

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 11,2001

AGENDA

1. Open Microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. Communication submitting an Order amending Council Order #64 of the series of 2001
3. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to make a grant of flinds to the Pittsfield Parade Committee and authorizing the City of Pittsfield to enter into a grant agreement with the Pittsfield Parade Committee
4. Communication submitting Orders authorizing the taking by eminent domain and the appropriation for said takings, four Orders of taking by eminent domain for said properties for the purpose of providing adequate land use controls for the existing Runway Protection Zones at or near the Pittsfield Municipal Airport
5. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to take by eminent domain a parcel of land at 121 South Street, an Order of taking by eminent domain for said property an Order authorizing the creation of an account to accept revenues and pay expenses associated with the so-called Park Square Historic District Gateway Project
6. Communication submitting a response to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding the assessed value of properties being taking for the airport expansion project
7. Communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16- Personnel
8. Communication that Downtown Inc. will present its year-end progress report

APPOINTMENTS

9. Appointment of David Orsi, Diane Caccamo, Timothy Koenig and Jeffrey Coco as Police Officers in the Pittsfield Police Department
10. Appointment of Ann Claffie, Michael Kardamis and Norma Lynn Powers as members of the Tourism Commission
11. Appointment of Maurice Callahan, David Phelps and Barbara Viniar as members of the Pittsfield Economic Development Board
12. Appointment of Gary S. Grunin as a member of the Pittsfield Economic Development Board
13. Appointment of William J. New as a member of the Airport Commission

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company and Bell Atlantic to install two jointly owned poles on Union Street
15. Public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company and Bell Atlantic to install one jointly owned pole on Bradford Street

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

16. Report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its December 4, 2001 meeting
17. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Peter Arlos for left hand turns at North and Depot Streets, recommending it be filed
18. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Peter Arlos to hold a public hearing on the barriers installed at the intersection of Stanley Ave./Ensign Ave. and East Park Terrace, recommending it be filed
19. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Peter Arlos to make Martin Street one-way, recommending it be filed
20. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Barry for installation of a traffic light at the intersection of North Street and Lakeview Street, recommending it be filed
21. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Grunin for a speed zone study on Holmes Road, recommending it be filed
22. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Barry for a 20 mph speed zone on Montgomery Ave., recommending it be filed
23. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Barry for installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Walden Lane and North Street, recommending it be filed
24. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Barry for installation of a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Walden Lane and North Street, recommending it be filed
25. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Hickey for a study of the traffic pattern at the intersection of Williams St., Adelaide Ave., and East New Lenox Road, recommending it be filed
26. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Peter Arlos for installation of flashing yellow lights at the "yield" signs recently placed at Park Square, recommending it be filed
27. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Henry Hebert for a traffic study of the intersection of Pecks Road and Wahconah Street, recommending it be filed

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Mary Murphy that the position of Animal Inspector apply to all Animal Control Officers and the pay shared, recommending it be filed
29. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Mary Murphy for \$100 per week hazardous duty pay for Animal Control Officers, recommending it be filed

30. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Fire Chief Risley to amend the snow removal ordinance to include clearing of fire hydrants, recommending it be filed
31. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from William Tobin that the City accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 32B, Section 19, which provides for a public employee committee, recommending it be filed
32. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Kerwood to re-evaluate the duties of the Personnel Review Board, recommending it be filed
33. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Doyle submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13 ½, Noise Control, recommending it be filed
34. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Brassard to amend the City Code, Chapter 8, Section 12, with regard to depositing waste materials, recommending it be filed
35. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councillors Scapin and Barry requesting the City accept provisions of Mass. General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 59, recommending it be filed
36. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Berkshire County Building and Construction Trades Council submitting an Ordinance to regulate bidding on public construction projects, recommending it be filed
37. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councillors Hickey and Guzzo to amend Rule 1C of the Rules and Orders of the City Council, recommending it be filed
38. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Philip Massery to establish a 24 member Citizens' Advisory Council, recommending it be filed
39. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 8, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, recommending it be filed
40. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Peter Arlos that the City Council adopt a \$9.00/hour wage floor for workers employed by companies that hold city contracts, recommending it be filed
41. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a Communication from Mayor Doyle submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Section 86, Parking Meter Fees, recommending it be approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

42. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition from Councilors Scapin & Barry requesting the Council look at eliminating the Ordinance for all-night parking (tabled 2-22-00)

43. 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" (tabled 10-23-01)
44. 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" (tabled 10-23-01)
45. 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" (tabled 10-23-01)
46. 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" (tabled 10-23-01)
47. Petition from Anthony Mafluccio that the Mayor and/or City Council re-establish the Charter Commission (tabled 11-13-01)

NEW BUSINESS

48. Petition from Peter Arlos that the City Council go on record opposing the practice of Time Warner Cable to annually increase its fees during the holiday season
49. Petition from David Potts that the Council continue its pay scale for Councillor and Council President at its current rate
50. Petition from David Potts that the Council conduct its election of a Council President on January 7, 2002 by handwritten ballot

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

51. Petition from Councillor Guzzo for "No Parking" regulations along the south side of Martin Street between Onota and King Streets

Referred to Senator Nuciforo

52. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council ask the Senator the extent of Pittsfield's loss of local aid on education, public safety, Chapter 90, bus services, reimbursement for school renovations and lottery funds

Referred to the Treasurer

53. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Treasurer appear before the Council to discuss the rates paid by the City to providers of health care services

PLACED ON FILE

54. Response from Representative Kelly to a petition from Councillor Arlos objecting to the reinstatement of tolls on the western end of the Mass. Turnpike
55. Response from Superintendent William Travis to a petition from Peter Arlos as to what impact the funding cut for school nurses will be and what plans have been formulated to deal with the impact
56. Response from the Pittsfield Parade Committee to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding candidates being allowed to march in the parade