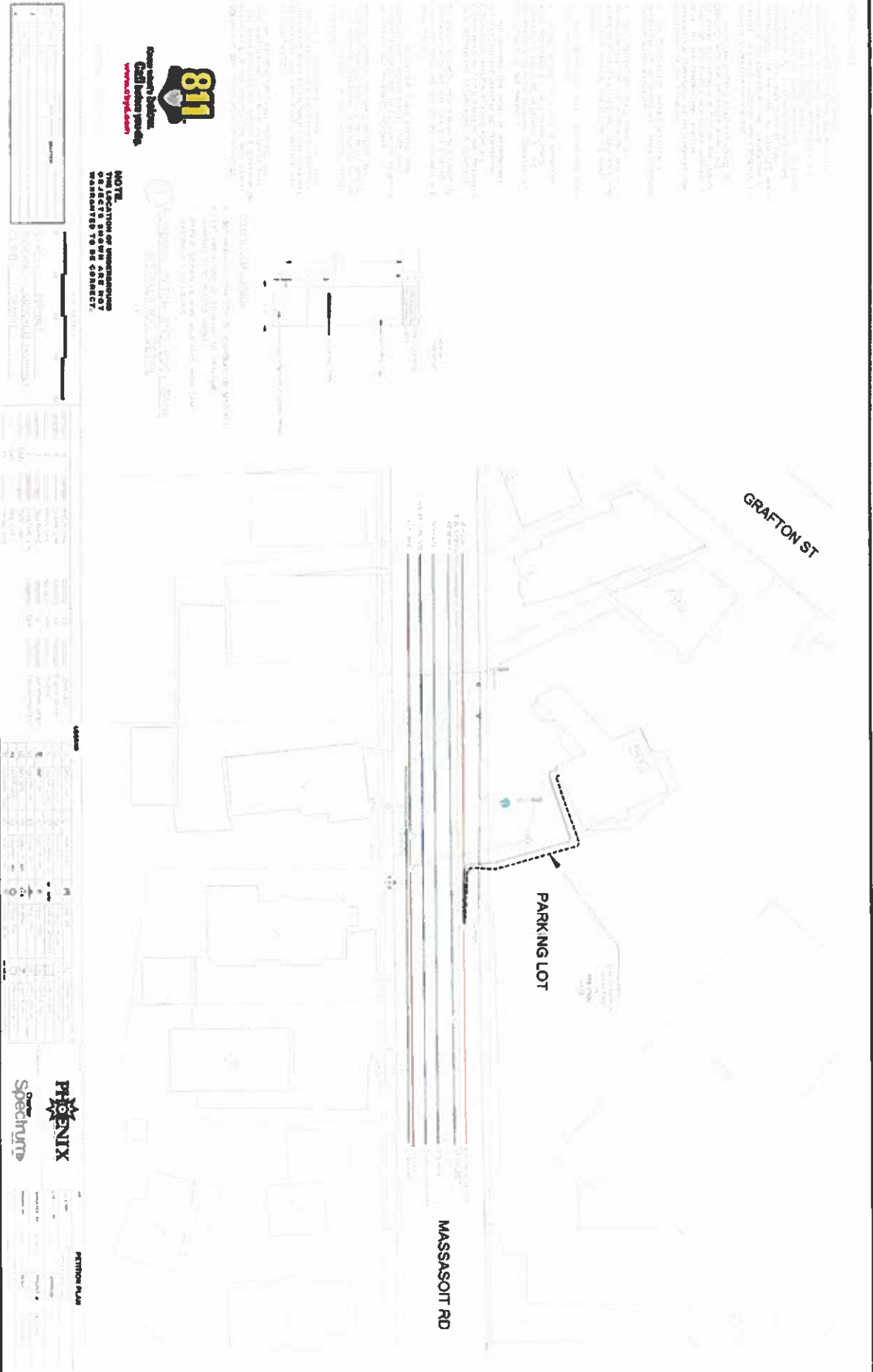
Wherefore that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, Charter to be granted permission to excavate the public roadway and to run and maintain our underground conduit. The conduit to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herein marked-16 Laurelwood Dr. The following is the street referred to in the plans.

500 Grafton St -To install approximately 120 linear feet of 1-4" SCH40 PVC conduit. Massasoit Rd - Starting at Verizon Manhole#6090C trenching along Massasoit rd to private property with new conduit and cable to be placed inside

Sincerely,

*RICK MOLNAR*

Rick Molnar  
Rick.Molnar@Charter.com  
Construction Coordinator  
Charter Communications  
Cell 774-243-9789  
Office 508-328-5787



**NOTE**  
ACCURACY OF DIMENSIONS  
ON THIS DRAWING ARE NOT  
WARRANTED TO BE CORRECT.

Project Name	
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Sheet No.	
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Engineer	
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**PHENIX**  
Site  
Specimens

PETITION PLAN



The City of  
**WORCESTER**

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20 East Worcester Street, Worcester, MA 01604  
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dpw@worcesterma.gov

May 2, 2024

Mr. Rick Molnar  
Construction Coordinator III  
Charter Communications  
301 Barber Ave  
Worcester, MA 01606

**RE: Grant Plan Letter -- 500 Grafton**

Dear Mr. Molnar:

The City of Worcester, Department of Public Works and Parks (DPW&P) has reviewed the enclosed plans "500 Grafton Street Worcester" dated April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for the proposed conduit within Massasoit Road and gives its approval as to location only, for those portions of the conduit within the public way. These plans can now be submitted to the City Council for approval.

If you have any questions or need additional information in this matter, please contact Kyle Gallicchio at the permit office (508-799-1450).

Sincerely,

Denali Trimble  
Assistant Director of Engineering

JM/MT  
Enclosure  
C: Kyle Gallicchio





5/7/2024

City of Worcester  
Petition for Charter Communications  
For Communication conduit

Re: 16 Laurelwood Drive. Worcester, MA

To the City Council of Worcester Massachusetts:

Respectfully Charter Communications of Worcester, Massachusetts desires to construct a line of underground communications conduit, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, Charter to be granted permission to excavate the public roadway and to run and maintain our underground conduit. The conduit to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herein marked-16 Laurelwood Dr. The following is the street referred to in the plans.

16 Laurelwood Dr -trenching across Laurelwood Dr -To install approximately 80 linear feet of 1-4" SCH40 PVC conduit. Laurelwood Dr - Starting at ped on property line of #16&#18 and we will be crossing Laurelwood Dr to catv doghouse on property line of #17&#19 to replace a failing direct buried cable with new conduit and cable to be placed inside

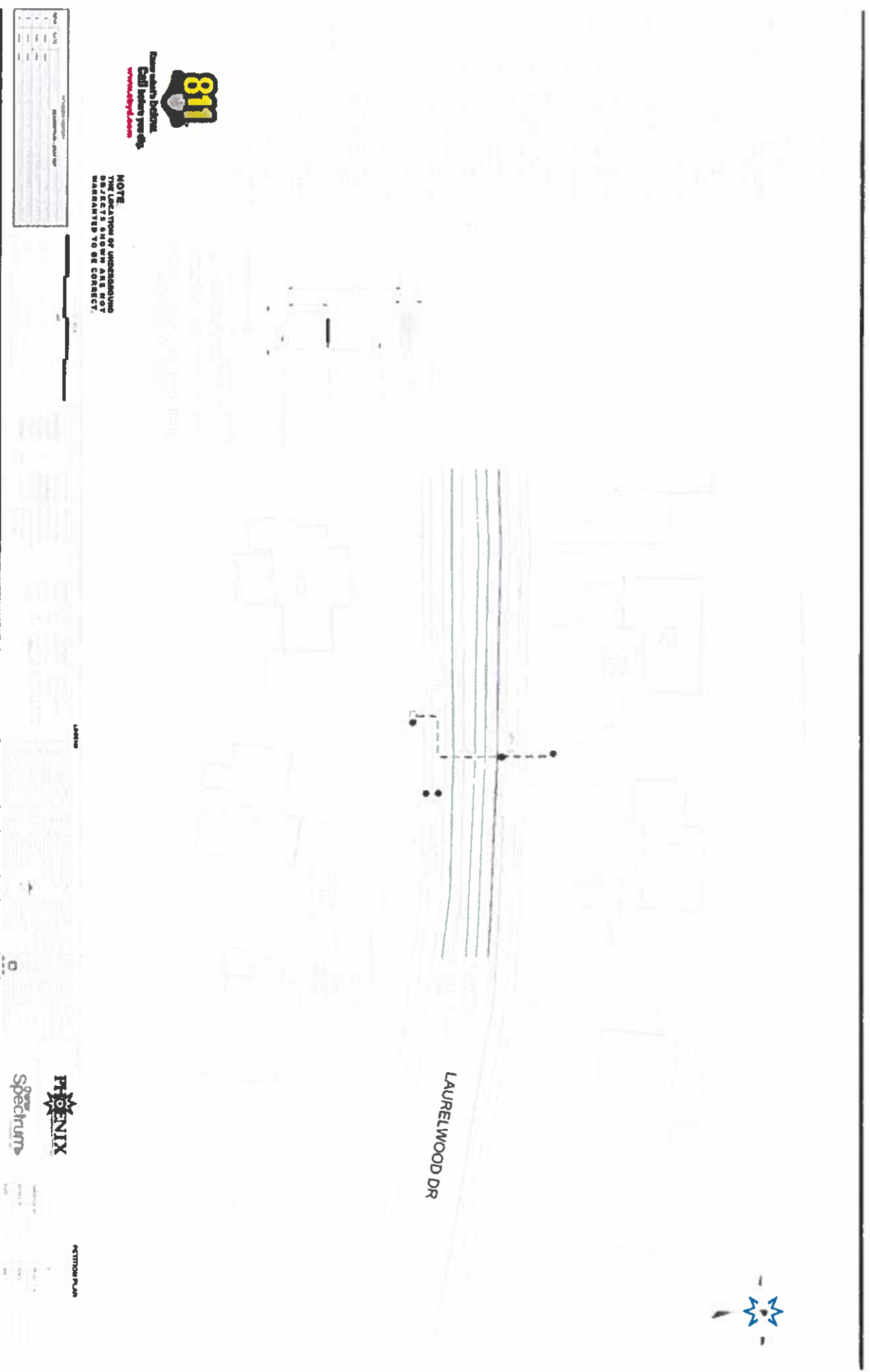
Sincerely,

*RICK MOLNAR*

Rick Molnar  
Rick.Molnar@Charter.com  
Construction Coordinator  
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Cell 774-243-9789  
Office 508-328-5787



LAURELWOOD DR



NOTE  
THE LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND  
UTILITIES SHOWN ARE FOR  
REFERENCE ONLY. SEE  
MANHOLE TO BE CONSULT.



Item	Quantity	Material	Unit
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ATTORNEY PLAN



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May 2, 2024

Mr. Rick Molnar  
Construction Coordinator III  
Charter Communications  
301 Barber Ave  
Worcester, MA 01606

**RE: Grant Plan Letter – 16 Laurelwood Drive**

Dear Mr. Molnar:

The City of Worcester, Department of Public Works and Parks (DPW&P) has reviewed the enclosed plans "16 Laurelwood Drive" dated April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the proposed conduit within Laurelwood Drive and gives its approval as to location only, for those portions of the conduit within the public way. These plans can now be submitted to the City Council for approval.

If you have any questions or need additional information in this matter, please contact Kyle Gallicchio at the permit office (508-799-1450).

Sincerely,

Denali Trimble  
Assistant Director of Engineering

JM/MT  
Enclosure  
C: Kyle Gallicchio



5/7/2024

City of Worcester  
Petition for Crown Castle Networks  
For Communication conduit

Re: 115 North East Cutoff. Worcester, MA

To the City Council of Worcester Massachusetts:

Respectfully Crown Castle Networks of Westborough, Massachusetts desires to construct a line of underground communications conduit, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, Charter to be granted permission to excavate the public roadway and to run and maintain our underground conduit. The conduit to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herein marked-115 North East Cut Off. The following is the street referred to in the plans.

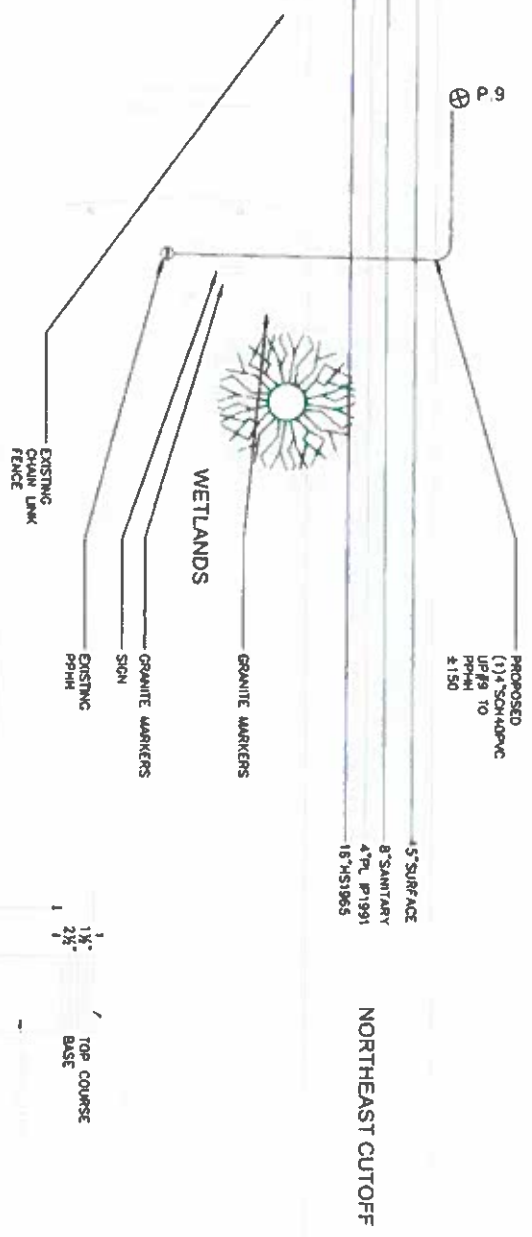
115 North East Cut Off -To install approximately 150 linear feet of 1-4" SCH40 PVC conduit. M - Starting at Utility pole#9 trenching across NorthEast Cut-off to private property existing handhole with new conduit and cable to be placed inside

Sincerely,

*Steven Cresimanno*

Steve Crescimanno  
Steven.Crescimanno@CrownCastle.com  
Construction Coordinator  
Crown Castle Networks  
Cell 860-576-0742

TOWN OF W. BOYLSTON  
CITY OF WORCESTER



115

1 PLAN SCALE 1" = 40'



**CROWN CASTLE**  
441 EAST TAUNTON RD  
WEST HENRIETTA, NY 14388



115 NORTH EAST CUT OFF  
42 309558  
711 767385

ISSUED FOR

NO.	DATE	BY	REVISION	DATE

CIVIL PLAN

BUDGET NUMBER: C-1  
REVISION:



Department of Public Works & Parks  
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dpw@worchesterma.gov

May 2, 2024

Mr. Steve Crescimanno  
Network Construction Manager  
Crown Castle  
1800 West Park Dr Suite 250  
Westborough, MA 01581

**RE: Grant Plan – 115 North East Cut Off**

Dear Mr. Crescimanno:

The City of Worcester, Department of Public Works and Parks (DPW&P) has reviewed the enclosed plans "115 North East Cut Off", for the proposed conduit and structures within Northeast Cutoff and gives its approval as to location only, for those portions of the conduit within the public way. These plans can now be submitted to the City Council for approval.

If you have any questions or need additional information in this matter, please contact Kyle Gallicchio at the permit office (508-799-1450).

Sincerely,

Denali Trimble  
Assistant Director of Engineering

JKM/MT DT  
Enclosure  
c: Kyle Gallicchio

Questions contact – Brandon MacMillan 774-232-8698

Petition of the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid of NORTH ANDOVER,  
MASSACHUSETTS

For Electric conduit Location:

To the City Council of Worcester, Massachusetts

Respectfully represents the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid of North Andover, Massachusetts, that it desires to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Mars St – Worcester – Massachusetts.

The following are the streets and highways referred to: Plan number # 30877210.

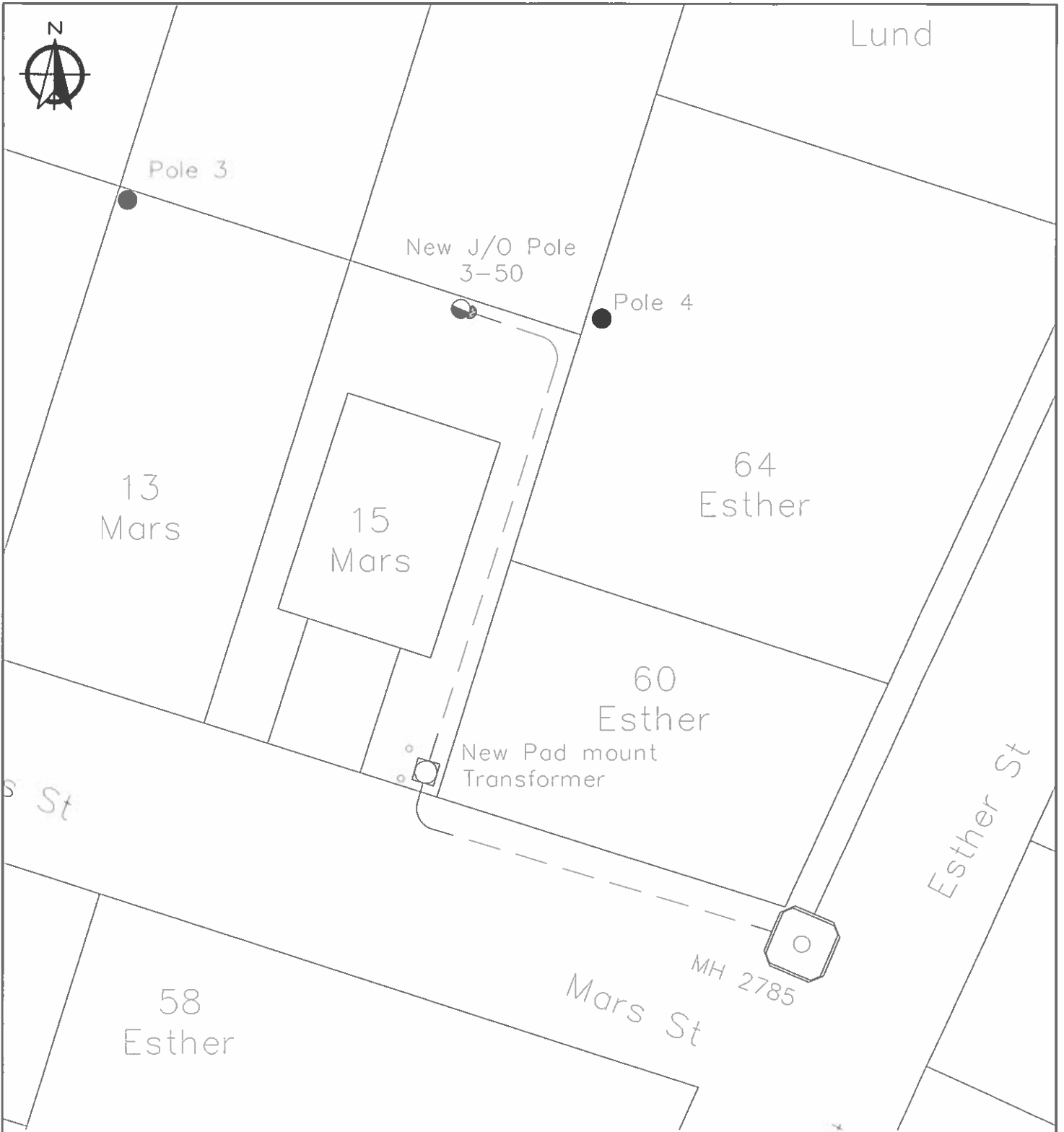
Mars St - National Grid to install beginning at a point approximately 15 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Mars St and Esther St and continuing approximately 100 feet in a west direction. National Grid to install conduit down the sidewalk from MH in the corner of Esther St and Mars St ~100' of conduit down Mars St to 15 Mars St.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a  
NATIONAL GRID *Raylene D'Souza*

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Engineering Department

Dated: April 29, 2024



LEGEND	
-----	PROPOSED UNDERGROUND CONDUIT
●	NEW POLE
●	EXISTING POLE
⊙	MANHOLE
⊞	TRANSFORMER

**PETITION SKETCH**

15 Mars St      WORCESTER, MA

ADDITIONAL NOTES

NOT TO SCALE:

Date: 02/05/2024
Designer: MACMIB
W/R: 30877210

**nationalgrid**





The City of  
**WORCESTER**

Department of Public Works & Parks  
Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner  
20 East Worcester Street, Worcester, MA 01604  
P | 508-929-1300 F | 508-799-1448  
dpw@worcesterma.gov

April 26, 2024

Ms. Raylene Dsouza  
Lead Engineer Supervisor  
National Grid  
939 Southbridge Street  
Worcester, MA 01610

**RE: Grant Plan – 15 Mars Street**

Dear Ms. Dsouza:

The City of Worcester, Department of Public Works and Parks (DPW&P) has reviewed the enclosed plans for the project for 15 Mars Street. Plans labeled 15 Mars Street - Worcester MA. These plans were received through our grant plan permit application for the proposed conduit within Mars Street and gives its approval as to location only, for those portions of the conduit within the public way. These plans can now be submitted to the City Council for approval.

If you have any questions or need additional information in this matter, please contact Kyle Gallicchio at the permit office (508-799-1450).

Sincerely,

ON BEHALF OF  
JASON MELLO

Jay Mello  
Director of Engineering

DT/MT  
Enclosure  
C: Kyle Gallicchio

Received  
Worcester City Clerk  
MAY -8 PM 1:54

**PETITION**

**Worcester City Council**

**City Clerk**

**Worcester Massachusetts**

**455 Main St. Room 201**

**Worcester MA 01608**

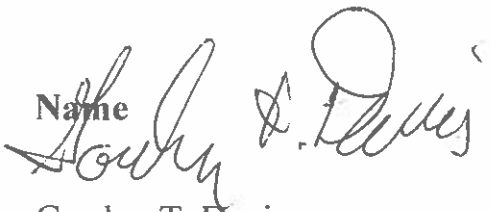
**May 14, 2024**

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows:

Whereas The Disparities in Arrests Report shows a disproportionate number of Black and Latino people arrested in Worcester The Police Chief has said that this systemic racism harms Black and Latino people

Whereas the statement by the Worcester Police Chief is evidence of a clear and present danger.

We ask City Council to assign to the Public Safety Committee the task of investigating the issue of systemic racism and public safety. The investigation should include public hearings.

**Name**  


Gordon T. Davis

**Residence**

Worcester MA

**508 757 5873**

**Hellowithfire1@aol.com**





The City of  
**WORCESTER**

**City Clerk Department**  
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk  
Stephen A.J. Pottle, Deputy City Clerk  
Clare M. Robbins, Assistant City Clerk

Please print out this form, provide your full contact information, including your name, residential address and phone number, sign the form and return to:

Worcester City Clerk  
City Hall Room 206  
455 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608


The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

the prioritization of transparency in the operations of the Quality of Life Task Force, particularly concerning their interactions with the unhoused population in our city.

It has come to our attention that despite the critical role the Quality of Life Task Force plays in addressing community concerns and enhancing the "quality of life" of the property owning residents, there is a glaring lack of transparency regarding their operations. Despite diligent efforts, we have been unable to find any information regarding the task force's mission, duties, policies, procedures, etc. whether on the city's website, or elsewhere. We were only able to find a single press release from the head of the Quality of Life Task Force. This lack of accessible information raises significant concerns, especially considering the team is meant to serve the public and has daily, growing interactions with the city's most vulnerable, the unhoused.

We respectfully implore the City Manager and City Council to enact measures that guarantee public access to information about the Quality of Life Task Force's mission, duties, policies, procedures governing the operations of the Quality of Life Task Force etc. . This information should be readily available and easily accessible to all Worcester residents, whether via the cities' website or other means.

We believe that transparency is a fundamental principle of good governance and enhances public trust. By granting public access to information about the Quality of Life Task Force and its operations, the City Council can demonstrate it's commitment to serving the best interests of ALL Worcester Residents including the most vulnerable.

Signature	Name	Address, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email
 <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small>	Samantha Olney	Worcester, 01609	5088261406	halogreaterworc@gmail.co

Room 206, City Hall ■ 455 Main Street ■ Worcester, Massachusetts 01608-1889  
Telephone (508) 799-1121 ■ Fax (508) 799-1194  
E-Mail: [clerk@worcesterma.gov](mailto:clerk@worcesterma.gov)



Eric D. Batista  
City Manager

CITY OF WORCESTER

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Attachment for Item # 10.38 A

May 7, 2024

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully recommend the adoption of a Loan Order in the amount of Eighty Six Million Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars and No Cents (\$86,221,444.00) to pay for costs associated with projects and equipment, as approved in the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista  
City Manager

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY OF WORCESTER

In City Council

LOAN ORDER  
(Capital Improvements & Purchases)

**Ordered:** That the sum of Eighty Six Million Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars and No Cents (\$86,221,444.00) be appropriated to the following accounts to pay for costs associated with the following capital improvements, planning and equipment, as well as any related architectural and engineering services in connection therewith, and including any costs incidental or related thereto; provided however, that the City of Worcester may change the account numbers listed below and/or move funds from one account to another for administrative purposes without further amendment or approval from this Council, provided that such change and/or move does not alter the project for which the funds are hereby authorized to be expended:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LO-1424	Citywide Building Rehabilitation	\$6,395,000.00
LO-1425	Citywide Capital Equipment	8,321,444.00
LO-1426	Worcester Public Schools Building Rehabilitation	3,500,000.00
LO-1427	Worcester Public Schools Capital Equipment	500,000.00
LO-1428	Guardrails	100,000.00
LO-1429	Street Light Improvements	600,000.00
LO-1430	Traffic Signal Improvements	500,000.00
LO-1431	Street & Sidewalk Construction	15,000,000.00
LO-1432	Parks Improvements	9,955,000.00
LO-1433	Sewer Construction	18,480,000.00
LO-1434	Sewer Building Rehabilitation	350,000.00
LO-1435	Sewer Equipment	1,600,000.00
LO-1436	Water Building Rehabilitation	2,630,000.00
LO-1437	Water Capital Equipment	600,000.00
LO-1438	Water Mains	10,780,000.00
LO-1439	Water Meters	3,035,000.00
LO-1440	Reservoir Rehabilitation	1,025,000.00
LO-1441	Transportation & Mobility	1,500,000.00
LO-1442	Off-Street Parking	150,000.00
LO-1443	ESCo	1,200,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86,221,444.00</b>

That to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow the sum of Eighty Six Million Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars and No Cents (\$86,221,444.00) under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The Standing Committee on Municipal and Legislative Operations be and is hereby requested to review the Rules of the City Council Section titled “Conduct of Council Meetings,” including but not limited to Rules 21, 22 and 35, in an effort to determine whether any amendments to the Rules of City Council would better ensure all speaking portions of City Council meetings are done efficiently and in a procedurally accurate manner.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **RESOLVED:**

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch, Representative Liz Miranda and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill.

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Liz Miranda and Mindy Domb***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to effectuate equity in COVID-19 vaccination, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and health.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. The governor shall immediately appoint or designate a director of COVID-

2   19 vaccination equity and outreach who shall be a new member of leadership within the

3   executive office of health and human services in its functionality as the COVID-19 command

4   center, who shall report directly to the secretary of the executive office of health and human

5   services, and whose sole and full-time responsibility shall be to plan and implement actions to

6   overcome disparities in COVID-19 vaccination rates rooted in historic and current racism; biases

7   based on ethnicity, income, primary language, immigration status, or disability; geography; or

8   transportation access, language access, or internet access. The director’s responsibilities shall

9   include without limitation implementing the provisions of this act. The director shall have

10   significant expertise in public health and experience with a successful mass vaccination

11   campaign, a statewide campaign in the commonwealth, or extensive existing connections with

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44 trusted in target communities. This expansion may utilize, but shall not be limited to, the funds  
45 appropriated under said line item 4512-2021.

46 (d) The vaccination education and outreach requirements set forth in this section and  
47 established in line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be maintained until  
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49 and negatively impacted by COVID-19 and the statewide average vaccination rate, or the  
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51 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
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55 per week per vehicle, including some early morning, late evening, and weekend hours, for the  
56 sole and express purpose of vaccinating residents of those municipalities. The department shall  
57 make reasonable efforts to utilize zero-emissions vehicles to satisfy the requirements of this  
58 section. The vaccination vehicles shall be deployed as follows: (i) 1 to the communities in the  
59 Cape and Islands region with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two  
60 weeks; (ii) 1 to the communities in the MetroWest/495 region with the highest percent positivity  
61 rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iii) 2 to the communities in southeastern Massachusetts  
62 with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 2 to the  
63 communities in the Merrimack Valley with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the  
64 prior two weeks; (v) 2 to the communities in western Massachusetts with the highest percent  
65 positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (vi) 2 to the communities in central  
66 Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 3  
67 to the neighborhoods in the city of Boston experiencing the highest percent positivity rates in the  
68 prior 2 weeks; and (viii) the remainder to other high-test, highest-contagion communities  
69 throughout the commonwealth, provided, however, that the director may deviate from the high-  
70 test, high-contagion requirement set forth in this element (viii) only if a strong health equity  
71 rationale exists for so deviating and only upon publication of said rationale. For purposes of this  
72 Act, the term “high-test, highest-contagion municipality” shall mean a municipality with one of  
73 the highest percent positivity rates among the 30 municipalities with the highest test counts in the  
74 commonwealth in the prior two weeks.

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76 (b) Residents of the areas designated to be served by the vaccination vehicle program  
77 described in paragraph

78 (a) of this section shall be eligible for vaccination via said program consistent with  
79 approvals by the federal drug administration and regardless of phase designations in the  
80 commonwealth's vaccine distribution plan.

81 Residency may be established by self-attestation.

82 (c) Each vaccination vehicle shall be staffed with at least the following individuals: a  
83 medical provider who, acting within the scope of their license, may administer vaccines and  
84 deliver basic life support, a medical assistant, a patient services coordinator, and two community  
85 health workers, at least one of whom shall have direct experience in the municipality to which  
86 the vehicle is deployed. A vaccination vehicle operating in a community that is home to limited  
87 English proficiency residents shall also include a language interpreter. All vaccination vehicles  
88 shall have telephonic access to language interpretation services. In the event multiple vehicles  
89 are deployed in an area designated in paragraph (a), the staff specified in this paragraph (c) may  
90 be assigned to any such vehicles, as appropriate.

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92 (d) The department shall partner with local public health departments, local boards of  
93 health, and locally-based health care providers to disseminate to target populations accurate,  
94 user-friendly, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse information about the vaccination  
95 vehicle program, including without limitation how residents can receive a vaccine via a vehicle  
96 in their community.

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98 (e) The vaccination vehicle program shall be maintained and operational until a sufficient  
99 percentage of the residents of the commonwealth are vaccinated in order to protect the  
100 population from the spread of COVID-19.

101 SECTION 4. The department of public health shall immediately partner with local public  
102 health departments, local boards of health, locally-based health care providers, including without  
103 limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, and local independent  
104 pharmacies to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

105 SECTION 5. For all COVID vaccinations requiring a second dose, all vaccination  
106 locations shall assist patients in scheduling a second vaccination appointment at the time of the  
107 first appointment. This assistance may be provided during the observation period following  
108 vaccination administration.

109 SECTION 6. No later than February 12, 2021, the governor shall appoint an expert on  
110 vaccine disinformation to the Vaccine Advisory Group.

111 SECTION 7. (a) The department of public health shall immediately comply with all data  
112 collection and reporting provisions set forth in Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, including, but not  
113 limited to, finalizing regulations on health care providers collecting COVID-19 data.

114 (b) Further to the interim draft vaccination plan published by the department on its  
115 website in October of 2020 and submitted to and approved by the federal government, the  
116 department shall immediately publish on its website any updates to said plan and a detailed set of  
117 implementation protocols to overcome the vaccination disparities described in section 1 and  
118 ensure that 20 percent of the commonwealth's vaccine supply will be administered to residents  
119 of demographic communities with high social vulnerability and disproportionately and



120 negatively impacted by COVID-19. The vaccination plan and implementation protocols shall be  
121 publicly updated within 24 hours of any subsequent modification or change thereto.

122 (c) To further effectuate transparency and equity regarding COVID vaccination, the  
123 department shall: (i) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021,  
124 publish on its website the number of unused vaccine doses in the commonwealth, an explanation  
125 for why the doses remain unused, and its plan to redistribute the doses; (ii) no less than weekly  
126 on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the vaccine doses  
127 allocated throughout the commonwealth, delineated by vaccination location; and (iii) effective  
128 immediately, collect COVID vaccination data by key socioeconomic and demographic  
129 indicators, including race, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation and gender  
130 identity, primary language, occupation, household income, residence in elder care facilities and  
131 other congregate care settings, housing status, and zip code, and publish said data on its website  
132 not less than weekly except where publication would result in disclosure of personal information  
133 as defined in chapter 93H of the general laws.

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135 SECTION 8. (a) No later than February 26, 2021, the director shall submit to the chairs  
136 of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing  
137 committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint  
138 committee on public health, and the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and  
139 regulatory oversight a budget for effectuating the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive. Said  
140 budget shall specify the source or sources of funding, whether state, federal, or both, is planned

141 for each implementation element and whether any additional state appropriations are necessary  
142 to achieve compliance with said sections.

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144 (b) No later than March 26, 2021, and at least on every subsequent final Friday of the  
145 month for the duration of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, the secretary of the  
146 executive office of health and human services or her designee shall report to the chairs of the  
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148 COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on  
149 public health, the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight,  
150 and the auditor the following financial information pertaining to COVID-19 vaccination in the  
151 commonwealth, including without limitation vaccination education and information  
152 dissemination and vaccination distribution: (i) funds expended on vaccinating residents of the  
153 commonwealth, delineated by spending item and region of the commonwealth; provided,  
154 however, that compliance with section 104 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be  
155 considered compliance with the requirements of this section; (ii) any amounts beyond existing  
156 state and federal appropriations and reimbursements that may be needed to effectuate the  
157 commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan generally, and the purposes of section 1  
158 specifically; (iii) any updates to the budget submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section;  
159 (iv) a detailed accounting of all funds, including state and federal funds, distributed to local  
160 boards of health, including any body that acts as a board of health, public health commission,  
161 regional health district or health department of a municipality, since the last report, indicating  
162 whether the funds came from state or federal sources, and a budget plan detailing planned or  
163 anticipated distribution of funds to these local health agencies in the coming 3 months, indicating

164 the source of the funds; and (v) any additional financial information pertinent to the  
165 implementation of the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan and other provisions of this  
166 act.

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168 SECTION 9. The department of public health shall implement all reasonable efforts to  
169 maximize federal reimbursement for COVID vaccination implementation efforts and efforts  
170 pursuant to section 1. Such reasonable efforts shall include consideration of mobilizing the  
171 Massachusetts National Guard to staff phone banking efforts undertaken pursuant to section 2.

172 SECTION 10. The department of public health shall take immediate action to eliminate  
173 COVID-19 testing deserts in the commonwealth by launching at least 1 open access, no-  
174 appointment, no-cost testing site in every gateway city in the commonwealth, to the extent no  
175 such testing site already exists.

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177 SECTION 11. This act shall remain in effect until the termination of the COVID-19  
178 public health state of emergency.

SENATE . . . . . No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Rebecca L. Rausch*

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

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An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>

SENATE . . . . . No.

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53 as vaccination vehicles to municipalities designated in this section for a minimum of 40 hours  
54 per week per vehicle, including some early morning, late evening, and weekend hours, for the  
55 sole and express purpose of vaccinating residents of those municipalities. The department shall  
56 make reasonable efforts to utilize zero-emissions vehicles to satisfy the requirements of this

57 section. The vaccination vehicles shall be deployed as follows: (i) 1 to the communities in the  
58 Cape and Islands region with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two  
59 weeks; (ii) 1 to the communities in the MetroWest/495 region with the highest percent positivity  
60 rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iii) 2 to the communities in southeastern Massachusetts  
61 with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 2 to the  
62 communities in the Merrimack Valley with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the  
63 prior two weeks; (v) 2 to the communities in western Massachusetts with the highest percent  
64 positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (vi) 2 to the communities in central  
65 Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 3  
66 to the neighborhoods in the city of Boston experiencing the highest percent positivity rates in the  
67 prior 2 weeks; and (viii) the remainder to other high-test, highest-contagion communities  
68 throughout the commonwealth, provided, however, that the director may deviate from the high-  
69 test, high-contagion requirement set forth in this element (viii) only if a strong health equity  
70 rationale exists for so deviating and only upon publication of said rationale. For purposes of this  
71 Act, the term “high-test, highest-contagion municipality” shall mean a municipality with one of  
72 the highest percent positivity rates among the 30 municipalities with the highest test counts in the  
73 commonwealth in the prior two weeks.

74 (b) Residents of the areas designated to be served by the vaccination vehicle program  
75 described in paragraph (a) of this section shall be eligible for vaccination via said program  
76 consistent with approvals by the federal drug administration and regardless of phase designations  
77 in the commonwealth’s vaccine distribution plan. Residency may be established by self-  
78 attestation.



79 (c) Each vaccination vehicle shall be staffed with at least the following individuals: a  
80 medical provider who, acting within the scope of their license, may administer vaccines and  
81 deliver basic life support, a medical assistant, a patient services coordinator, and two community  
82 health workers, at least one of whom shall have direct experience in the municipality to which  
83 the vehicle is deployed. A vaccination vehicle operating in a community that is home to limited  
84 English proficiency residents shall also include a language interpreter. All vaccination vehicles  
85 shall have telephonic access to language interpretation services. In the event multiple vehicles  
86 are deployed in an area designated in paragraph (a), the staff specified in this paragraph (c) may  
87 be assigned to any such vehicles, as appropriate.

88 (d) The department shall partner with local public health departments, local boards of  
89 health, and locally-based health care providers to disseminate to target populations accurate,  
90 user-friendly, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse information about the vaccination  
91 vehicle program, including without limitation how residents can receive a vaccine via a vehicle  
92 in their community.

93 (e) The vaccination vehicle program shall be maintained and operational until a sufficient  
94 percentage of the residents of the commonwealth are vaccinated in order to protect the  
95 population from the spread of COVID-19.

96 SECTION 4. The department of public health shall immediately partner with local public  
97 health departments, local boards of health, locally-based health care providers, including without  
98 limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, and local independent  
99 pharmacies to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

100 SECTION 5. For all COVID vaccinations requiring a second dose, all vaccination  
101 locations shall assist patients in scheduling a second vaccination appointment at the time of the  
102 first appointment. This assistance may be provided during the observation period following  
103 vaccination administration.

104 SECTION 6. No later than February 12, 2021, the governor shall appoint an expert on  
105 vaccine disinformation to the Vaccine Advisory Group.

106 SECTION 7. (a) The department of public health shall immediately comply with all data  
107 collection and reporting provisions set forth in Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, including, but not  
108 limited to, finalizing regulations on health care providers collecting COVID-19 data.

109 (b) Further to the interim draft vaccination plan published by the department on its  
110 website in October of 2020 and submitted to and approved by the federal government, the  
111 department shall immediately publish on its website any updates to said plan and a detailed set of  
112 implementation protocols to overcome the vaccination disparities described in section 1 and  
113 ensure that 20 percent of the commonwealth's vaccine supply will be administered to residents  
114 of demographic communities with high social vulnerability and disproportionately and  
115 negatively impacted by COVID-19. The vaccination plan and implementation protocols shall be  
116 publicly updated within 24 hours of any subsequent modification or change thereto.

117 (c) To further effectuate transparency and equity regarding COVID vaccination, the  
118 department shall: (i) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021,  
119 publish on its website the number of unused vaccine doses in the commonwealth, an explanation  
120 for why the doses remain unused, and its plan to redistribute the doses; (ii) no less than weekly  
121 on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the vaccine doses

122 allocated throughout the commonwealth, delineated by vaccination location; and (iii) effective  
123 immediately, collect COVID vaccination data by key socioeconomic and demographic  
124 indicators, including race, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation and gender  
125 identity, primary language, occupation, household income, residence in elder care facilities and  
126 other congregate care settings, housing status, and zip code, and publish said data on its website  
127 not less than weekly except where publication would result in disclosure of personal information  
128 as defined in chapter 93H of the general laws.

129 SECTION 8. (a) No later than February 26, 2021, the director shall submit to the chairs  
130 of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing  
131 committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint  
132 committee on public health, and the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and  
133 regulatory oversight a budget for effectuating the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive. Said  
134 budget shall specify the source or sources of funding, whether state, federal, or both, is planned  
135 for each implementation element and whether any additional state appropriations are necessary  
136 to achieve compliance with said sections.

137 (b) No later than March 26, 2021, and at least on every subsequent final Friday of the  
138 month for the duration of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, the secretary of the  
139 executive office of health and human services or her designee shall report to the chairs of the  
140 senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing committee on  
141 COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on  
142 public health, the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight,  
143 and the auditor the following financial information pertaining to COVID-19 vaccination in the  
144 commonwealth, including without limitation vaccination education and information

145 dissemination and vaccination distribution: (i) funds expended on vaccinating residents of the  
146 commonwealth, delineated by spending item and region of the commonwealth; provided,  
147 however, that compliance with section 104 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be  
148 considered compliance with the requirements of this section; (ii) any amounts beyond existing  
149 state and federal appropriations and reimbursements that may be needed to effectuate the  
150 commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan generally, and the purposes of section 1  
151 specifically; (iii) any updates to the budget submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section;  
152 (iv) a detailed accounting of all funds, including state and federal funds, distributed to local  
153 boards of health, including any body that acts as a board of health, public health commission,  
154 regional health district or health department of a municipality, since the last report, indicating  
155 whether the funds came from state or federal sources, and a budget plan detailing planned or  
156 anticipated distribution of funds to these local health agencies in the coming 3 months, indicating  
157 the source of the funds; and (v) any additional financial information pertinent to the  
158 implementation of the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan and other provisions of this  
159 act.

160 SECTION 9. The department of public health shall implement all reasonable efforts to  
161 maximize federal reimbursement for COVID vaccination implementation efforts and efforts  
162 pursuant to section 1. Such reasonable efforts shall include consideration of mobilizing the  
163 Massachusetts National Guard to staff phone banking efforts undertaken pursuant to section 2.

164 SECTION 10. The department of public health shall take immediate action to eliminate  
165 COVID-19 testing deserts in the commonwealth by launching at least 1 open access, no-  
166 appointment, no-cost testing site in every gateway city in the commonwealth, to the extent no  
167 such testing site already exists.

168           SECTION 11. This act shall remain in effect until the termination of the COVID-19  
169 public health state of emergency.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment.

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# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Education, be it

**ORDERED:** That

The City Council be and is hereby requested to work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**January 5, 2023**

The Committee on Public Service And Transportation to whom was referred December 20, 2022 the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Communication be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**January 5, 2023**

The Committee on Public Service And Transportation to whom was referred December 20, 2022 the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Order be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights.