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City Council, 1956-1957

MAYOR

James D. O'Brien 4 Hawthorne St.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Andrew B. Holmstrom 43 Metcalf St.

MAYOR'S OFFICE STAFF

William J. O'Connell, Secretary Catherine J. Jocz, Assistant Secretary

COUNCILLORS

Joseph C. Casdin 12 Lenox St. Michael J. Favulli 79 Upsala St. Andrew B. Holmstrom 43 Metcalf St. Paul S. Morgan 24 Whitman Rd James D. O'Brien 4 Hawthorne St. Emil L. Rousseau 1 Waycross St. John M. Shea 17 Coventry Rd. Thomas C. Sweeney 11 Plantation St. George A. Wells 59 Clark St. Robert J. O'Keefe, Clerk

City of Worcester

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 1956-1957

Finance—Entire City Council.

Military Affairs—Councillors Morgan, Wells and Shea.

Ordinances and Legislative Matters— Entire City Council.

Public Assistance — Councillors Sweeney, Casdin and Rousseau.

Public Safety — Councillors Wells, Casdin and Sweeney.

Public Service—Councillors Rousseau, Fayulli and Shea.

Public Works—Councillors Holmstrom, Sweeney and Favulli.

Traffic — Councillors Favulli, Morgan and Casdin.

City Officers

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

City Manager

Elected by the City Council

Francis J. McGrath
John M. Coughlin, Budget Officer

City Clerk

By vote at City Election, Nov. 7, 1939, placed under Civil Service.
Robert J. O'Keefe

Assistant City Clerks
Appointed by the City Council.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.
First—Russell T. Ober
Second—Helen M. Defino

City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes
By vote at State Election Nov. 5, 1940, placed
under Civil Service.
Harold J. Tunison

City Solicitor

City Solicitor and four Assistants appointed for two years. Terms expire April 1, 1958. Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2, Sec. 35 Harry J. Meleski First Assistant City Solicitor Henry P. Grady

Second Assistant City Solicitor
Arthur F. Koskinas

Third Assistant City Solicitor
Andrew F. McCarthy

Fourth Assistant City Solicitor Stanton H. Whitman

Claims Investigator
Appointed under Ordinance June 8, 1954
George Callahan

Workmen's Compensation Agent Appointed under G.L. Chap. 152 Sec. 75 Max Feldman

City Auditor

Elected by the City Council triennially. Term expires first Monday in January, 1959
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.
Francis X. Powers

City Messenger Term expires January, 1959 Michael F. Walsh

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

Commissioner of Public Works
Term expires January, 1957
Earl R. Perry

Bureau of Engineering Vincent M. Hynes, Chief Engineer

Bureau of Public Buildings Willard Hedlund, Supt.

Bureau of Street Lighting Horace H. Bigelow, Acting Supt.

Bureau of Sewers George E. MacDowell, Supt.

Bureau of Streets John F. Donahue, Supt.

Bureau of Water Charles B. Hardy, Supt.

Purchasing Agent
Appointed under provisions of an ordinance
passed April 20, 1950. (Now Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)
George A. Herpich

Assessors of Taxes
G. L. Chap. 41, Sec. 24.
Joseph W. Carney, Chairman
Term expires 1956
Archie J. Horne, Clerk
Term expires 1959
Alfred A. Bianchi
Term expires 1958

Director of Veterans' Service
Appointed under G. L. Ch. 115, Sec. 10.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 15.
Eulick F. Ward

Custodian of Tax Title Property
G. L. Chap. 60, Sec. 77B.
George J. Fox

City Physician

Appointed for term of three years.
Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.
Dr. Carlo P. Benaglia
Term expires Feb., 1957

Personnel Director

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

Eugene R. Gardiner
Term expires Sept., 1959

Inspector of Milk, Butter, Cheese, Lard and Vinegar

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

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

Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures

John W. Brotherton John Balkonus Edward L. McAuliffe John F. McLaughlin James E. Walsh John E. Hassett Timothy J. Reardon Dog Officer

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

Herbert W. Cooper

Fence Viewers

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

Stanford L. Strogoff Joseph E. McGuire Benjamin G. Strukus

Field Driver

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

Leonard W. Russell

Pound Keeper

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

Leonard W. Russell

Local Superintendent for the Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths

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

John J. Nugent

Forest Warden

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

Herbert F. Travers

Inspector of Animals

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

James E. Masterson

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

Herbert F. Travers, Chief
Stephen J. Kelliher Deputy Chief
John J. Corcoran Deputy Chief
Francis P. Cavanaugh Deputy Chief

District Chiefs

Edward J. Foley Oscar A. Lundquist James E. Cavanaugh

Morris F. Flynn James H. McKenna Edward F. Hackett

Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph

Arthur C. Fish

Administrative Assistant John J. Horgan

Chief of Police

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

William P. Finneran

Deputy Chiefs of Police

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

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

George J. Abdella
Term expires January, 1958
Arthur J. Lariviere
Term expires January, 1959
George J. Lian
Term expires January, 1957
Alternate Member
Francis S. Bailey
Term expires January, 1957

Commissioner of Public Health

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

Kenneth I. E. Macleod, M.D., M.P.H. Term expires first Monday January, 1959

Health Board

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

Raymond W. Gadbois, M.D.
Term expires 1958
Carlton B. Payson
Term expires 1958
Clarence Peterson, D.M.D.

Samuel Seder Term expires 1959 William F. Henry Term expires 1957

Term expires 1959

License Board

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

Willard Hedlund, Chairman Supt. Bureau of Public Buildings

> Robert J. O'Keefe City Clerk

Herbert F. Travers, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department

Earl R. Perry, Commissioner of Public Works

William P. Finneran, Chief of Police Robert J. O'Keefe, Clerk

Off-Street Parking Board

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

George Kangisser, Chairman

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Bradford M. Kingman Term expires July, 1957

William A. Dean Term expires July, 1958

Adelard W. Thibeault Term expires July, 1959

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

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

Edward Early, Chairman Lester W. West, Secretary Lester W. West Term expires June, 1959 Thomas F. J. Dillon Term expires June, 1960 Russell W. Anderson Term expires June, 1956 Edward Early Term expires June, 1957 Andrew H. Holt Term expires June, 1958

City Planning Director Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2. Robert, S. Russell

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

Mrs. Herbert Layport, Chairman Term expires January, 1959

Ernest Hansen
Term expires January, 1958
Edward A. Kennedy,
Term expires January, 1957
James F. O'Neill
Director of Public Welfare

Superintendent of Brookside Home

Elected by the Board of Public Welfare Ellery E. Royal

Registrars of Voters

Except the City Clerk, one member appointed in April, annually, for three years.

(G. L. Chap. 51.)
Albin L. Bjork
Term expires 1958

Robert F. Fitzgerald Term expires April 1, 1959

Anthony J. Stolulonis Term expires April 1, 1957

Robert J. O'Keefe, ex-officio Clerk

Worcester Retirement Board

Constituted pursuant to Chapter 32 of the General Laws, Sects. 26 to 31 1 (Accepted by the city May 8, 1944). One member appointed by the City Manager, one member of the system elected by the members.

(G. L. Chap. 32, Sec. 31 F.)

Francis X. Powers, City Auditor ex-officio

W. Ellery Bright, Jr. (second member) Term expires Jan. 1, 1957

Paul H. Fell, Chairman (third member) Term expires Dec. 31, 1957 Sewerage Appeal Board

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

Paul P. Spaulding Term expires April 30, 1958

Edward F. Donohue Term expires April 30, 1957

> Ex-officiis Earl R. Perry,

Commissioner of Public Works
Kenneth I. E. Macleod, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Public Health

Harry J. Meleski, City Solicitor

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

Robert W. Stoddard, Chairman Term expires June, 1958

Timothy S. Shea Term expires June, 1957 Frederic W. Howe, Jr. Term expires June, 1957

Thomas F. Killeen Term expires June, 1958 Henry E. Prunier

Term expires June, 1956 John W. Coghlin Term expires June, 1956

Ralph F. Gow

Term expires June, 1956

Great Brook Valley Commission (Appointed March 6, 1951.) Vacancy

G. Adolph Johnson Robert S. Heald William J. Regan Mrs. Norman L. Sharfman

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

Charles A. Harrington, Chairman Term expires January, 1957

*Bradley B. Gilman Term expires January, 1958

Clayton B. Angell Term expires January, 1958 William F. Foster

Term expires January, 1959

Timothy Flaherty
Term expires January, 1959

*To fill unexpired term of Linwood M. Erskine deceased.

Insurance Commission

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

Percy D. Betterley Term expires January 31, 1957

Ex-officiis
Francis X. Powers, City Auditor
Willard Hedlund, Supt. Bureau of
Public Buildings

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Commissioners of the Jaques Fund and Other Funds of the City Hospital One member appointed annually, for three years. (Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 4.)

Anthony J. Karpawich, Chairman Term expires January 1, 1957

George M. Abodeely Term expires January 1, 1959

James P. Loughlin Term expires January 1, 1959

Harold J. Tunison, Treasurer

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

Walter J. Moossa, Chairman Term expires Jan. 1959

> Dr. Alfred N. Belisle Term expires 1958

Chief of Police (ex-officio)

License Commission

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

Charles F. Donnelly, Chairman Term expires January 1, 1958

Henry C. Alarie Term expires January 1, 1960

Term expires January 1, 19 Michael E. Cosgrove

Term expires January 1, 1957

Parks and Recreation Commission Appointed in accordance with Chapter 204, of the Special Acts of 1917, for terms of three years.

> Francis J. Logan, Chairman Term expires May, 1959 Everett S. Baroni, Secretary Term expires, May, 1958 William J. Regan Term expires May, 1959 M. Joseph Stacev Term expires May, 1959 Albert J. Agbay Term expires May, 1958 Mrs. Dorothy L. Salter Term expires May, 1957 Mrs. Lillian N. Shea Term expires May, 1957 Director and Executive Officer John J. Nugent

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

William P. Finneran
A. Wallace Gove
Michael J. Favulli
Judge Walter D. Allen
Henry P. Grady
Robert S. Russell
Nelson P. Wood
Norman L. Sharfman
Howard B. Jefferson
Andrew B. Holmstrom

Carl R. Engel Harold F. Murphy Stephen A. Bergin William F. Brennan Vacancy

Executive Committee
Michael J. Favulli,
Chairman Traffic Committee
William P. Finneran
A. Wallace Gove

A. Wallace Gove Walter D. Allen Nelson P. Wood

Civil Defense Department
(Appointed by City Manager Jan. 13, 1953.)
Fred J. Maloney, Director
Edward J. Purcell, Chief of Operations
Prof. Hobart H. Newell.

Electronics Consultant
Alan D. McKerrow, Radio Officer
Mrs. Ruth Sandini. Secretary

Directors of the Free Public Library
Two members recommended by City Manager
and chosen by City Council, in December
annually, for a term of six years from the
first day of January next ensuing.
(Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 14.)

Thomas F. Fleming, President
Term expires 1957
Howard B. Jefferson, Secretary
Term expires 1957
John Jeppson
Term expires 1958

Edward F. O'Brien "

1958

n Dhadan	**	66	1959
Rose Rhodes	66	66	1959
Joseph W. Riordan Robert N. Scola	44	**	1960
Stanley J. Jablonski	CE	66	1960
Jacob J. Kressler	44	**	1961
Matthew R. McCann, Jr.	**	66	1961
John J. Brosnan, Jr.	66	"	1962
Ralph E. Duffy	66	46	1962
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Thurston Taylor, Librarian

Medical Panel

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

Dr. Michael B. Fox, Chairman

Dr. Wilfred D. MacDonald

Dr. Merle S. Bacastow

Trustees of the Aaron and Lucretia
Bancroft Scholarship Fund
One member recommended by the City Manager and chosen by City Council, biennially, for six years.

Dr. John J. Goldsberry Term expires January 31, 1961

*Percy H. Harris Term expires February, 1957

Harry J. Meleski

Term expires January 31, 1959

*To fill unexpired term caused by death of Reginald Washburn.

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

Jeremiah T. Shea, President Term expires 1958

Thomas J. Early, Secretary Term expires 1958

Israel Joseph Term expires 1959

Dr. John W. O'Meara Term expires 1959

N. Myra (Glazier) Kenney Term expires 1957

Archibald R. LeMieux Term expires 1957 Cosimo J. Toscano Term expires 1959

Theodore Austin, Superintendent John B. Hughes, 1st Asst. Supt. Edward J. Tucker, 2nd Asst. Supt. James F. McFadden, 3rd Asst. Supt. Adrian R. Latour, 4th Asst. Supt.

Trustees for G.A.R. Memorial Hall Constituted pursuant to Chap. 282 of the Acts of 1930. Appointed to serve for terms of three years.

Thomas F. Foley, Chairman Term expires November 24, 1956 Alice K. Kallman, Clerk Term expires November 24, 1957 George J. Cross
Term expires November 24, 1958
George F. Fuller
Term expires November 24, 1957
Dr. George C. Dowd
Term expires November 24, 1956

Trustees of Independent Industrial Schools

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

(Revised Ordinances 1951, Chap. 2.)

John J. Ladden, President Term expires 1958

Irene E. Dumphy, Clerk Term expires 1957

George F. Wright Term expires 1958 Norman L. Sharfman " " 1959 Milton P. Higgins " 1957

Trustees of Joseph and Mary Jackson Scholarship Fund

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

Ragnar W. Gustafson Term expires December, 1955 Dr. Arthur D. Ward Term expires December, 1956 Don Day Swain Term expires December, 1957

Trustees of Municipal Memorial Auditorium

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

Albert E. Hall, Chairman John T. Sheehan, Secretary

Withold A. Bernot Term expires June, 1957

Albert E. Hall

Term expires June, 1958

James J. Redican Term expires June, 1958

John T. Sheehan Term expires June, 1956 Charles Kotsilibas Davis

Term expires June, 1956

Francis J. McGrath, City Manager Ex-officio

Housing Authority

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

Samuel J. Donnelly, Chairman Luther C. Small.

Executive Director and Secretary Members appointed by City Manager Vacancy

Term expires November 2, 1959

Edwin B. Coghlin Term expires November 2, 1955 Samuel J. Donnelly Term expires November 2, 1957 Joseph T. Benedict Term expires November 2, 1958 Member appointed by Housing Board Lawrence H. Fisher

Term expires November, 1956

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

Edward Medlinsky Term expires February 1, 1957 Francis J. Kittredge Term expires January, 1958

> Secretary and Treasurer Harold J. Tunison

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

> Joseph W. O'Connor, Chairman Term expires February, 1958

Frank R. Crotty, Secretary Term expires February, 1957

Paul V. Mullanev Term expires February, 1958

J. Albert Banks Term expires February, 1959 Alfred E. Rankin Term expires February, 1957 James D. O'Brien, Mayor ex-officio

Trustees of World War Veterans Memorial Fund

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

*Eugene A. Sullivan Term expires April, 1957 Paul W. Glennon Term expires April, 1958 George F. Power Term expires April, 1958 Ralph U. Cross Term expires April, 1959 Harrison G. Taylor Term expires April, 1959 James D. O'Brien, Mayor Ex-officio

*To fill unexpired term caused by death of John J. Flynn.

School Committee

James D. O'Brien, Chairman John F. Buckley, Vice-Chairman Helen A. Bowditch Herman J. Dumas Edwin Higginbottom Alfred J. Mattei John J. Melican

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Leo T. Doherty

Business Manager and Clerk Raymond L. Divoll

MAYORS

Levi Lincoln
*Henry Chapin 1849-50, 70
Died Oct. 13, 1878
Peter C. Bacon
John S. C. Knowlton
George W. Richardson 1855, 7 Died June 15, 1886
Isaac Davis
Alexander H. Bullock
William W. Rice 1860 Died March 1, 1896
P. Emory Aldrich 1862 Died March 4, 1895
D. Waldo Lincoln
Phinehas Ball
†James B. Blake
*Elected Mayor, ad interim, by the City Council, in joint convention, December 19, 1870 to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of James B. Blake. ;Elected for the sixth time, December 12,
1870. Died December 18, 1870.

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

Dhilin I O'Connell 1901
Philip J. O'Connell
Edward F. Fletcher 1902-3
Died December 18, 1943
Walter H. Blodget 1904-5 Died January 6, 1923
Died January 6, 1923 John T. Duggan 1906-7 Died September 5, 1927 James Logan 1908-9-10-11 Died November 30, 1929 Died November 30, 1929 Died November 30, 1929
John T. Duggall
Tames Logan 1908-9-10-11
Died November 30, 1929
David F. O'Connell 1912
Died November 30, 1929 David F. O'Connell
George M. Wright
Pehr G. Holmes
Diad December 10 1007
Peter F. Sullivan
Died May 21, 1931
MGABAAL (14Hara 1924-0-0-1-0-1-0-1-0-1-0-1-0-1-0-1-0-1-0-1-
Died February 3, 1946 John C. Mahoney 1932-3-4-5
John C. Mahoney 1952-5-1-3
Died July 12, 1946 Walter J. Cookson 1936
Died June 11 1036
*John S. Sullivan
*John S. Sullivan 1936-7 Died April 12, 1949
William A. Bennett 1938-9-40-1-2-3-4-3
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan 1946-7-8-9
Andrew B. Holmstrom 1950-51-52-53
James D. O'Brien 1954-55-56-57
*Floring Oct 4 1924 to GII vacancy caused

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

WORCESTER

"Heart of the Commonwealth"

First settled in 1674, named and resettled 1684.

Permanently settled, 1713.

Incorporated as a town 1722, as a city 1848.

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

Average length 6.4 miles, width 6.0 miles.

Dwellings April, 1949, 25,972; 1950, 29,174; 1951, 27,490; 1952, 27,426; 1953, 28,482; 1954, 28,640; 1955, 28,719.

Valuation:

1949		\$308,786,000
1950	***************************************	\$310,624,200
1951	***************************************	\$319,472,700
1952		\$326,018,350
1953		\$331,255,700
1954		\$334,434,550
1955		\$340,437,150

Tax exclusive of polls:

***************************************	\$12,660,226.00
***************************************	\$15,158,460.96
	\$15,589,640.68
***************************************	\$16,561,732.18
***************************************	\$16,562,785.00
***************************************	\$17,390,596.60
	\$19,064,480.40

Rate of taxation per \$1,000: 1949, \$41.00; 1950, \$48.80; 1951, \$48.40; 1952, \$50.80; 1953, \$50.00; 1954, \$52.00; 1955, \$56.00; 1956, \$62.00.

Assessed polls: male, 1949, 65,174; 1950, 64,299; 1951, 63,581; 1952, 63,610; 1953, 62,037; 1954, 62,294; 1955, 61,549.

Registered Voters (male and female): 1950, 104,947; 1951, 101,386; 1952, 108,465; 1953, 103,313; 1954, 101,481; 1955, 97,459.

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

Vote for Governor: 1946, 72,891; 1948, 94,461; 1950, 82,666; 1952, 96,341; 1954 41,208.

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

Vote for Councillors (Plan E): 1949, 74,708; 1951, 58,573; 1953, 56,766; 1955, 63.804.

State Election, November 6, 1956

Municipal Election, November 5, 1957.

Miles of Public Streets, 316.645.

Miles of Paved Streets, 96.9.

Miles of Asphalt Sidewalks, 147.2.

Miles of Granolithic Sidewalks, 136.5.

20,000-Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights, 121.

11,000-Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights, 176.

15,000-Mercury Vapor Lights, 337. 15,000-Lumen Lamps, 1022. 6,000-Lumen Lamps, 1505. 2,500-Lumen Lamps, 165 . 1,000-Lumen Lamps, 5350.

Welsbach Gas Lights, 518.

Police Officers, exclusive of Chief and Deputy Chiefs of Police, 356.

Police Signals, 78.

Permanent Firefighters, exclusive of Board of Engineers, 448.

CITY HALL

Corner stone laid September 12, 1896. Dedication exercises, April 28, 1898. Occupied May 1, 1898.

Length, 219 feet; width, 85 feet.

Heights from grade line to top of cornice, 65 feet; to top of tower, 205 feet. Cost of Building, \$590,000. Furnishings, \$38,000. Grading, etc., \$22,000. Total, \$650.000.

Architects, Peabody & Stearns, Boston. Builders, Norcross Brothers, Worcester.

PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

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

^{*}Fee in the Commonwealth.

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

RESERVOIRS

Area in acres, elevation above City Hall and Storage Capacity

High Service Reservoirs

Lvnde Brook. 132 acres: 342.75 feet, 717,422,000 gallons.

Kettle Brook, No. 1, 15 acres; 364.35 feet, 19,307,000 gallons.

Kettle Brook, No. 2, 30.36 acres: 507.5

feet, 127.310,000 gallons. Kettle Brook, No. 3, 37.41 acres; 559

feet. 152,306,000 gallons. Kettle Brook, No. 4, 118.51 acres: 604.73

feet, 513,746,000 gallons.

Low Service Reservoirs

Holden, No. 2, 52.63 acres; 237.80 feet, 257,398,000 gallons.

Holden, No. 1, 130 acres; 269.85 feet, 729.319,000 gallons.

Kendall, 171.82 acres; 333 feet, 792,163,-000 gallons.

Pine Hill, 350.9 acres; 429 feet, 2,970,-967.000 gallons.

Quinapoxet, 280 acres; 250 feet, 1,200,-000,000 gallons.

Elevation of Main Street at City Hall, above tide water, 481 feet.

Water pressure at City Hall (high service), 145 pounds per square inch. Water pressure at City Hall (low serv-

ice), 90 pounds per square inch.

WATER STATISTICS

Miles of Main Pipe	493.695
Miles of Service Pipes	360.213
Number of Service Pipes	33,612
Fire Hydrants	4,452
Gates	6,876
Meters	33,700
Total Valuation of Water Works to Dec. 31, 1955	\$22,219,507.10

SEWER STATISTICS

Miles of Sanitary Sewers Miles of Combined Sewers Miles of Surface Sewers Total Miles of Sewers Number of Manholes	250.929 71.209 215.358 537.496 14,965
Number of Mannotes Number of Catch Basins Number of House Connections Number of Miles of House Connections	9,966 39,093 360.33
Gallons of Sewage for fiscal ye ending December 31, 1955	10,805.23
Total cost of sewerage system December 31, 1955 \$29,3	322,794.46

POPULATION OF WORCESTER

1722	200	1885— 68,389
1765—	1,475	1890— 84,655
1775—	1,925	1895— 98,767
1790— 2	2,095	1900—118,421
1800— 2	2,411	1905—128,135
1810— 2	2,577	1910—145,986
1820— 2	2,962	1915 - 162,697
1830— 4	1,172	1920—179,754
1840—	7,497	1925—190,757
1850— 17	7,049	1930—196,837
1860— 24	4,960	1935—190,471
1865 30	0,058	1940—193,402
1870 41	1,105	1945—198,741
1875— 49	9,317	1950—203,486
1880 5	8,291	1955—202,612
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70.	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Year	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded
1935	3501	1652	2732
1936	3420	1783	2874
1937	3663	1928	2932
1938	3661	1756	2740
1939	3616	2152	2735
1940	3884	2537	2927
1941	4241	3058	2896
1942	5241	2748	3044
1943	5124	1937	3079
1944	4618	1747	2940
1945	4565	2081	3005
1946	6054	3171	3002
1947	6581	2942	2952
1948	5908	2661	3019
1949	5893	2266	2849
1950	5771	2255	2841
1951	6205	2289	3002
1952	6370	2122	3031
1953	6352	2105	3052
1954	6452	1946	2944
1955	6522	1951	3066

RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Worcester, Massachusetts

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

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CHAIR

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 6. All final votes of the city council on questions involving the expenditure of fifty dollars or more, or

upon the request of any member any vote of the city council shall be by yeas and nays and shall be entered on the records.

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

All petitions, remonstrances, memorials, communications or any matter before the City Council may be referred as follows:

- 1. To a standing committee of the city council.
- 2. To a special committee of the city council.
- 3. To the City Manager.
- 4. To any department or department head, or any person, group or organization to whom referral is permitted, authorized or allowed under the provisions of the Plan E Charter and under applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Rule 8. The chair shall put all questions in the order in which they are

moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

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

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

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

To postpone indefinitely which several motions shall have precedence in the above order. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of an ordinance shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at anytime, except upon immediate repetition, and that motion, the motion to lay on the table, the motion for a previous question shall be decided without debate.

Rule 10. The previous question shall

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

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

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

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

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

Rule 15. Every member present when a question is put shall vote unless the city council for special reasons excuses him. Application to be so excused on any question must be made before the

city council has decided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons and shall be decided without debate.

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

REGULAR MEETINGS

Rule 17. Regular meetings of the city council shall be held weekly on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

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

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Rule 18. The mayor, or vice-chairman of the city council, or any four members thereof, may at any time call a special meeting by causing written notices, stating the time and purpose of holding such meeting and signed by

the person or persons calling the same, to be delivered in hand to each member of the city council, or left at his usual dwelling place, at least twelve hours before the time of such meeting.

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

- 1. Reading of the records, if requested by the City Council.
- 2. Communications from the City Manager.
- Public Hearings.
- 4. Under the provisions of Chapter 43, Section 98 of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, citizens and employees of the city shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting of the City Council

in regard to any matter considered thereat; the time allowed for each person and employee shall be limited to ten minutes on each matter upon which they wish to express their opinion unless the City Council shall by vote allow additional time on such matter.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Rule 21. All petitions, memorials or remonstrances addressed to the city council shall be filed with the city clerk and presented by the chair or by a member in his place who may explain the subject thereof.

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

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

Rule 23. The City Clerk shall prepare a list of all matters to come before the City Council at each meeting in accordance with the established order of business and shall mail to the residence of each Councillor a copy of the same not later than twenty-four hours prior to said meeting.

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

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

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

A petition for increase of pension under the provisions of Section 90A of Chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be placed on file if it is not accompanied by a medical certificate certifying that

the disability of the petitioner at the time of his retirement was causally related to his employment as an employee of the City of Worcester.

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 26. Notice of all committee meetings must be given at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time for

meeting, but meetings may be held at any time by unanimous consent of all the members of the committee.

Rule 27. All reports and papers submitted to the city council shall be legibly written. The City Clerk or one of his assistants shall make copies of any papers to be reported by the committee, at the request of the chairman thereof.

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

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

MEMBERS' LOBBY

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

HEARINGS

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

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

ORDINANCES, ORDERS, ETC.

Rule 31. All by-laws passed by the city council shall be termed ordinances, and the enacting style shall be, "Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Worcester." In all votes by which

the city council expresses anything by order or command the form of expression shall be "Ordered," and in all votes by which the city council expresses opinions, principles, facts, or purposes, the form shall be "Resolved."

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

Rule 33. Every ordinance and every order, resolution or vote shall after its passage remain in the possession of the city clerk for thirty-six (36) hours after the day of meeting for the purpose of giving any councillor an opportunity to file notice of his intention to move reconsideration.

AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION

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

CUSHING'S LAW

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

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JAN.	20	14 21	1 15 22 29			11 18 25	- 1	JULY	21	15 22	16	10 17 24	11 18 25	12 19 26	13 20 27
FEB.	17	11 18	5 12 19 26		21		9 16 23	AUG.	18	19	13 20	14	22		
MAR.	17		12 19 26		21		23	SEPT.	22		10 17	18	19	13 20 27	14 21
APR.	7 14 21		23	10 17 24	18 25	19 26	20 27	OCT.	6 13 20	7 14 21		9 16 23 30		11 18 25	
MAY	19	13 20	7 14 21 28		23	10 17 24	11 18	NOV.		18		6 13 20 27		1 15 22 29	
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