

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

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment of individuals to the Commission on Tourism
3. Appointment of Philip Adamo, M.D. as the City Physician

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Public hearing on the Tax Rate Classification

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

5. Petition from Councilors Scapin, Guzzo and Bianchi requesting the Dept. of Community Development prepare a list of projects that are receiving tax incentives and/or development money
6. Petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the Building Inspector inspect the vacant lot across the street from 53 Westchester Avenue
7. Petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the crosswalks at the corner of First St. and Stoddard Avenue and at 742 North Street be painted blue
8. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting Representative Shaun Kelly file a home rule bill for a question on the November 5th ballot regarding the sale of the watershed
9. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Mayor release the report from legal counsel hired to interpret certain City contracts
10. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council go on record in opposition to filling any vacancy that occurs in City employment and asking the Mayor to support this policy
11. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council go on record in opposition to the selling of state-owned land in Pittsfield and Berkshire County to fund the clean election law
12. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Animal Control Commission investigate every "vicious" dog complaint and assess an animal before a disposal decision is made

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. Report of the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Mayor or her designee present a summary of the City's financial condition as of December 31, 2001, recommending it be accepted and placed on file
14. Report of the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette for a presentation by Kenneth Ramsdell of his findings relative to municipal health care costs, surety bond claims and potential civil claims, recommending it be accepted and placed on file
15. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Doyle that the Finance Committee in conjunction with the Parks Commission work to establish an investment strategy and criteria for the use of donate funds for the City's Parks, recommending it be referred to Mayor Hathaway and the Parks Commission

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. 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)
17. 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)
18. 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)
19. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councillors Lee and 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 Works & Utilities (tabled 2-26-02)

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Public Works & Utilities

20. A petition from Councilor Guzzo to chip seal Madison Place
21. A petition from Councilor Guzzo to establish a crosswalk on Wahconah Street in front of Pilgrim Memorial Church

Referred to the School Committee

22. Petition from Councilor Guzzo requesting the School Committee consider consolidating the City's two high schools

Referred to the Dept. of Environmental Protection

23. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the City vote to notify the DEP about complaints that EAC operations is using ash from burned garbage on its driveway

Referred to the Community Development Board

24. Petition from the Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 23, for land on Barker Road

PLACED ON FILE

25. Response from Senator Nuciforo to a petition from Councilor Kerwood regarding House Bill 4855, An Act Providing Liens for Molders
26. Response from Senator Nuciforo to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding funding education, mental health programs, disease prevention programs, local aid and dental programs for the elderly instead of funding the Clean Elections Law
27. Response from Robert Cornwell to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding funding for the SIOGA Club
28. Response from Commissioner Forestell to a petition from Councilor Tuttle regarding the drainage problem at 89 Partridge Road