

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 23, 2002**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. Communication submitting an Order transferring \$78,228.50 between accounts of the Dept. of Public Works and City Solicitor
3. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to submit the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan/Action Plan for the 2002-2003 Program Year
4. Communication informing the Council of the appointment of Caleb Mitchell as Acting Director of Community Services
5. Communication informing the Council that Downtown Inc. will give its quarterly progress report

PUBLIC HEARING

6. On a petition from the Community Development Board to re-zone land on Barker Road

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

7. Petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Mayor contact the Superintendent of Schools regarding establishment of a joint committee to explore the possibility of consolidating services and personnel
8. Petition from Councilor Guzzo that the Mayor and School Committee initiate a city-wide program that would require public employees earning \$20,000 or more annually to give back one week's pay
9. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that Ballard St. and Clark Road be chip-sealed
10. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Police Dept. to come up with a plan regarding loitering at the Tyler Street car wash
11. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Dept. of Public Works investigate and fill the hole on the corner of Partridge Road and Glenn Drive
12. Petition from Councilor Brennan that the Commissioner of Public Works investigate and repair the drainage problem at 130 McIntosh Drive
13. Petition from Councilor Brennan for consideration of a traffic light in the vicinity of Elm and Ontario Streets
14. Petition from Councilor Brennan for installation of a bleeder valve on a hydrant located near the end of Longview Terrace Ext.
15. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking for information from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs regarding deadlines for certain proposals and the number of environmental police that serve western Mass.

16. Petition from Councilor Arlos informing the Council that there is a \$5 surcharge on hunting and fishing licenses for the Mass. Wildlands Stamp
17. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Mayor to join the Council in asking Representative Kelly to file a home-rule bill for a ballot question regarding the sale of watershed rights
18. Petition from Councilor Arlos recognizing KB Toys for receiving the Patriotic Award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the US Air National Guard and Reserve
19. Petition from Councilor Arlos to ask the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee to take steps to privatize the school bus service
20. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking for removal of the median strip on North Street and returning diagonal parking
21. Petition from Councilor Kerwood that the Mayor and Finance Advisory Board require department heads to develop a detailed work plan as part of their budget submission
22. Petition from Councilor Kerwood that the Mayor consider employing services of an independent mediator to resolve any disagreements that may arise regarding qualifying costs relative to the City's funding obligation to the Schools
23. Petition from Councilor Kerwood to adopt a resolution regarding support for the concept of the state providing a multi-year funding level commitment to cities and towns regarding Chapter 70 aid

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Lee for a binding ballot question calling for a temporary debt exclusion override of proposition 2 ½, recommending it be approved
25. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Gerald S. Doyle, Jr. that the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parks Commission, work to establish an investment strategy and criteria for the use of donated funds for the City's parks, recommending it be filed
26. Report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting that the City Council approve and forward to the Mayor a deficit bond repayment plan, recommending it be amended to appropriate \$1,238,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund to reduce the deficit note to \$3,500,000 in April of 2003, and approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. 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)
28. 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)
29. 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)

30. 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)
31. Communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting a response to a petition from David Potts regarding the letter of credit and other issued concerning Flyball LLC (tabled 4-9-02)

NEW BUSINESS

32. Communication from the Hinsdale Board of Selectmen opposing the sale of recreational rights of the watershed at the Cleveland Reservoir

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

33. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for repair of the sidewalk at 10-12 Grove St.

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works & Utilities

34. Petition from Councilor Tuttle to remove the tree stump on the corner of Partridge Road and Glenn Dr.

Referred to the Traffic Commission

35. Petition from Councilor Arlos for removal of newly installed “No Parking” signs on Madison Avenue
36. Petition from Councilor Arlos for installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Cheshire Road and Kittredge Road

PLACED ON FILE

37. Response from Representative Shaun Kelly to a 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 rights
38. Annual Report of the Community Development Board (on file in City Clerk’s Office)
39. Annual Report of the Personnel Department (on file in the City Clerk’s Office)