

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 14,2001**

**AGENDA**

1. Open Microphone

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR**

2. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow a sum of up to \$10 million
3. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept grants of funds from the U.S. Dept of Transportation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
4. Communication submitting an Order utilizing additional lottery funds in the amount of \$450,177
5. Communication submitting an Order utilizing Mass. Technology Park Corporation grant funds in the amount of \$287,280
6. Communication submitting an Order transferring \$130,000 from the stabilization account to the Street Lighting account
7. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$12,000 from the G.E. Economic Development Fund to the Airport Capital Fund
8. Communication submitting an Order authorizing submission of a Special Act authorizing the City of Pittsfield to contribute different premium rates to members of different groups of employees
9. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield, through its Conservation Commission, to accept a conveyance and donation of land on Leona Drive
10. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to waive the City's first refusal option to agricultural land located on Cascade Street
11. Communication submitting a Resolution approving signatory authority for individuals of the Treasurer's Office
12. Communication submitting a response to a petition regarding requests for proposal for baseball at Wahconah Park
13. Communication submitting an Order authorizing amendments to leases for the Pittsfield Family Resource Center

**APPOINTMENTS**

14. Appointment of Marilyn Sheehan as the City's Tax Collector
15. Appointment of Susan Meckes as the City's Assistant Tax Collector
16. Re-appointment of Lance Northwood and Al Ingegna as members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

17. Public hearing on the petition from Western Mass. Electric Company to install two poles on North Street and Springside Avenue
18. Public hearing on the petition of the Community Development Board to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to drive-up windows

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

19. Petition from Councilor Bianchi requesting the Department of Education re-examine the reimbursement rate for school improvements
20. Petition from Councilor Kerwood that the City's Tree Warden ensure residents are notified in writing if a tree in front of their house is slated for removal
21. Report of the Personnel Review Board relative to their August 7, 2001 meeting

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### *Reports of the Committee on Finance*

22. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Doyle submitting an Order establishing sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2002, recommending the sewer rate increase not be endorsed, by a 3-1 vote
23. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Doyle submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$245,955 between various accounts in the City of Pittsfield municipal budget, recommending it be filed
24. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from the Officers of the Pittsfield Professional & Supervisory Association that the Council act on the Order transferring \$245,955 between various accounts to fund negotiated labor agreements, recommending it be filed
25. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood that each department head and Superintendent Travis provide information on spending and projected spending through the end of the fiscal year, recommending it be filed
26. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a report from the Personnel Review Board relative to their November 7, 2000 meeting, recommending it be filed

#### *Reports of the Traffic Commission*

27. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Doyle submitting an Order establishing an official parking determination on Eagle Street, recommending the Traffic Order be approved
28. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a communication from Councilor Brassard to restrict parking on the south side of Maude Street to 90 minutes, recommending the petition be amended and approved to read "No Parking Here to Corner" and signs installed
29. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Grunin for "No Parking" signs on the extension street and cul-de-sac at the end of Ann Drive and intersection of Brookside Drive, recommending it be approved and signs installed

30. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Grunin for "Children" signs at each end of Commonwealth Avenue, recommending it be approved and signs installed
31. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Dowd for "Go Slow Children" signs in the west and east side of Kirkwood Drive, recommending it be approved and signs be installed

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

32. Communication from the Mayor submitting an Order designating parking on School Street for police vehicles only
33. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition from Councilors Scapin and Barry requesting the Council looks at eliminating the Ordinance for all-night parking
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
35. Petition from Councilors Hickey and Grunin that Berkshire Sports and Events, LLC explore the possibility of shifting the proposed stadium site to avoid using property on Worthington Street
36. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support Senate 818 with regard to drunk drivers
37. Petition from Mary Murphy for an audit of medical bills of city employees
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
39. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council eliminate four of the Deputy Chief's positions in the Fire Dept.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

40. Communication from Callahan Outdoor Advertising requesting permission to relocate a sign from 1355 East Street to 1531 East Street
41. Petition from Peter McHugh that Pittsfield adopt an ethical standard policy for elected officials
42. Petition from Peter Arlos thanking Tom and Lisa Szczpaniak of Variety Trucking for their clean up work at St. Joseph's Cemetery
43. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council ask Senator Nuciforo and Berkshire Representatives to support a bill making changes to the drunk driving law
44. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support legislation that would allow Americans to purchase mail order drugs from abroad
45. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support a bill in the Senate which requires annual minimum wage rate adjustments based on the consumer price index
46. Petition from Peter Arlos to waive the tax paid by Western Mass. Electric Company on poles where street lights will be turned off

47. 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
48. 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 borders

**TENTATIVELY REFERRED TO THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27**

*Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules*

49. Petition from Terry Kinnas that the City take steps to review the possibility of forming a city manager form of government
50. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council vote to adopt a policy not to charge candidates for public office or members of the Council for copies of documents they request

*Referred to the Committee on Finance*

51. Petition from Terry Kinnas that the Committee on Finance evaluate the City financial condition and report monthly to citizens

*Referred to the Audit Committee*

52. Petition from Terry Kinnas for review in detail of the change orders to Herberg School

*Referred to the Community Development Board*

53. Petition from Jon and Janet Macht to rezone land at the southeast corner of the intersection of Tamarack and Barker Roads

*Referred to the Traffic Commission*

54. Petition from Councilor Scapin for a loading zone in front of 17 Wendell Avenue Extension
55. Petition from Councilor Scapin to review the possibility of a heavy vehicle ban from Barker Road
56. Petition from Councilor Kerwood for a "Blind Drive" sign in the vicinity of Elm St. and Putnam Ave.
57. Petition from residents of East Park Terrace and Ensign Ave. requesting Ensign Avenue be made a dead end where it intersects with East Park Terrace and Stanley St.

*Referred to the Superintendent of Schools*

58. Petition from Peter Arlos to initiate a Kids Voting USA program in the schools

*Referred to the Mayor*

59. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Mayor use auxiliary police at polling places for every election

**PLACED ON FILE**

60. Response from Senator Kerry to a petition from Peter Arlos for an investigation of rising gasoline prices
61. Response from Senator Nuciforo to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding Senate Bill 676
62. Response from Senator Nuciforo to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding funding for Mass. Legal Assistance Corp. in the FY 2002 budget

63. Response from Berkshire Regional Transit Authority to a petition from Councilor Guzzo regarding the schedule for Hancock Road
64. Response from the State Dept. of Public Health regarding their plan to control the spread of West Nile Virus
65. Response from Congressman Olver to a petition relative to the post office shifting their sectional center facility center
66. Response from Ross Dindio of the Mass. Highway Dept. to a petition from Councilor Barry regarding changes on the east side of Cheshire Road near the Lanesboro line
67. Response from Robert Mellace, to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding a grant from the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Management's Lake and Pond Watershed Demonstration, Restoration and Protection Projects
68. Response from Michael Herrick of Berkshire Training and Employment to a petition from Peter Arlos to use Americorps workers at the Parks Department
69. Response from Kelly Reagan, Personnel Director, to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding a petition to the Police on in-service medical and physical ability testing for police and firefighters
70. Response from Chief Riello to a petition from Councilor Guzzo regarding illegal activity at the corner of Linden Street and Robbins Avenue
71. Response from Chief Riello to a petition from Councilor Guzzo regarding speeding on Ridge Avenue
72. Response from Chief Riello to a petition from Councilor Brassard regarding a noise problem in the area of the Wonderbread/Hostess store on Dalton Avenue
73. Response from Chief Riello to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding the cost of police for the June 5, 2001 election
74. Response from Chief Riello to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding increased patrols in the area of Providence Court
75. Annual report of the City Clerk's Office
76. Annual report of the Licensing Board
77. Annual report of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
78. Annual report of the Building Inspection Department