

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 26,2002**

AGENDA

1. Open Microphone

COMMUNICATION FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. Communication submitting a revised 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 designating Councillor Mark Brennan as Chairperson of the Traffic Commission

APPOINTMENT

4. Appointment of Bruce Collingwood as Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities
5. Appointment of Matthew Billetter as a member of the Commission on Disabilities

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Public hearing on a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company and Bell Atlantic to install one intermediate pole on South Street

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

7. Petition from Councillor Tuttle thanking the Auxiliary Police for their volunteer time and service to the City of Pittsfield
8. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that the Mayor, with Council approval and support, send a letter of consent and intent for placing Wahconah Park on the Mass. Historical Register
9. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that the Mayor meet with Berkshire County Regional Planning for an update of the Onota Lake S319 Project
10. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that Kirkwood Drive be reconstructed
11. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that the Mayor investigate and inform the Council of the status of the Pontoosuc Lake bathhouse
12. Petition from Councillor Guzzo for a public hearing by the Dept. of Environmental Protection for an update on the clean up of the King Street landfill site
13. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that the School Building Needs Commission ensure proper safety precautions be undertaken at Highland Elementary School
14. Petition from Councillor Guzzo for repair of Pecks Road between the entrance of St. Joseph's Cemetery and Interprint
15. Petition from Councillor Guzzo for a public hearing at the March 26, 2002 Council meeting for an update of the Center/Seymour Street project
16. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that the School Building Needs Commission Chairman and other

members present a comprehensive overview of the completed school building renovation program before the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance

17. Petition from Councillor Guzzo the Director of Maintenance provide current information on the City's buildings before the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance
18. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that the Mayor request needed funds to conduct a speed study currently pending before the Traffic Commission for Hancock Road
19. Petition from Councillor Guzzo to re-establish the crosswalk at Lakeway Drive and Valentine Road
20. Petition from Councillor Guzzo to loop the water line at the dead end of Mohegan St. with the line on Doyle Dr.
21. Petition from Councillor Guzzo that the Mayor work with Berkshire Training and Employment to utilize Americorps workers for road-side trash pick up
22. Petition from Councillor Arlos for a written opinion from the City Solicitor under what authority a Mayor can bind a City with a charter like Pittsfield's in agreements that involve expenditure of public flinds
23. Petition from Councillor Arlos to ask the City Solicitor for a memorandum of law on the legality of paying for legal services from the health insurance trust fund
24. Petition from Councillor Arlos for a written commitment from the Mayor or written position from the City Solicitor's office regarding claims against surety bonds of the Director of Finance and Purchasing Director and a claim against New England Plans and Benefits
25. Petition from Councillor Arlos to inform area legislators that the Council is opposed to any increase in the state gasoline tax
26. Petition from Councillor Arlos that the Council ask Jonathan Fleisig to modify the Agreement between the City and Flyball LLC
27. Petition from Councillor Arpante for installation of "No Parking" or "Fire Lane" signs on the north and south sides of Claire Place

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Barry opposing any increase in public parking rates, recommending it be filed
29. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order amending previous Orders to increase the Fiscal Year 2002 municipal budget by \$24,000, recommending it be approved
30. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway 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, recommending it be approved

31. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Doyle submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$24,000 from the stabilization account to an Airport Commission account entitled 'Equipment-New," recommending it be filed
32. A report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Arlos to re-open the public restrooms at the Police Station, recommending it be approved and sent to the Director of Maintenance for cost estimates
33. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Arlos to amend the City Code, Chapter 6, Finance and Administration, recommending it be approved
34. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Kerwood to accept M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 3D for establishment of an aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund, recommending it be approved
35. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Massery to research the possibility of completing the sidewalk on Government Drive, recommending it be filed
36. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Brassard to repave the intersection of Elberon Avenue & Pittsfield Avenue, recommending it be filed
37. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Grunin for installation of sidewalks on East New Lenox Road between Anita Drive and Quirico Drive, recommending it be filed
38. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Brassard for residents of Franco Terrace for speed bumps at each end of the street, recommending it be filed
39. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councillor Scapin to pave the shoulder of the road on the east side of Barker Road from West Housatonic Street to Tamarack Road for use as a bike path, recommending it be filed
40. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Grunin for installation of a drainage pipe in the culvert between 43 and 55 Nancy Avenue, recommending it be filed
41. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Barry to chip seal and remove certain trees on Clark Road, recommending it be filed
42. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councillors Lee, Scapin and former Councillors Barry and Brassard that the Council approve the shutting off of any street lights and that an explanation be given by the Commissioner of Public Utilities, recommending it be filed
43. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Brassard supporting immediate action to enforce regulations to keep trash off

city streets, recommending it be approved

44. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Brassard for replacement of curbing in the area of 40 Maryland Ave., recommending it be approved
45. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Brassard for replacement of the sidewalk at the intersection of Tyler Street Extension and Benedict Road, recommending it be approved
46. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councillor Brassard to resurface the sidewalk on the north side of Maud Street, recommending it be approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

47. 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)
48. 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)
49. 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)
50. 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)
51. 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)
52. 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)

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Finance

53. Petition from Councillor Vincelette that the Council approve and forward to the Mayor a deficit bond repayment plan

PLACED ON FILE

54. Response from Downtown Inc. to a petition from Councillor Lee regarding events downtown