

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 8, 2002

AGENDA

1. Open Microphone

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

2. Petition from Councillor Lee for a binding ballot question calling for a temporary debt exclusion override of Proposition 2 ½
3. Petition from Councillor Kerwood that the Mayor consider using the City's additional allocation of state aid to address personnel shortages in the Fire Department
4. Petition from Councillor Kerwood to accept the provisions of Mass. General Law Chapter 60, Section 3D for establishment of an Aid to the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund
5. Petition from Councillor Kerwood that the Council support House Bill 4759 "An Act to Further Promote Public Safety in the Commonwealth"
6. Petition from Councillor Arlos that the Council oppose the request of Berkshire Gas Company for a 9% base rate hike
7. Petition from Councillor Arlos requesting the Mayor designate one of the City's attorneys as the attorney for the City Council
8. Petition from Councillor Arlos that the Council vote to ask the legislature to include a local option provision on the early retirement incentive program it is passing for state employees
9. Petition from Councillor Marchetti that the Accounting office provide a summary sheet with monthly financial reports that explains any variance in certain funds that does not meet the monthly norm
10. Petition from Councillor Marchetti that the Mayor return the internal audit functions to City Hall
11. Petition from Councillor Vincelette for a presentation by Kenneth Ramsdell of his findings relative to municipal health care costs, surety bond claims and potential civil claims
12. Petition from Councillor Vincelette that the Mayor or her designee present a summary of the City's financial condition as of December 31, 2001
13. Petition from Councillor Vincelette that the Mayor contact the Superintendent of Schools regarding establishment of a joint committee to explore the possibility of consolidating services and personnel
14. Report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its December 17, 2001 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

16. Report of the Committee on Finance on 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)
17. Report of the Committee on Finance on 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)
18. Report of the Committee on Finance on 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)
19. Report of the Committee on Finance on 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)
20. Petition from Anthony Maffuccio that the Mayor and/or City council re-establish the Charter Commission (tabled 11-13-01)

NEW BUSINESS

21. Petition from Anthony Maffuccio for “No Parking” signs on the east side of Washington Ave.

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Dept. of Community Development

22. Petition from Councillor Arlos that the Acting Director of the Department of Community Development leave the 21E report on the U-Haul property with the City Clerk’s Office for viewing

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

23. Petition from Councillor Arlos to amend the City Code, Chapter 6, Finance & Administration

PLACED ON FILE

24. Response from Police Chief Riello to a petition from Councillor Arlos regarding enforcement of the bicycle-free zone on North Street
25. Response from Senator Nuciforo to a petition from Councillor Arlos regarding reinstatement of tolls on the turnpike in western Massachusetts
26. Response from Police Chief Riello to a petition from Councillor Guzzo regarding increased enforcement of parking violations at the corner of Linden and Onota Streets