

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 9, 2002**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to waive the City's first refusal option to purchase agricultural land located on or about 325 Hancock Road pursuant to MGL, Ch. 61A, §14.
3. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to convey property at 692 West Housatonic Street to Berkshire Fund
4. Communication submitting a response to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting documents regarding the King Street landfill
5. Communication submitting a response to petitions from David Potts regarding the letter of credit and other issues concerning Flyball, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company to locate a line of poles on Downing Parkway

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

7. Petition from President Scapin notifying Councilors of a change in committee assignments
8. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for investigation of a drainage problem behind 96 Cromwell Ave.
9. Petition from Councilor Guzzo for consideration of the creation of a Public Safety Commissioner
10. Petition from Councilor Guzzo for establishment of a vicious dog ordinance
11. Petition from Councilor Arlos to ask the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to delay the State's offer to purchase the recreational rights to the watershed
12. Petition from Councilor Arlos for a 31-day tax moratorium for the payment of back taxes
13. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the BRTA to install bus shelters on Wahconah St., Elm St., and Merrill Road
14. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the City take over custodial services for the schools
15. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the Mayor submit to the Council the report from legal counsel hired to interpret certain City contracts
16. Petition from Councilor Arpante to establish 15-minute parking on the southerly side of Lincoln St.
17. Petition from Councilor Vincelette for installation of a bleeder valve on Lowden St.
18. Petition from Councilor Vincelette for installation of a bleeder valve on Underhill Place

19. Petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Mayor instruct the Chief Procurement Officer to prepare an RFP for an audit of all expenditures made for health insurance and workers compensation claims
20. Petition from Councilor Vincelette that Dufresne-Henry give an update of the airport expansion/improvement project
21. Petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Airport Commission submit to the City Assessors a list of properties to be taken or already taken for the airport expansion/improvement project
22. Petition from Councilor Vincelette that the City Assessors provide property valuations of properties to be taken or already taken for the airport expansion/improvement project
23. Petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Mayor ask owners of exempt properties to consider making payments in lieu of taxes

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo for a public hearing or meeting for an update on the Center/Seymour St. project, recommending it be approved and placed on file
25. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin for replacement of the sidewalk on East Housatonic St. from South St. to #20 East Housatonic St., recommending it be approved
26. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Doyle for conveyance of an easement for the purpose of railroad sidetrack crossing of Merrill Road

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)

NEW BUSINESS

31. Petition from Anthony Maffuccio for a ballot question to decrease the salary of a City Councilor

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

32. A petition from Councilor Arlos for an inspection of the 20-foot dirt pile at the Seymour St. entrance of Wahconah Park

Referred to the Traffic Commission

33. Petition from David Foley requesting changes to traffic flow pattern into Park Square from East Street

Referred to the Mayor

34. Petition from Anthony Maffuccio for a status report on updating the City Charter

PLACED ON FILE

35. Response from the Acting City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding amending the City Code, Chapter 6, Finance and Administration
36. Response from the Acting City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting a legal opinion on the Mayor's right to bind the City in agreements that involve the expenditure of public funds
37. Response from the Director of Personnel to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting compilation of a list of law firms willing to take the City's legal business when necessary
38. Response from Representative Kelly to a petition from Councilor Guzzo regarding recent reduction in higher education funding
39. Response from the DEP to a petition from Councilor Guzzo for a public meeting regarding the clean up of the King Street landfill area