

CITY OF WORCESTER

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Levi Lincoln (North) Chamber

5:00 P.M.

Mayor

Joseph M. Petty



Clerk of the City Council

Nikolin Vangjeli

Committee Members

Chairperson Morris A Bergman
Vice Chairperson Kathleen M Toomey
Councilor Satya B Mitra

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1. Virtual Attendee Call-In Information

- 1a.** 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 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. If you join a Zoom meeting by dialing in with a phone number, you can raise your hand by dialing *9.

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Economic Development Committee Zoom Link:
<https://worcesterma.zoomgov.com/j/1601976325>
Economic Development Committee Zoom Phone Number: +1
646 828 7666
Economic Development Committee Zoom Access Code: 160
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2. Approval of the Minutes

- 2a.** Order - That the City Council Standing Committee of Economic Development hereby approves the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting on April 13, 2026.

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3. Hearing Item - Zoning Amendments

- 3a.** Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Todd Rodman request to change the underlying zoning classification for the following properties from Manufacturing, General (MG 2.0) to Business, General (BG 3.0) in accordance with the attached plan: 1) 7 Brookfield St. (MBL 13-038-00002); 2) 8 Brookfield St. (MBL 13-039-00007); 3) 19 Glennie St. (MBL 13-30C-00010); 4) 284 Grove St. (MBL 13-039-00008); 5) 288 Grove St. (MBL 13-032-02+09); 6) 300 Grove St. (MBL 13-032-10+11); 7) 278 Grove St. (MBL 09-026-0000C); 8) 270 Grove St. (MBL 09-026-00045); 9) 15 North St. (MBL 09-026-00026); 10) 4R Powers Ct. (MBL 09-026-00023); 11) 4A Powers Ct. (MBL 09-026-0023A); 12) 4 Brookfield St. (MBL 09-020-00021); and 13) 2 Powers Ct. (MBL 09-026-00025).
10a CC May 5, 2026 [Attachments](#)
- 3b.** Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Todd Rodman request to change the underlying zoning classification for the following properties from Manufacturing, General (MG 2.0) to Residential, General (RG - 5), in accordance with the attached plan: 1) 15 Milton St. (MBL 13-039-00004); 2) 17 Milton St. (MBL 13-039-00005); and 3) 19 Milton St. (MBL 13-039-00006).
10b CC May 5, 2026 [Attachments](#)
- 3c.** Report of the Planning Board Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to minimum off-street parking requirements.
15a CC January 13, 2026 [Attachments](#)
- 3d.** Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Jonathan Finkelstein on behalf of Centro Las Americas, Inc, request the Zoning Map be amended by extending the BG-3 zoning district and CCOD-E overlay district to wholly encompass 9, 15 and 25 Charlton St.; 26, 38, 42 and 46 Hermon St.; and 0 Beacon St.
13a CC December 16, 2025

In Committee February 17, 2026 - Held [Attachments](#)
- 3e.** Report of the Planning Board Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of Zoning [Attachments](#)

Ordinance Amendment Related to Driveways, Pavement,
and Permits.

14b CC September 9, 2025

4. Communications of the City Manager

- 4a.** Transmitting informational communication relative to Tree Canopy Protection. [Attachments](#)
10.4C CM March 10, 2026

In Committee April 13, 2025 - Held

- 4b.** Transmitting informational communication relative to hosting NCAA events in Worcester. [Attachments](#)
8.4B CM June 16, 2026

5. Miscellaneous Items

- 5a.** Order of Councilor Tony Economou, Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey, Councilor Jose A. Rivera, Mayor Joseph M. Petty and Councilor Saya B. Mitra - Request Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the feasibility of establishing a Worcester Sports Commission, consisting of at least nine (9) and no more than thirteen (13) members, to be appointed by the City Manager. Said Commission shall be charged with attracting, promoting, and supporting sporting events in Worcester to drive economic activity, community engagement, and city branding. Membership should include, but not be limited to, a City representative, local business leaders, sports and venue representatives, college athletics staff, tourism and hospitality professionals, youth sports organizers, and local athletes or league representatives, as well as citizen representatives. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson, who will, with member input, establish short- and long-term goals, including potential fundraising and growth strategies. Be it further requested that the Commission be a volunteer body. [Attachments](#)
10b CC April 14, 2026

- 5b.** Order of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Jose A. Rivera - Request Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the strengthening any future submission of a bid by College of the Holy Cross and or the Patriot League to the NCAA in efforts to host a preliminary [Attachments](#)

round of the Division I Men s and Women s March Madness Tournament. Further, request said discussion also include any bids available related to the Division II and Division III NCAA Basketball tournaments. Further, request said discussion also include the potential of hosting NCAA tournaments for additional sports. Further, request representatives from Discover Central Massachusetts be invited to said discussion to provide any suggestions related to submitting future bid submissions. Further, request all requirements relative to bringing the NCAA March Madness Tournament to the city be outlined. Further, if such NCAA bids are found to be unfeasible, request the Standing Committee on Economic Development discuss the process for the city to be a host future National Invitation Tournaments (NIT).

10h CC March 17, 2026

- 5c.** Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman Request Standing Committee on Economic Development explore the criteria and deadlines for the city to apply to be a host city for each sports NCAA tournament for the purpose of providing City Council with timeframes and the process relative to said individual applications.

18h CC March 17, 2026

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