

Conflict of Interest

Morris A. Bergman


City Councilor – At-Large

City of Worcester

January 24, 2022

**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of public employee:	Morris A. Bergman
Title or Position:	City Councilor At-Large
Agency/Department:	City of Worcester
Agency address:	455 MAIN STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01608
Office Phone:	[REDACTED]
Office E-mail:	BergmanM@worcesterma.gov
	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	Order of Executive Memorandum during Covid Surge (current)
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	I vote for or against the item
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I have no relationship with or affiliation with the proponent of this Order other than colleagues on the City Council
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	My vote would be one of 11 — majority controls to either forward this item to a committee for further discussion or file the item.

Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	While I do have an ownership interest in residential real property I have no current or anticipated evictions due to Covid surge (current) regarding any tenants.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	
Date:	1/24/2022

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.

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Vangjeli, Nikolin

From: Vangjeli, Nikolin
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:41 AM
To: 'moebergman1963@yahoo.com'
Subject: Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
Attachments: Disclosure Form-23b3-favor-or-influence.doc

Hello Councilor,


Per your request attached is the conflict of interest disclosure form.

Thanks!
Niko

**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of public employee:	Marns A. Bergman
Title or Position:	City Councilor At-Large
Agency/Department:	CITY OF WORCESTER
Agency address:	
Office Phone:	[REDACTED]
Office E-mail:	BergmanM@WorcesterMA.gov
	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	Debate on election meritism
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	Vote to forward to City Manager for consideration or no vote to not consider
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I own rental property as a member of an LLC with residential tenants
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	Other than my own rental property it does not matter

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<p>Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.</p>	<p>I (LHC) has NOT and IS NOT IN the process of electing anyone at this time</p>
<p>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</p>	<p>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p>
<p>Employee signature:</p>	
<p>Date:</p>	<p>1/18/2022</p>

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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The City of
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City Clerk Department

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

From: Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

Date: February 10, 2022

Re: Councilor Bergman, Disclosure of appearance of conflict of interest as required by G. L. C. 268A, § 23(B)(3)

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On Tuesday January 18, 2022 councilor Bergman requested that I email him a conflict of interest form regarding a possible conflict of interest item on the city council agenda on January 18th, 2022. After emailing the Councilor the disclosure form I also had a phone conversation with Councilor Bergman which I misinformed him that he had 10 days to disclose any possible conflict of interest. I had given the Councilor incorrect guidance based on a previous solicitor opinion regarding financial disclosures in 2021 that allowed councilors 10 day disclose any conflict.

On January 24th councilor Bergman completed another disclosure form and it was filed with the Clerk one day prior to the Council Meeting January 25th. Councilor Bergman has also submitted to the Clerk's office his initial disclosure form completed on January 18th.

Cordially,

Nikolin Vangjeli
City Clerk

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Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Commenced: 6:38 P.M.

Adjourned: 10:00 P.M.

Mayor James M. Kelly		City Manager James J. Puchner
Councilmembers		City Auditor Robert J. Thomas
Mayor & Auditor James M. Kelly Robert J. Thomas	City Clerk Christina M. Kelly	City Clerk Christina M. Kelly
Finance Paul J. Hynes	Public Works John J. Gagnon	City Clerk Christina M. Kelly
Transportation John J. Gagnon	Police Robert J. Thomas	City Clerk Christina M. Kelly
Community Development John J. Gagnon	Fire Robert J. Thomas	City Clerk Christina M. Kelly
Public Health John J. Gagnon	Public Works John J. Gagnon	City Clerk Christina M. Kelly

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER
3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor King, who arrived at 8:33 P.M.
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 January 11, 2022. Action/Info

Mayor Kelly read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 18 Yea and 8 Nays (King absent).

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6a. Mayor Kelly read the item and recognized the following speakers: 1. Sherry Lee Burke, Uxbridge resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 2 Cynthia Trapani, Mendon resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 3 James Kallagheopoulos, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 4 Catherine Callahan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 5 Fred Hartman, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to items #7; CC and #10a; CC 6 Thomas Hickey, Rowley resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 7 Lauren (last name undisclosed), Holden resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 8 Beth Smith, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 9 Joseph Hong, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 10 Ted Chisell, Barnstable resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 11 Jennifer Belonger, Shrewsbury resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 12 Gina Phillips, Baylston resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 13 Michael Hatfield, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 14 Douglas Arbetter, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #7; CC 15 Caroline Williams, Holden resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 16 Danielle Robert, Shrewsbury resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 17 Alan Gaudinello, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 18 Adele Miller, Auburn resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 19 Aaron Danesh, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 20 Boony Manilla, Dudley resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 21 Yann Desroches, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #7; CC and #10a; CC, as well as in opposition to item #8 17A, CAI 22 Paul Franco, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 23 Randy Martin, no residence given, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 24 Ryan Harris, Lunenburg resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 25 Sarah Ray, Blackstone resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 26 Shawn Coakley, Princeton resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 27 Sonia Deque, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 28 Dawn Delgado, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 29 Stephanie Gonzalez, no residence given, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 30 Susan Jacobson, Holden resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 31 Loreta Janke, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 32 Lisa Johnson, Brookfield resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 33 Kevin Grinby, Leominster resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC 34 Kendra Bruce, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC and #8 17A CAI 35 Matthew Bruce, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7; CC.

7. PETITIONS

7a. Patrick Sargent request the pillars at the corners of Palisades St., Dallas St. and Coburn Ave. be repaired and preserved. Action/Info

Mayor Kelly read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the Department of Public Works and Parks. Referred to the Department of Public Works and Parks on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays.

7b. Councilor Estel Hachig on behalf of Raymond Hopkins request sidewalk resurfacing in front of 47 Caydon St. Action/Info

Mayor Kelly read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7b, CC and #7c, CC to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays.

7c. Councilor Estel Hachig on behalf of Stacy Fletcher request installation of a guardrail in front of 29 St. Kevin Rd. Action/Info

Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays. (See item #7c)

7d. Mary Sue Schaefer request installation of resident permit parking on Saint Paul Dr. Action/Info

Mayor Kelly read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer items #7d, CC through #7g, CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays.

7e. Mary Sue Schaefer request installation of signage indicating "No Student Drop Off or Pick Up Mondays through Fridays" on Saint Paul Dr. Action/Info

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays. (See item #7g, CC)

7f. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Joanne Papagni request installation of a restriction on through traffic of trucks on Emerald Ave. Action/Info

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays. (See item #7g, CC)

7g. Councilor George J. Russell and Councilor Candy Mercanton on behalf of John Frosolo request the timing for cars exiting West St. onto Grafton St. at the intersection traffic signal be shortened to allow for Grafton St. traffic to move quicker. Action/Info

Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays. (See item #7g, CC)

7h. Douglas Arbetter et al. request City Council request City Manager consider bringing forth an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City to prohibit the construction of, or new land use for, fossil-fuel automobile refueling stations city-wide. Action/Info

Mayor Kelly read the item and recognized Councilor Berghman, who moved to table the item under Privilege. Tabled Under Privilege - Berghman.

7i. Douglas Arbetter request City Council request City Manager enact and enforce a vaccine mandate that requires proof of vaccination to enter all restaurants, gym/fitness training facilities and entertainment venues in the city. Action/Info

Mayor Kelly read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on the agenda for the next roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays.

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

8.1 APPOINTMENTS

Non-City Council Confirmation

A. Transferring informational communication relative to the appointment of Angel Santana as Constable. Action/Info

Mayor Kelly read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on the agenda for the next roll call vote of 11 Yea and 9 Nays.

- B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the reappointment of John Dwyer to the Hope Cemetery Commission
Mayer Pety read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on the agenda. Placed on the agenda on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- C. Transmitting informational communication relative to the reappointment of Seth Pitts to the Trust Funds Commission
Mayer Pety read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on the agenda. Placed on the agenda on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- D. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Ellen Shematz to the Human Rights Commission
Mayer Pety read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on the agenda. Placed on the agenda on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- E. Transmitting informational communication relative to the appointment of Thuha Le to the Elder Affairs Commission
Mayer Pety read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on the agenda. Placed on the agenda on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8.2 APPOINTMENTS**
City Council Confirmation
- A. Recommend the reappointment of Stephen Givert to the Cable Television Advisory Committee
Mayer Pety read the item and moved for a roll call vote to confirm the appointment. Confirmed on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8.3 DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a Diversity Recruitment Initiative – Circa/DiversityJobs.com
Mayer Pety read the item and recognized the City Manager and the Chief Diversity Officer, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety recognized the Chief Diversity Officer and the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King. Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Rivera and Councilor Alton, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety 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
- 8.4 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**
- A. Recommend adoption of salary ordinance for Department of Public Facilities Refer to CCM Item # 350
Mayer Pety read the item and moved for a roll call vote to approve the proposed Ordinance. Voted to approve proposed Ordinance on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- 8.6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS Administration Division**
- 8.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS Engineering and Architectural Services Division**
- 8.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS Operations Division**
- 8.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS Parks Division**
- 8.10 FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- 8.11 POLICE DEPARTMENT**
- 8.12 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**
- 8.13 LICENSE COMMISSION**
- 8.14 LAW DEPARTMENT**
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to foreclosures and evictions in the city.
Mayer Pety read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with item #14-CC. Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Mackay, who moved to "Request Standing Committee on Economic Development hold a meeting to discuss all available legal and financial resources to protect renters, homeowners facing eviction and explore recommendations to support landlords through mortgage, foreclosure and rental emergency assistance including a discussion on how the city can increase housing affordability for those who live and work in the city." (See Item #14-CC). Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Russell, who moved to Table Item #14-CC Under Privilege. Councilor Russell then moved to place item #14-CC on the Mayor Pety recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King. Councilor King then moved to, "Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the merits of the various legal rulings made relative to foreclosures and eviction proceedings that were implemented throughout Massachusetts, including the laws passed the related to Housing Court made by the City of Boston." (See Item #14-CC). Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Reed, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety recognized the City Solicitor and City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Reed. Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Cabrita, who moved to, "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of evictions that have taken place in the city in the last five years." (See Item #14-CC). Mayor Pety moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8.15 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES Administration**
- 8.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES Building and Zoning Division**
- 8.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES Housing and Health Inspections Division**
- A. Transmitting informational communications relative to a report based on a collaborative effort between Inspectional Services and the Department of Public Works, as well as recommended adoption of two (2) Ordinance Amendments, prepared by City Solicitor Michael E. Traynor, based on suggested recommendation from the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, the Director of Housing and Health, and the Commissioner of Public Works.
Mayer Pety read the item and recognized Councilor Marc-Carbon and Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety recognized the City Manager and Commissioner of Inspectional Services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King. Councilor King then moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Cabrita, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Cabrita. Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Rivera, who moved to "Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning whether available to residents for disposing of their items on days trash is not being picked up in their neighborhood, or will in the potential for creating a location that residents would be able to bring their trash." (See Item #14-CC). Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Rivera and Councilor Mackay, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety recognized the Commissioner of Public Works and Parks, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Mackay. Mayor Pety moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
- 8.18 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Administration**
- A. Transmitting informational communication relative to a presentation by Commissioner of Health & Human Services on updates related to COVID-19
Mayer Pety read the item and recognized the City Manager, Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Health Officer, who provided City Council with a presentation concerning the City's efforts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Pety recognized Councilor Rivera, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Pety recognized the Commissioner of Health and Human

services, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Nguyen, Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Petty recognized the Medical Director and Commissioner of Health and Human Services, and responded to questions raised by Councilor King. Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Rivers, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Davis, who moved to suspend City Council with a report concerning strategies that can be used to manage the city's growth and ability to deal with increased health during the COVID-19 pandemic. (See Item #13a CC) Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

8.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Public Health

8.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Elder Affairs

8.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Human Rights and Accessibility

8.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Veterans Services

8.23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Youth Services

8.24 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

8.25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
Cultural/Development Division

A. Recommend adoption of a resolution relative to the funding of the 2022 Worcester Arts Council grant applications **Adopted**

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

B. Transmitting informational communication relative to citywide programming for Black History Month **Adopted**

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

8.26 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
Election Commission Division

8.27 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
Office of Urban Innovation

8.28 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

8.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Assessing Division

8.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Budget Office Division

A. Transmitting informational communication relative to the Fiscal Year 2022 financial update, as of December 31, 2021 **Adopted**

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

B. Transmitting informational communication relative to the certification of funds in the DCU Special District Improvement Fund **Adopted**

Mayor Petty read the item and 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.

8.31 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Purchasing Division

8.32 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Treasury and Collections Division

8.33 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

8.34 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

8.35 DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

8.36 FINANCE ITEMS
Capital Transfers

8.37 FINANCE ITEMS
Grants and Donations

A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation of multiple items of furniture that were formerly owned by Becker College from Hampton Properties **Adopted**

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

8.38 FINANCE ITEMS
Operational Transfers

A. Recommend that One Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$100,000.00) be transferred from Account #270-91000, Emergency Communications Salaries, and be appropriated to Account #270-97000, Emergency Communications Overtime, to provide sufficient funding for overtime for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022. **Adopted**

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. (See Item #8.37A C#)

B. Recommend that One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$125,000.00) be transferred from Reserve Account #33093, PEG Government Access, and be appropriated to Account #34561601, Government Access, to provide sufficient funding for the Cable PEG program for the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022. **Adopted**

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. (See Item #8.37A C#)

C. Recommend that One Hundred Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen Dollars And No Cents (\$151,916.00) be transferred from Account #900-92000, City Manager's Contingency, and be appropriated to Account #6503-92000, Technical Services Ordinary Maintenance to process the INET funding source credit which was approved as part of the Fiscal 2022 Budget. **Adopted**

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. (See Item #8.37A C#)

D. Recommend that Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$257,000.00) be transferred from Account #410-91000, DPW Salaries, and be appropriated to Account #410-87000, DPW Overtime, to cover anticipated overtime costs. **Adopted**

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. (See Item #8.37A C#)

E. Recommend that Forty Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$40,000.00) be transferred from various accounts and be appropriated to Account #112-92000, Public Facilities Ordinary Maintenance, to provide funding for snow removal services at various City owned properties for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022. **Adopted**

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. (See Item #8.37A C#)

F. Recommend that One Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$134,500.00) be transferred from Account #900-92000, City Manager's Contingency, and be appropriated to Account #150-92000, Elections Capital Outlay, to provide funding for the **Adopted**

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. (See Item #8.37A C#)

purchase of voting related equipment that is required relative to the 2020 State redistricting

Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8 37A CC)

G. Recommend adoption of the attached order to amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Table of Organization for the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, and the Department of Public Facilities. Furthermore, recommend that One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three Dollars And No Cents (\$121,243.00) be transferred from Account #4102-01000, DPW Engineering Salaries, and be appropriated to Account #112-01000, Public Facilities Salaries, to provide funding through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022 for three (3) positions that are transferring from the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division to the Department of Public Facilities Refer to CCJ Item 8.4A
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8 37A CC)

8.39 FINANCE ITEMS
Prior Year

8.40 FINANCE
Loan Orders

8.41 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

A. Transmittal informational communication relative to ad hoc committees for the community allocation of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who asks questioning 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

9. COMMUNICATIONS

9a. Nikolin Vangelis, City Clerk, transmitting an informational communication pertaining to the creation of the City Archives, including the future location of the archives at 61 Sever Street (the old Becker College Library).
Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor King, who moves to Table the item under Privilege. Tabled Under Privilege - Item

9b. Nikolin Vangelis, City Clerk, transmitting an informational communication relative to the FY22 supplemental capital and operational expenditures transfer for the City Clerk - Election Division
Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to place the item on the floor on the on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

9c. Nikolin Vangelis, City Clerk, transmitting an informational communication concerning the total number of public participants in City Council meetings from 2016 to present.
Mayor Petty read the item and 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

10. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

10a. ORDER of Councilor Elm Hastney, Councilor Sara Rivers, Councilor Sean M. Rose and Councilor Khristian E. King - Request City Manager consider issuing an executive order and/or ordinance establishing a moratorium on foreclosures and evictions in the City of Worcester during the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. Attached is the proposed language for such legislation. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 18, 2022)
Placed on the floor on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8 14A CC for withdraw and additional motions made during discussion of the item)

11. TABLED ITEMS

11a. ORDER of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukas - 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 - Lukas September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukas October 15, 2019)
No action taken

11b. RESOLUTION of Councilor Khristian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Scott Chang-Diaz a SD 899 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination B-B (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)
No action taken

11c. ORDER of Councilor Sara Rivers - Request City Clerk research the feasibility of authorizing legal residents who have not been naturalized yet to vote in elections at the local level. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivers November 16, 2021)
No action taken

11d. ORDER of Councilor Sara Rivers - 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 - Rivers November 16, 2021)
No action taken

11e. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Donald O'Neil request to amend the Zoning Map by changing the zoning of the two parcels of land located at 11 Brattle St. and 7 Brattle St. from RS-7 to SB-1-B, recommend passage of the accompanying Ordinance. (Tabled Under Privilege - Rose December 21, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty January 11, 2022 and Tabled - Petty January 16, 2022)
No action taken

12. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the January 18, 2022 City Council meeting.

12a. ORDER of Councilor Donna M. Colobro - Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning why the city's ordinances currently allow for city residents to own two (2) dogs - Item #14a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12b. ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning how many dogs other cities of similar sizes allow their residents to own - Item #14b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12c. ORDER of Councilor Khristian E. King - Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing the ordinances other cities and towns use relative to how many dogs residents are allowed to own - Item #14c CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12d. ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the differences between a potential moratorium on foreclosures and evictions in the city with the

moratorium presented in Boston that was invalidated by the court system. Further, request City Manager request City Solicitor include in said report information concerning the various moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions currently in place in the State, the moratoriums that were not implemented including the timing of each decision - Item #14d CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12a. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding can be used to address issues concerning foreclosures and evictions - Item #14e CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12b. ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E King - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the work being done relative to the city's Rental Assistance Program, as well as any funds still available in the program - Item #14f CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12c. ORDER of Councilor Etel Hashaj - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning whether moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions currently in place in cities such as Cambridge, Somerville and Malden have been challenged in the court system - Item #14g CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

12h. ORDER of Councilor Sara Rivera - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased foot patrol in the Pleasant St, Newbury St and Congress St areas - Item #14h CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

13. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the January 25, 2022 City Council meeting.

13a. Motion Hashaj @ #8 14A CM - Request Standing Committee on Economic Development hold a meeting to discuss all available legal and financial resources to protect renters, homeowners facing eviction and foreclosures, recommendations to support landlords through mortgage renovation and rental assistance resources, including a discussion on how the city can increase housing affordability for those who live and work in the city **Attachments**
Table Under Privilege - Russell (See Item #8 14A CM)

13b. Motion King @ #8 14A CM - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the merits of the various legal rulings made relative to foreclosure and eviction moratoriums that were implemented throughout Massachusetts, including the basis behind the appeal to Housing Court made by the city of Boston **Attachments**
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8 14A CM)

13c. Motion Colton @ #8 14A CM - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the number of evictions that have taken place in the city in the last five years **Attachments**
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8 14A CM)

13d. Motion Russell @ #8 17A CM - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning options available to residents for disposing of their waste on days trash is not being picked up in their neighborhood, as well as the potential for creating a location that residents would be able to drop their waste **Attachments**
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8 17A CM)

13e. Motion Rose @ #8 16A CM - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning strategies that can be used to engage the city's youth and adults to help with their mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic **Attachments**
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8 16A CM)

CITY OF WORCESTER
JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Commenced: 6:22 P.M.

Adjourned: 8:55 P.M.

Mayor
Aimed M. Fara
City Manager
Lynn J. Maguire
City Auditor
Robert J. Moore
City Clerk
Heath Morgan



City Hall - 115 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- STAR SPANGLED BANNER
- ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair, except for Councilor King and Councilor Rose. Councilor King and Councilor Rose arrived at 7:15 P.M.
- PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers: Ted Kostas, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC 2; Neely Medina, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 88d CC 3; Kathleen R., Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC 4; Miaa [Name], Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC 5; Jordana Greenman, Waterford resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC 6; Margot Barnet, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 88d CC 7; No name given, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 88d CC 8; No name given, Worcester resident, spoke concerning City employees' effort during the COVID-19 Pandemic; David Station, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 88d CC, 8b CC and 88d CC 10; Chris Horton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 88d CC 11; John DiCiccio, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 88d CC 12; John Rogers, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC 13; Kim McCoy, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC 14; Marie Desroches, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 87a CC and 88d CC 15; Johanna Hampton-Dance, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 88d CC 16; Jenny Padua, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 811a CC 17; Maria Sanchez, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item 87a CC 18; Paul Jernrey, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC 19; Shawn Bartone, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC 20; Jeff [Name], Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item 88d CC.

6. HEARINGS AND ORDERS

- 6a. Hearing CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on GROVE ST. Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on GROVE ST. Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to take up item 88a CC through 88c CC and upon the hearing, Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. Mayor Petty asked if any objectors wished to be heard on the item. Hearing no speakers. Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to close the hearing. Mayor Petty's motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays. Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to approve the item. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- 6b. Hearing CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on HIGHLAND ST. Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on HIGHLAND ST. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item 88a CC).
- 6c. Hearing CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on TACOMA ST. Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on TACOMA ST. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item 88a CC).
- 6d. Hearing CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on WEST BOYLSTON ST. Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a conduit location on WEST BOYLSTON ST. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item 88a CC).
- 6e. Hearing NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location on EDGEWOOD ST. Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location on EDGEWOOD ST. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item 88a CC).
- 6f. Hearing NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location on DEMARCO ST. Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID for a conduit location on DEMARCO ST. Hearing held and Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item 88a CC).

7. PETITIONS

- 7a. Wiberio Maldonado request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 26 New Vista Ln. Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer item 87a CC through 87d CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- 7b. David Pederson request the fluorescent yellow crossing signs at the intersection of Fruit St and Elm St be replaced with a traditional yellow sign. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item 87a CC).
- 7c. Damaris Acevedo request installation of a green left arrow on the traffic light at the intersection of Hill St and Chandler St. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item 87a CC).
- 7d. Roberta Adams request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 197 Eastern Ave. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See item 87a CC).
- 7e. Yvonne Desroches request the dog license ordinance be changed to allow for residents to register up to four (4) dogs. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colarito, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Colarito. Councilor Colarito then moved to, "Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning why the city's ordinance currently allow for city residents to own five (5) dogs." (See item 811a CC). Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Surgeny, who spoke concerning the item. Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Surgeny, who moved to, "Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report explaining how many dog owners other than city residents own dogs." (See item 811a CC). Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King, who moved to, "Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing the ordinances other cities and towns use relative to how many dogs residents are allowed to own." (See item 811a CC). Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to the City Manager and the City Clerk. Referred to the City Manager and the City Clerk on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

8. ORDERS

- 8a. Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how individuals in the city can report fraudulent COVID-19 testing sites. Further, request City Manager include in said report information concerning how the city's residents can verify the legitimacy of a COVID-19 testing site. (Resolving) Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Hestley, 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.

8b. Request City Manager review the draft of the new multi-family zoning law regarding Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) public transportation, which requires communities with rapid transit to have a minimum of 25% multi-family units as a percentage of total housing stock, while commuter rail communities need 15% multi-family units. Under the draft guidelines, communities must submit by the end of the year either a request to clarify their existing infrastructure, or create an "action plan" to get in compliance over the next few years (Toomey)

Mayer Pelly read the item and recognized Councilmember Toomey, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 0 Nays

8c. Request Standing Committee on Urban Technologies, Innovations, and Environment schedule a meeting that invites appropriate representatives from the city departments that oversee issues pertaining to said Standing Committee to discuss its goals for the next two (2) years, as well as review the previous successes and challenges of the various departments. The Standing Committee on Urban Technologies, Innovations and Environment considers matters pertaining to smart city solutions, process engineering, technology, telecommunications, strategic planning, green spaces, blue spaces, urban agriculture, urban trees, climate change and electric aggregation (Hatch)

Mayer Pelly read the item and moved for a roll call vote to refer the item to Urban Technologies, Innovations and Environment Committee. Referred to Urban Technologies, Innovations and Environment Committee on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 0 Nays.

8d. Request City Manager consider evaluating an executive order and/or ordinance establishing a moratorium on foreclosures and evictions in the City of Worcester during the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. Attached is the proposed Language for such legislation. (Hatch)

Mayer Pelly read the item and recognized Councilmember Hatch, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Rivera, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of the item. Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Higgins, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Ryan, who moved to add her name as a sponsor of the item. Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Russell, who moved to "Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the differences between a potential moratorium on foreclosures and evictions in the city with the moratorium presented in Boston that was established by the court system. Further request City Manager request City Solicitor include in said report information concerning the various moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions currently in place in the State of Massachusetts, that were not implemented, including the timing of such moratoriums." (See Item 11d, CC). Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Bergman, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilmember Bergman. Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember King, who moved to "Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding can be used to address issues concerning foreclosures and evictions." (See Item 91a, CC). Mayer Pelly recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilmember King. Councilmember King then moved to "Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the work being done relative to the city's Rental Assistance Program, as well as any funds still available in the program." (See Item 91a, CC). Councilmember King then moved to add his name as a sponsor of the item. Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Galvin, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Harkay for a second time, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly recognized the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilmember Hatch. Councilmember Hatch then moved to "Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning whether moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions currently in place in other such as Cambridge, Somerville and Malden have been challenged in the court system." (See Item 91a, CC). Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Rivers for a second time, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Bergman for a second time, who moved to table the item. Under Privilege - Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember King, Councilmember Ryan and Councilmember Ryan for second time, who spoke concerning the item. Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman

9. RECESS TO FINANCE COMMITTEE - No Items pending

10. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY CLERK

10a. Transmitting an informational communication concerning the district city council maps that are approved and finalized for the Five City Council districts by Local Election District Review Commission (LEDRC)

Mayer Pelly read the item and recognized Councilmember King, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly 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 Yea and 0 Nays.

11. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE

11a. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS Upon the Petition of Jenny Facello request City Council vote to remove Rule 39 of its rules in its entirety and replace with a new Rule 39 as follows: "Consistent with the City's Charter, at any meeting of the City Council, the citizens and employees of the City shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard, both in person and remotely, regarding any matter presently under consideration by the City Council. The time for speaking shall not exceed two minutes. This privilege shall not apply to items tabled under privilege." This privilege shall also not apply to items listed on the agenda as pending in the Committee on Finance and/or Ordinance or to tabled items. At all times members of the public shall be accorded the same respect when making their comments as is required of members when addressing the chair. recommend adoption of the accompanying Order as amended (see pg. 2 of attachments for amended language from Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee). (Tabled Under Privilege - Pelly January 11, 2021)

Mayer Pelly read the item and recognized Councilmember King, who moved to include the phrase "Any person who wishes to speak on more than one agenda item shall combine their testimony on all items to one appearance at the microphone." in the proposed new Rule 39. Mayer Pelly moved to amend the item to amend Rule 39 to read as follows: "Rule 39 of the City Charter, at any meeting of the City Council, under the "public participation" portion of the agenda, the chair shall recognize any person making such recognition for the purpose of addressing the Council on any agenda item on the agenda for that meeting both in person and remotely. Any person who wishes to speak on more than one agenda item shall combine their testimony on all items to one appearance at the microphone. The time for speaking shall not exceed two minutes for in person speaking or thirty (30) minutes for all speakers. This privilege shall not apply to items tabled under privilege." This privilege shall also not apply to items listed on the agenda as pending in the Committee on Finance and/or Ordinance or to tabled items - Mayer Pelly recognized Councilmember Bergman, who spoke concerning the item. Mayer Pelly moved for a roll call vote to accept and adopt the item as amended. Accepted and Adopted as amended on a roll call vote of 11 Yea and 0 Nays.

11b. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Donald Ornel request to amend the Zoning Map by changing the zoning of the two parcels of land located at 1 Brattle St and 7 Brattle St, from R2-7 to SB-1-D, recommend passage of the accompanying Ordinance (Tabled Under Privilege - Rose December 21, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Pelly January 11, 2021)

Mayer Pelly read the item and recognized Councilmember Russell, who moved to remove himself from the item and did not participate in the discussion. Mayer Pelly moved for a roll call vote to table the item. Tabled on a roll call vote of 10 Yea and 1 Nays (Russell removed) Tabled - Pelly

12. TABLED ITEMS

12a. ORDER of Councilor Konstantinos B Lukas - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of installing a residential fire control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukas September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukas October 15, 2019)

No action taken

12b. 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 1263, 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

12c. ORDER of Councilor Sarah Rivera - Request City Clerk research the feasibility of authorizing legal residents who have not been naturalized yet to vote in elections at the local level (Tabled Under Privilege - Marco-Carlton October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Pelly November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)

No action taken

- 12d. ORDER of Councilor Sara Rivers - 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 - Marc-Carlson October 29, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Pelly November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivers November 16, 2021)
No action taken
13. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension of the January 11, 2022 City Council meeting.
- 13a. ORDER of Councilor Morris A. Bergman - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion concerning the appropriate reasons for bringing forth an item under suspension. - Item #21a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays
14. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension of the January 18, 2022 City Council meeting.
- 14a. Motion Coltrio @ #7e CC - Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning why the city's ordinances currently allow for city residents to own two (2) dogs
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7e CC)
- 14b. Motion Bergman @ #7e CC - Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report concerning how many dogs other cities of similar sizes allow their residents to own.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7e CC)
- 14c. Motion King @ #7e CC - Request City Manager and City Clerk provide City Council with a report detailing the ordinances other cities and towns use relative to how many dogs residents are allowed to own.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #7e CC)
- 14d. Motion Bergman @ #8d CC - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning the differences between a potential moratorium on foreclosures and evictions in the city with the moratorium presented in Boston that was invalidated by the court system. Further, request City Manager request City Solicitor include in said report information concerning the various moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions currently in place in the State, the moratoriums that were not implemented, including the timing of each provision.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8d CC)
- 14e. Motion King @ #8d CC - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding can be used to address issues concerning foreclosures and evictions.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8d CC)
- 14f. Motion King @ #8d CC - Request City Manager provide City Council with an update concerning the work being done relative to the city's Rental Assistance Program, as well as any funds still available in the program.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8d CC)
- 14g. Motion Hashay @ #8d CC - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report concerning whether moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions currently in place in cities such as Cambridge, Somerville and Malden have been challenged in the court system.
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8d CC)
- 14h. Motion Rivers - Suspension of Rules - Request City Manager request Police Chief provide increased foot patrols in the Pleasant St., Newbury St. and Congress St. areas
Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays