

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2002**

AGENDA

1. Open Microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. Communication submitting an Order appropriating \$1,000,000 for the purpose of remodeling, reconstructing, repairing, and all other incidental costs related to the City's wastewater treatment facility
3. Communication submitting an Order amending previous orders to increase the Fiscal Year 2002 municipal budget by \$24,000
4. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to convey property abutting 49 Howard Street
5. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the acceptance of a donation of two Hamada Offset Presses from Quality Printing Co. Inc. for the Graphics Arts Vocational Shop at Taconic High School
6. Communication submitting an Order amending the Community Development Consolidated Plan/Action Plan for the 2001-2002 program year
7. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to repay HUD guaranteed loan funds used for public facilities
8. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to retain outside legal counsel to provide a legal opinion on matters directly and indirectly relating to contracts entered into by the City for employee benefits

APPOINTMENTS

9. Appointment of Marilyn W. Sheehan as Tax Collector/Parking Clerk
10. Appointment of Ernest Fortini as Director of Maintenance
11. Appointment of Amy W. Davidson as an Assessor

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Public hearing on a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company to install one utility pole and underground cable on Westview Road

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

13. Petition from President Scapin for creation of an ad hoc committee to review and make recommendations on the restructuring of the Parks Department
14. Petition from Councillor Lee to amend Council Rule 23 regarding submission of agenda items to the City Clerk

15. Petition from Councillor Tuttle that the City investigate and fix the drainage problem at 89 Partridge Road
16. Petition from Councillor Tuttle for installation of sidewalks on the east side of North Street between Springside Ave. and Reid Middle School
17. Petition from Councillor Tuttle for installation of “No Parking” signs on the west side of Parker Street near the Church
18. Petition from Councillor Tuttle that the Council vote on the licensing of cats
19. Petition from Councillor Marchetti that the Purchasing Agent submit all approved change orders to the Audit Committee monthly for its review
20. Petition from Councillor Marchetti submitting responsibilities of the Audit Committee
21. Petition from Councillor Kerwood that the Council support House Bill 4855, “An Act Providing for Liens for Molders”
22. Petition from Councillor Arlos that the Council vote to inform area legislators that it prefers State Lawmakers to fund education, mental health programs, disease prevention programs and dental programs for the elderly rather than the Clean Election Law
23. Petition from Councillor Arlos for a status update from the City Solicitor’s office relative to the surety bond of David Kiley
24. Petition from Councillor Arlos that the Mayor provide the Council with a memo regarding General Electric’s obligations and responsibilities for the clean up of the King St. landfill and related documents
25. Petition from Councillor Arlos that the Mayor take action to bring out-of-city travel under control
26. Petition from Councillor Arlos to ask the Tax Collector to report on former Mayor Doyle’s initiative to recoup money owed to the City that had been written off
27. Petition from Councillor Arlos that the Mayor take action against unauthorized use of city vehicles
28. Report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its January 29, 2002 meeting

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

29. Report of the Audit Committee to whom was referred a petition from Terry Kinnas for review in detail of change orders to Herberg School, recommending it be filed
30. Report of the Audit Committee to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Kerwood that Barry Architects, the Chairman of the School Building Needs Commission, Superintendent Travis and the Purchasing Agent appear before the Audit Committee to discuss change orders associated with school construction projects, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

31. 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)

32. 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)
33. 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)
34. 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)
35. 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)
36. Petition from Councillor Kerwood that the Council support House Bill 4579 "An Act To Further Promote Public Safety In The Commonwealth" (tabled 1-8-02)
37. Public hearing on a petition of Western Mass. Electric Company and Bell Atlantic to install one jointly owned pole on Cascade Street

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

38. Petition from Mary Murphy to upgrade the position of City Accountant to City Auditor

Referred to the Parks Department

39. Petition from Henry Hebert to rebuild the pumping station at Burbank Park

Referred to the Traffic Commission

40. Petition from Councillor Scapin to increase available parking in front of the Crowne Plaza on South Street
41. Petition from Councillor Marchetti for installation of a crossing signal for the sight impaired at the corner of Second and Fenn Streets

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

42. Petition from Councillor Scapin for replacement of the sidewalk on East Housatonic Street from South Street to #20 East Housatonic Street

PLACED ON FILE

43. Response from the City Clerk to a petition from Anthony Maffuccio regarding reducing the number of polling locations in the City by half
44. Response from the State of New York, Dept. of Transportation to a petition from former Councillor Massery for a sign on the Taconic State Parkway indicating Pittsfield
45. Beano reports for 2001 are on file in the office of the City Clerk