

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

**AGENDA**

1. Open Microphone

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**

2. Communication informing the Council that there will be a presentation on the status of EV Worldwide operations
3. Communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$600,000 from the stabilization account to a new account entitled "contract settlements"
4. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$461,795 to be raised and appropriated to a new account entitled "contract settlements"
5. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$401,615 to be raised and appropriated to a new account entitled "contract settlements"
6. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$51,648 to be raised and appropriated to a new account entitled "contract settlements"
7. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the submission of a Special Act to exempt certain positions in the City from Civil Service law
8. Communication submitting for review the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report of the Department of Community Development

**APPOINTMENT**

9. Re-appointment of Jeffrey D. Whitehouse as a member of the Board of Registrar of Voters

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

10. Petition from Councillor Hickey that the Mayor and Dept. of Public Works revisit the offer from the Dept. of Environmental Management to purchase recreational rights of water shed areas
11. Petition from Councillor Barry opposing any increase in monthly public parking rates
12. Communication from the City Clerk requesting the Sept. 25,2001 Council meeting be rescheduled
13. Petition from Councillor Scapin thanking David Santolin, Charlie Hurley and the crew of the Water Department for work done on Atwood Avenue
14. Report of the Personnel Review Board relative to their September 4, 2001 meeting
15. Petition from Daniel O'Connell for signs at the four entrances of the City identifying St. Joseph's basketball team as the 2001-02 Division 3 Champions for Massachusetts

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

16. Communication from the Mayor submitting an Order designating parking on School Street for police

vehicles only

17. 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
18. 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
19. 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
20. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support Senate 818 with regard to drunk drivers
21. Petition from Mary Murphy for an audit of medical bills of city employees
22. 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
23. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council eliminate four of the Deputy Chief's positions in the Fire Dept.
24. A petition from Peter Arlos that the Council support legislation that would allow Americans to purchase mail order drugs from abroad
25. A 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 was

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

26. Petition from various individuals for a non-binding ballot question to choose an option to determine the future of baseball in Pittsfield
27. Petition from Terry Kinnas that the Council provide for the fall pick up of yard waste
28. Petition from Richard Jones stating his support for the Bouton, Elitzer, Margenau plan for Wahconah Park and supporting a ballot question regarding the same
29. Petition from Peter Arlos that the City Council vote to reverse its new policy of holding the open mike session at the end of the Council meetings and return it to the beginning
30. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council vote to welcome the Guardian Life Insurance Company to Pittsfield as the parent company of Berkshire Life Insurance Company
31. Petition from Peter Arlos that the City Council hold a public hearing on the report of the health insurance ad hoc committee

#### **ORDINANCE (final reading)**

- 32 An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Article 23-7

#### **MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27**

##### Referred to the Traffic Commission

33. Petition from Councillor Hickey for a study of the traffic pattern at the intersections of William St.,

Adelaide Ave., and East New Lenox Road

34. Petition from Councillor Scapin for installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Clarkson Ave. and Evans Ave.
35. Petition from Councillor Scapin for "one hour parking from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m." signs in front of 97 First Street
36. Petition from Peter Arlos for installation of flashing yellow lights at the "Yield" signs recently placed at Park Square

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

37. Petition from Councillor Brassard to resurface of the sidewalk on the north side of Maude St.
38. Petition from Councillor Brassard for replacement of the sidewalk at the intersection of Tyler St. Extension and Benedict Road
39. Petition from Councillor Brassard for replacement of the curbing in the area of 40 Maryland Avenue

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

40. Petition from Peter Arlos for an Ordinance to restrict the use of skateboards and roller blades on downtown sidewalks

Referred to the Parks Commission

41. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Parks Commission hold a public hearing on September 26,2001 on proposals made for baseball at Wahconah Park

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

42. Petition from Peter Arlos that Commissioner Forestell schedule two hazardous waste pick-ups in Pittsfield during the year

Referred to the Superintendent of Schools

43. Petition from Peter Arlos requesting information regarding an out of state trip by school employees

Referred to the Chief of Police

44. Petition from Peter Arlos for rigorous enforcement of speed limits on South St. from Memorial Park to Berkshire Life

**PLACED ON FILE**

45. Response from the City Solicitor's Office to a petition from Councilor Kerwood seeking clarification as to the general public filing petitions with the City Council
46. Response from the Department of Revenue to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding an audit of the School Department budget
47. Response from the Secretary of State, Local Election Districts Review Commission, approving submission of the re-division of the City into wards and precincts