

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 23,2001**

**AGENDA**

1. Open microphone

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR**

2. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to transfer the amount of \$300,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund to the Colonial Theatre Association
3. Communication submitting an Order authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$65,000 from the stabilization fund to Solid Waste Collection
4. Communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13 ½ ,Noise Control

**APPOINTMENTS**

5. Appointment of Marijane Hickey and Augusta Leibowitz as members of the Tourism Commission
6. Appointment of Mark Germanowski as a member of the Commission on Disabilities

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. On a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company and Bell Atlantic to install one jointly owned pole on Westview Drive
8. On a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company to install a duct to be located under Westview Drive

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

9. Report and presentation of the Health Insurance Ad Hoc Commission
10. Response from the City Solicitor with regard to a petition from Kenneth Ramsdell and Terry Kinnas
11. Petition from Councillor Kerwood that the City adopt a Resolution designating September 11th as "A Day of Remembrance and Reflection" in the City and requesting all flags be flown at half-staff
12. Petition from Councillor Kerwood that health insurance coverage be continued for the families of any City employee called to active military service during the country's "War Against Terrorism"
13. Petition from Councillor Kerwood that the Council adopt criteria for requests for funding from the GE Economic Development Fund
14. Petition from Councillor Scapin to name a public way, which runs from Osceola Street to Gale Ave., as Redmond Lane
15. Report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its October 17, 2001 meeting

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

*Reports of the Committee on Finance*

16. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor

submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$600,000 from the stabilization account to a new account entitled "contract settlements", recommending it not be approved

17. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$461,795 to be raised and appropriated to a new account entitled "contract settlements", recommending it not be approved
18. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$401,615 to be raised and appropriated to a new account entitled "contract settlements" recommending it not be approved
19. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$51,648 to be raised and appropriated to a new account entitled "contract settlements", recommending it not be approved
20. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Anthony Maffuccio to review and redefine the City Code with regard to the administration and elected officials, recommending it be sent to the City Solicitor for direction
21. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Barry and Fire Chief Risley that the City Council review a proposal by the Fire Chief for a fire-based ambulance service, recommending it be filed
22. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Lee to accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 32B, Section 18, regarding health insurance coverage for retirees, recommending it be filed
23. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Angelo Stracuzzi to review options on how to fund replacement of water lines/mains in west Pittsfield, recommending it be filed
24. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Angelo Stracuzzi to review financial options on how to fund the needed improvements to Crosby and Hibbard schools, recommending it be filed
25. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Steve Alger for installation of sidewalks on the easterly side of North Street from Springside Ave. north to Crane Ave., recommending it be filed
26. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Guzzo that the Committee on Ways and Means investigate a way to extend the Pecks Road sewer line from Crown Street to the Lanesboro town line, recommending it be filed
27. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Gerard Miller requesting acceptance of the provisions of 9D 1/2 of Chapter 32 B of Mass. General Laws, recommending it be filed
28. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Terry Kinnas that the Finance Committee evaluate the City's fiscal condition and report monthly to citizens, recommending it be approved

Reports of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

29. Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor submitting an Order amending the Community and Economic Development Consolidated Plan/Action Plan for the 2001-2002 Program Year, recommending it be approved
30. Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to use \$500,000 of the Year One GE Economic Development Fund for the Berkshire Museum, recommending it not be approved
31. Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to use \$200,000 of the Year One GE Economic Development Fund for the Catholic Youth Center, Girls Inc., Pittsfield Family YMCA and the Boys' and Girls' Club, recommending it be filed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

32. Communication from the Mayor submitting an Order designating parking on School Street for police vehicles only (tabled 11-24-98)
33. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition from Councilors Scapin and Barry requesting the Council look at eliminating the Ordinance for all-night parking (tabled 2-22-00)
34. Petition from Peter Arlos that the City Council have Senator Nuciforo file a bill on behalf of the City calling for an ignition lock to be used in vehicles of repeat DWI offenders (tabled 1-9-01)
35. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support legislation to prohibit advance billing of customers by cable companies (tabled 3-27-01)
36. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support Senate 818 with regard to drunk drivers (tabled 4-104)1)
37. Petition from Mary Murphy for an audit of medical bills of city employees (tabled 5-22-01)
38. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Army Corps of Engineers undertake further studies on the Housatonic River adjacent to the Mill St. Dam to determine the feasibility of removing the dam (tabled 6-124)1)
39. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support legislation that would allow Americans to purchase mail order drugs from abroad (tabled 8-14-01)
40. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council ask Senator Nuciforo to file a Home Rule Petition to waive the ten-year leasing limit for Wahconah Park (tabled 8-144)1)
41. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support House Bill 3170 which would prohibit jet skis on ponds under 500 acres and allow municipalities to regulate bodies of water within their boundaries (tabled 8-14-01)

**NEW BUSINESS**

42. Petition from Jonathan Lothrop that the City seek a Special Act to allow it to purchase municipal health insurance directly through the State's Group Insurance Commission

43. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support certain elements of any lease or license agreement for baseball in Pittsfield
44. Petition from Peter Arlos to establish a permanent trust from funds donated by Lawrence Bossidy for use in the City's parks
45. Petition from John Shaughnessy that the Council vote to restore some or all of the school crossing guards
46. Petition from Joe LaBarbera that the Council vote that its meetings not be televised

Referred to the Traffic Commission

47. Petition from residents of Daytona Ave. and Hancock Road for a mirror on the light pole across from Daytona Avenue for the purpose of aiding in the exit from Daytona onto Hancock Road

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

48. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that the large tree in front of 10 Hillside Drive be inspected for safety purposes

Referred to the Mayor

49. Petition from Peter Arlos requesting information on what properties will be taken for the airport expansion and what their assessed valuation is

Referred to PEDA and the Department of Community Development

50. Petition from Peter Arlos that they make an effort to attract financial and other businesses to Pittsfield

Referred to Congressman Olver

51. Petition from Peter Arlos that Congressman Olver support additional heating aid for low income citizens

**PLACED ON FILE**

52. Response from Police Chief Anthony Riello to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding enforcement of speed limits on South Street
53. Response from the Department of Parks and Recreation to a petition from Councillor Guzzo regarding a letter of consent for placing Wahconah Park on the State's Historical Registry