

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 25, 2002**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMENTS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. This item reserved for the Mayor to address the City Council, with an opportunity for questions from the Council

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR

3. Communication from the Mayor submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a conveyance and donation of land located on Nancy Avenue
4. Communication from the Mayor submitting a Traffic Order implementing certain changes in the parking regulations relative to Bank Row
5. Communication from the Mayor submitting an Order rescinding Order No. 28 of the Series of 2002, and an Order accepting a donation from Anne Poincelot to the Municipal Animal Shelter
6. Communication from the Mayor submitting an Order rescinding Order No. 29 of the Series of 2002, which authorized the use of the City's revolving funds
7. Communication from the Mayor submitting an Order authorizing the use of the City's revolving funds
8. Communication from the Mayor submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, section 16-12 relative to pay rates of weed harvesting positions

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. A public hearing on the petition of the Pittsfield Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 9.101 Restrictions, Accessory Buildings & Uses (Zone 01/01-4)
10. A public hearing on the petition of Peter Spina to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.202, Table of Principal Permitted uses as it pertains to allowing used car lots in the BG zone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

11. A petition from Councilor Guzzo requesting the Mass. Turnpike Authority consider opening an office in Pittsfield in order to provide Fast Lane services
12. A petition from Councilor Guzzo requesting the Mayor consider changes regarding Parking Control Officers, Parking Garage Manager and DPW Highway positions
13. A petition from Councilors Guzzo, Scapin and Bianchi requesting the Mayor, in conjunction with the Board of Park Commissioners, pursue plans to establish a Forest Management Plan for Burbank Park
14. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council vote to ask the Attorney General to release to the City the report of its investigation into the City's finances
15. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council vote to oppose the imposition of the Mass. Turnpike tolls for western Massachusetts

16. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council vote to ask Mayor Hathaway to implement weed harvesting on Pontoosuc Lake
17. A petition from Councilor Arlos a requesting the Council vote to as the Chief of Police to establish a task force to deal with illegal dumping in the City
18. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the management of Dunkin' Donuts on Dalton Avenue post signs in the parking lot limiting loitering in the lot to 20 minutes
19. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council vote to amend the contract between the City and Blue Cross/Blue Shield to provide an explanation of benefits to insured employees for health services
20. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council vote to ask the Park Commission to negotiate with Lanesborough to implement a joint weed control program
21. A petition from Councilor Marchetti requesting the Mayor and Director of Community Development reconsider their position in regard to providing sewer hook-up to the Murphy-Mierzejewski residence on Route 41
22. A petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the Mayor change the time limit for parking around City Hall from ninety minutes to thirty minutes
23. A petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the Council ask Mark Amuso to come before the Council to describe his plans for bringing new businesses into the City
24. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Commissioner of Public Works paint "Slow 15 – mph School Zone" markings on the road in the appropriate area of Reid Middle School
25. A petition from Councilor Bianchi that the Chief of Police, or his designee develop a plan to present to the School Committee that would provide crossing guard-type protection for the City's Children
26. A petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Traffic Commission develop strategies to slow traffic from West Housatonic Street to Colt Road
27. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Lee for a binding ballot question calling for a temporary debt exclusion override
28. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos for a ruling on the acceptance of Mass. General Law, Chapter 32B, Section 3A

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

29. A report of the Audit Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Director of Finance submitting the fiscal year 2001 audit and management letter for an exit interview, recommending the report be accepted and placed on file

Committee on Public Works and Utilities

30. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette to chip seal Brunswick Street, recommending it be approved and put on the chip seal list

31. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos to restrict access to the City-owned property that abuts 600 East New Lenox Road, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

32. 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)
33. 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)
34. 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

35. A petition from Anthony Maffuccio that the Council request the Mayor to reform a City Charter Commission

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Chief of Police

36. A petition from Councilor Guzzo that the speed limit signboard be placed on Seymour Street in the area of the 19th Hole in order to alert southbound traffic

Referred to the Mayor

37. A petition from Philip Massery for a public hearing on his petition to amend the City Charter with respect to composition of the City Council

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

38. A petition from Councilor Tuttle to replace the sidewalk at 108 Cromwell Avenue

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

39. A petition from Councilor Guzzo that the Highway Department cut back the brush on both sides of East Alford Street between Brooks and Highland Avenues
40. A petition from Anthony Maffuccio that the Commissioner of Public Works explore the possibility of returning to a yearly price for unlimited dumping as opposed to the pay-as-you-throw system

Referred to the Traffic Commission

41. A petition from Councilor Arpante to address the parking problem at the City park located at the corner of Dartmouth Street and Springside Avenue
42. A petition from Councilor Arpante for a "Yield" or "Stop" sign, or other appropriate safety language to be placed at and near the intersection of Kellogg Street and Woodlawn Avenue
43. A petition from Councilor Arpante for a "Go Children Slow" or similar speed limiting signage on Tyler Street, between Woodlawn Ave and New York Avenue

PLACED ON FILE

44. A response from Governor Swift regarding correspondence relative to the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 budget