

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 14, 2002**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. Communication submitting an Order rescinding Order No. 12 of the Series of 2002 and an Order authorizing the Mayor to waive the City's right of first refusal on property at or about 325 Hancock Road
3. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to accept a donation of a 1991 Honda Accord to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program
4. Communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$6,425.81 between accounts of the Department of Public Works and Utilities
5. Communication submitting an Order authorizing submission of a Special Act to the Massachusetts State Legislature
6. Communication from the Mayor that Dufresne Henry will give an update on the Airport expansion/improvement project

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Public hearing on the application of Gamestop Inc. for a secondhand dealers license
8. Public hearing on a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company to locate a line of poles together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they deem necessary along and across Downing Pkwy
9. Public hearing on a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company to locate a line of conduit along and across East Street

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

10. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Council ask the Mayor to relieve Robert Tone of his duties or ask for his resignation
11. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to request Mayor Hathaway arrange meetings with Select Boards of Washington, Dalton and Hinsdale to discuss concerns regarding the city selling recreational rights of the watershed
12. Petition from Peter Arlos that the Council vote to ask the Mayor to delay efforts to upgrade the downtown median strips until a decision has been made on diagonal parking
13. Petition from Councilor Kerwood requesting the Mayor and Finance Director consider funding the collective bargaining agreement between the City and Employees Association Local 65
14. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Council ask the School Department to develop a plan to promote the strengths of Pittsfield Schools

15. Petition from Councilor Tuttle to name the Transportation Center or Columbus Arms after Joseph Scelsi
16. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to ask the Community Development Board to review and discuss at its next meeting the ramifications of selling the recreational rights of the watershed
17. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to instruct its President to organize a meeting, guided by William Forestell, at the city watershed and invite the towns of Dalton, Hinsdale and Washington to attend
18. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council ask the State Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy to hold a public hearing regarding the raise in rates of Time Warner Cable
19. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to grant the Business Improvement Group permission to use the Showcase Theatre lot to hold an antique flea market on Saturdays
20. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting Councilor Arpante prepare opinions regarding surety bonds of city officials, actions against those individuals and breach of contract claims against New England Plans & Benefits
21. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to have its President schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting for a presentation by Mark Meunier and Blue Cross Blue Shield on all aspects of the City's health insurance
22. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting various information from Mass. Municipal Association regarding other communities that are self-insured
23. Petition from Councilor Marchetti for an update of the status of the RFP on the retrospective audit
24. Petition from Councilors Bianchi and Arpante that the Council support the proposal for extraordinary maintenance/repair funds for Conte Community, Morningside and Crosby Schools
25. Petition from Councilor Arlos for review by the Finance Committee of a proposal to develop property on Mill St. from Chester Johnson and to formulate a solution for back taxes owed by the owner on the property
26. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo for "No Parking" regulations on the south side of Martin Street between Onota Street and King Street, recommending it be approved and signs installed
27. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a communication from the Community Development Board suggesting traffic changes to Merrill Road, recommending the signs be changed
28. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor submitting a Traffic Order for adopting special speed regulation #7810 for Merrill Road, recommending it be approved and the regulation adopted
29. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was jointly referred to the Police Dept. and Maintenance Dept. a petition from Councilor Guzzo for a check of parking violations on a regular basis at the

intersection of Onota and Linden Streets, recommending a letter be sent to the Police Chief asking for enforcement

30. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante for installation of “No Parking” or fire lane signs on the north and south sides of Claire Place, recommending it be filed
31. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from former Councilor Brassard to examine the parking on Connecticut Avenue in the vicinity of Allendale School, recommending “15 minute parking during school hours” signs be installed opposite Allendale School

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

32. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of sidewalks on the east side of North Street between Springside Ave and Reid Middle School, recommending it be filed
33. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the crosswalks at the corners of First St. and Stoddard Avenue and at 742 North Street be painted blue, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works
34. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo to chip seal Madison Place, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works
35. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo to establish a crosswalk on Wahconah Street in front of the Pilgrim Memorial Church, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works
36. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for cleaning of the drainage pipes at the corner of Glenn Drive and Partridge Road and the drainage ditch at the end of Oak Hill Road, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works
37. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle to investigate and fix the drainage ditch that runs from the corner of Glenn Drive and Partridge Road to Oak Hill Road, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works
38. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin requesting Taylor Street be chip sealed, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works
39. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin requesting Morewood Drive be chip sealed, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works
40. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin requesting Fairfield Street be chip sealed, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works
41. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin requesting Willow Lane be chip sealed, recommending it be approved and sent to the Commissioner of Public Works

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance

42. To whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo that the Director of Maintenance provide current information on the City's buildings before the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance, recommending it be accepted and placed on file

Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

43. To whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to submit the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan/Action Plan for the 2002-2003 program year, recommending it be approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

44. 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)
45. 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)
46. 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)
47. Communication from the Mayor informing the Council of the appointment of Caleb Mitchell as acting Director of Community Services (tabled 4-23-02)
48. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Police Dept. to come up with a plan regarding loitering at the Tyler Street car wash (tabled 4-23-02)
49. 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 (tabled 4-23-02)

ORDINANCE (final reading)

50. Ordinance amending the City Code, reclassifying land on Barker Road from a DIDD zone classification to an R43 zone classification

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

51. Petition from Councilor Marchetti that the Commissioner of Public Works investigate a dirty water problem on Grand Avenue and install a bleeder valve if necessary
52. Petition from Councilor Marchetti that the Commissioner of Public Works investigate a dirty water problem on Pine Grove Drive and install a bleeder valve if necessary
53. Petition from Councilor Vincelette to chip seal Brunswick Street

Referred to the Traffic Commission

54. Petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the State install a traffic light at 245 Cheshire Road

55. Petition from Councilor Arlos for removal of the barriers between Ensign Ave. and Stanley Ave.

Referred to the Community Development Board

56. Petition from H & S Auto Parts & Services, Inc. to amend the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, to allow used car lots in the BG zone

57. Petition from the Community Development Board to amend the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Accessory Use

Referred to the Building Inspector and Dept. of Community Development

58. Petition from Councilor Guzzo for a status on the burnt out building across from 132 Daniels Ave.

PLACED ON FILE

59. Response from Senator Nuciforo to a petition from Councilor Kerwood regarding Chapter 70 funding

60. Information from the Office of the Governor regarding a tax amnesty proposal

61. Annual report of the Purchasing Department for FY 2001 (on file in the Clerk's office)

62. Annual report of the City Solicitor for FY 2001 (on file in the Clerk's Office)

63. Annual report of the Tax Collector for FY 2001 (on file in the Clerk's Office)