

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 8, 2002**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMENTS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. This item reserved for the Mayor to address the City Council, with an opportunity for questions from the Council

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

3. A communication submitting an Order authorizing submission of a Special Act relative to acceptance of the early retirement incentive program
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to accept a grant of funds from the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Management in the amount of \$2090.00
5. A communication submitting a traffic order establishing a parking restriction on the north side of Federal Street
6. A communication submitting a traffic order establishing a parking restriction on the south side of Fenn Street
7. A communication submitting a traffic order establishing a “no parking” zone at 145 Connecticut Avenue
8. A communication submitting a request to establish the starting pay rate for the administrative assistant in the Assessor’s office

APPOINTMENTS

9. The appointment of Mary Beth O’Brien as Assistant City Treasurer, including starting pay rate
10. The appointment of Charles F. Sawyer as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Athenaeum

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

11. A petition from President Scapin and Councilor Kerwood requesting the Committee established by the Chief of Police to examine the mission of the auxiliary police include exploring the feasibility of using auxiliary police as park police
12. A petition from Councilors Kerwood and Bianchi to accept M.G.L. Chapter 58, Section 8C, which would allow the City to forgive taxes on residential properties that would be redeveloped as affordable housing
13. A petition from Councilor Arlos commending Jonathan Levine and the Pittsfield Gazette for publishing the decision in the Powell case
14. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Mayor release a letter from Lawrence Bossidy outlining his intent for the use of donated funds

15. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Congress to take action to extend unemployment insurance for another 13 weeks
16. A petition from Councilors Bianchi and Guzzo requesting the Postmaster continue to provide home delivery on the “west-end” for citizens 65 or older, and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to withhold any required permits for establishment of cluster box locations
17. A petition from councilor Bianchi to pursue changes in the contract language to change the working hours of the animal control officer to 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council review the new early retirement legislation, recommending it be filed
19. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood to establish a position within the Personnel Department that would be responsible for administration of the City’s health insurance trust fund, recommending it be filed
20. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilors Kerwood, Vincelette and Lee to accept M.G.L. Chapter 59, Sections 5 (41C), 5(41D) and 17(E), recommending it be referred to the Mayor
21. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos that the City negotiators bring Pittsfield in line with other communities with regard to Quinn Bill standards, recommending it be referred to the Personnel Department

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition from Councillors Scapin & Barry requesting the Council look at eliminating the Ordinance for all-night parking (tabled 2-22-00)
23. A petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Assessors office hold a public meeting to acquaint elderly citizens with tax exemptions or deferrals (tabled 9-10-02)
24. Appointment of John Marchesi as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners (tabled 9-24-02)
25. Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood to modify the duties of the Personnel Review Board, recommending it be filed (tabled 9-24-02)

ORDINANCE (final reading)

26. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, with regard to an increase in the pay rate for seasonal laborers

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Mayor

27. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting information from the Mayor as to the expertise of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission in forestry matters and if budgeted funds will be used to hire forestry experts
28. A petition from Councilors Arlos asking the Mayor to report on actions taken relative to parking permits and recommending employee spaces be given out on a seniority basis

Referred to the Chief of Police

29. A petition from Councilor Arlos to enforce the four-way stop signs at the intersection of Wilson and Mohegan Streets
30. A petition from Councilor Brennan to enforce the speed limit on Maple Grove Drive

Referred to the Traffic Commission

31. A petition from Councilor Brennan for installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signs on the left side of Northumberland Road, from Elm Street to house number 9
32. A petition from Councilor Brennan for installation of a “Slow Children” sign in the vicinity of Easton Avenue and Elm Street

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works

33. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Commissioner of Public Works and BFI hold a household hazardous waste day

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

34. A petition from Councilor Brennan requesting the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary steps to loop the water lines on Ivy Lane and Austin Ave., or to connect them with the lines on Dodge Avenue

PLACED ON FILE

35. Annual report of the Berkshire Athenaeum