

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 28, 2002**

**AGENDA**

1. Open microphone

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR**

2. A communication from the Mayor submitting Orders authorizing and taking by eminent domain property on Cloverdale Street
3. A communication from the Mayor submitting Orders authorizing appropriations from the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds Free Cash

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. On a petition from Verizon New England Inc. to locate a line of poles on Merrill Road
5. On a petition from Verizon New England Inc. to locate a line of poles on East Street

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

6. A petition from the President to amend Council Rule 3 to include a new item entitled "Comments from the Mayor" in the agenda order
7. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Mayor re-evaluate the reserved parking spaces behind City Hall
8. A petition from Councilor Lee that the Police Dept. investigate the possibility of reinstating skateboarding and in-line skating on North Street during Sunday afternoons
9. A petition from Councilor Arlos to amend Council Rule 1C regarding the open microphone portion of the Council agenda
10. A petition from Councilor Arlos to have the gates at Woodlawn Avenue and East St. open seven days a week
11. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council review the new early retirement legislation
12. A petition from Councilor Arlos to accept a petition from the employees of the Dept. of Public Works and Water Dept. opposing the sale of recreational rights of the watershed
13. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante for "15-minute" parking on the southerly side of Lincoln St, recommending it be approved and the signs installed
14. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos for installation of "No Parking" signs on Valentine Road in front of Taconic High School, recommending it be approved
15. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Marchetti for installation of a sight-impaired crossing signal at the corner of Second St. and Fenn Streets, recommending it be approved

16. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Bianchi for “15-minute” parking signs at the southeast corner of West and Merriam Streets, recommending it be approved and the signs installed
17. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Bianchi and Robert Podolski for a handicapped parking space in front of 184-186 Bradford St, recommending one handicapped parking space in front of 198-200 Bradford St. be approved and signs installed
18. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin for installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Clarkson Ave. and Evans Ave., recommending it be filed
19. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for replacement of “No Parking” signs between 1632 and 1634 North St., recommending it be filed
20. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante for appropriate traffic signs on West Housatonic St., South St., Park Square and East St., informing drivers of the alternate route to Routes 8 and 9, recommending it be filed
21. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin to review the possibility of a heavy commercial vehicle ban from Barker Road, recommending it be filed
22. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from former Councilors Brassard and Barry to investigate the intersection of Stanley Ave. and Ensign Ave. and the speed limit of East Park Terrace, recommending it be filed
23. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from former Councilor Brassard to re-evaluate the intersection of Stanley Ave., Ensign Avenue and East Park Terrace and the recent placement of barriers, recommending it be filed
24. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from David Foley requesting changes to the traffic flow pattern at Park Square from East St., recommending it be filed

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **Reports of the Committee on Finance**

25. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway transferring the sum of \$78,228.50 between accounts of the Department of Public Works and Utilities, recommending it be approved
26. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Doyle establishing parking rates for municipal lots and meters, recommending it be filed
27. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Doyle establishing rates for disposal of waste material by City residents at the Resource Recovery Facility, recommending it be filed

#### **Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities**

28. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Dept. of Public Works and Utilities investigate and fill the hole on the corner of Partridge Road and Glenn Drive, recommending it be approved

29. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette for installation of a bleeder valve on Lowden St., recommending it be approved and referred to the Commissioner of Public Works
30. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Brennan for installation of a bleeder valve on a hydrant located near the end of Longview Terrace Ext., recommending it be approved
31. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Brennan that the Commissioner of Public Works investigate and repair the drainage problem at 130 McIntosh Drive, recommending it be approved
32. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from a petition from Councilor Tuttle that Ballard St. and Clark Road be chip-sealed, recommending it be approved
33. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette for installation of a bleeder valve on Underhill Place, recommending it be approved and referred to the Commissioner of Public Works
34. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin requesting correction of a drainage problem at 145 Melbourne Road, recommending it be filed
35. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for repair of the sidewalk at 10-12 Grove St., recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance

36. A report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo that the School Building Needs Commission chairman and other members present an overview of the completed school building renovation program before the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance, recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

37. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Doyle submitting two ordinances amending Chapter 8 of the City Code, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, recommending it be filed
38. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Peter McHugh that Pittsfield adopt an ethical standards policy for elected officials, recommending it be filed
39. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin for an Ordinance regarding vicious dogs, recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

40. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Marchetti for a public hearing on the plans for the Quinn's Legacy skating facility, recommending it be accepted and placed on file
41. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Doyle submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to transfer the

amount of \$250,000 of the Year One GE Economic Development Fund for the installation of a climate control system and repairs to the Museum's copper roof, recommending it be filed

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

42. 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)
43. 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)
44. 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)
45. Communication from the Mayor informing the Council of the appointment of Caleb Mitchell as acting Director of Community Services (tabled 4-23-02)
46. 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)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

47. Petition from Philip Massery to amend the City Charter to reduce the total number of Councilors to seven

#### **MATTERS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27**

##### *Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities*

48. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Commissioner the advisability of widening Chickering St.

##### *Referred to the Committee on Public Works & Utilities and Traffic Commission*

49. Petition from Councilor Arlos to restrict access to the City-owned property that abuts 600 East New Lenox Road

##### *Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities*

50. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Commissioner to inspect a tree in the vicinity of Emerson Avenue

#### **PLACED ON FILE**

51. Annual report of the Veteran's Services Department
52. Response from the Office of Environmental Affairs to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding certain projects
53. Response from Representative Shaun Kelly to a petition from Councilor Kerwood regarding Chapter 70 Aid