

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 26, 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. Communication advising the Council that Downtown, Inc. will be presenting its year-end progress report
4. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds from the Department of Environmental Protection
5. Communication submitting an Order transferring the amount of \$14,952 from an Unclassified account to various city accounts
6. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to enter into a lease agreement with Lyon Aviation, Inc. at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport
7. Communication submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to fund four crossing guards
8. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to settle damages related to the taking of 121 South Street

APPOINTMENTS

9. Appointment of various individuals to the Youth Commission

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

10. Petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting an explanation of allowed deductions in the Berkshire Black Bears' 2002 season facility expense report
11. Petition from Councilors Kerwood and Brennan requesting continuation of compensation and creditable service for employees called to active military service
12. Petition from Councilor Lee requesting MassHighway change the signs to direct traffic over the Merrill Road/East Street bridge
13. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board meet to discuss having taxi service available at the new intermodal transportation center

14. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Park Commission reconsider its vote to prevent the use of Park Square for a wedding
15. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Chairman of Berkshire Community College's Board of Trustees meet with Acting Governor Swift and ask her to assume the Presidency of BCC
16. Petition from Councilor Marchetti requesting the Dept. of Public Works consider abatements on water bills for residents with poor water quality

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

17. 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 approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. 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)
19. 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)
20. Appointment of John Marchesi as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners (tabled 9-24-02)
21. The appointment of Mary Beth O'Brien as Assistant City Treasurer, including starting pay rate (tabled 10-8-02)
22. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors

ORDINANCE (final reading)

23. Amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Article 23-4, Section 4.202, Table of Principal Permitted Uses

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

24. Petition from Councilor Kerwood to amend the City Code, Article 25, Sign Ordinance
25. Petition from Councilor Kerwood to amend City Council Rule 12

Referred to the Traffic Commission

26. Petition from Councilor Kerwood requesting a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign in front of 288 Elm Street
27. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting “No Parking 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.” signs on the west side of Chickering Street

Referred to the Commissioner and Committee on Public Works & Utilities

28. Petition from Councilor Arpante requesting repair of the pavement on Connecticut Avenue near the entrance to Allendale School

Referred to the Director of Finance

29. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Director of Finance provide the Council with a list of expenses that contribute to net school spending

PLACED ON FILE

30. Response from the Airport Commission to a petition requesting representatives of the FAA appear before the City Council
31. Response from the Mass. Turnpike Authority to a petition from Councilor Guzzo for a Fast Lane Office in Pittsfield
32. Response from the Director of Finance to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the amount of overtime paid for the Halloween Parade
33. Petition from David Hathaway, President of the Supervisory & Professional Employees Association submitting a petition from its attorney relative to starting rates of new employees