

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 9, 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. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a conveyance and grant of land from the Pittsfield Housing Authority
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to waive the City's right of first refusal option to purchase agricultural land located on Gale Avenue
5. A communication submitting a Traffic Order implementing changes on McKay Street
6. A communication submitting a Traffic Order implementing changes on Martin Street
7. A communication submitting a Traffic Order implementing changes on West Street
8. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, §16-12(a) with regard to the position of Accountant
9. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, §16-12(a) with regard to exempt employees

APPOINTMENT

10. Appointment of Kelly A. Reagan as Personnel Director

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

11. A petition from Councilor Arlos to ask the Commissioner of Public Works to initiate action to eliminate the rotary traffic pattern around Park Square
12. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the City Council vote in opposition to any plans of the School Administration to use public funds for a conference and/or meeting at Canyon Ranch
13. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council vote to support the North Street merchants in their request to extend the one-week experiment in diagonal parking to 2 months
14. A petition from Councilor Arlos to ask the Airport Commission and City Solicitor to provide an accounting of the financial activities of the airport and eminent domain takings
15. A petition from Councilor Arlos to ask the State to turn over Pontoosuc Lake to the City of Pittsfield
16. A petition from Councilor Arlos to ask Chief Riello take action to control the abuses of ATV's and motorcycles that disrupt organized events

17. A petition from Councilor Arlos to ask the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to hold one its forums in Pittsfield to teach residents how to get along with bears in the City
18. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the organizers of the group “Heaven on Earth” continue to pay tax on property located off of Crane Avenue, regardless of its non-profit status
19. A petition from Councilor Tuttle for an update from Pittsfield Housing Authority on the planned demolition of the community house at the corner of Bossidy Drive and Benedict Road
20. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Council applaud the U.S. Senate for its unanimous vote in opposition to the ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional
21. A petition from Councilors Lee, Marchetti, Tuttle, Scapin, Vincelette, Arpante, Kerwood, Brennan and Chief Risley to amend the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, Section 16-12(c)(4) with regard to educational incentive compensation
22. A response from the Chief of Police to a petition from Councilor Bianchi regarding school crossing guards
23. A response from Commissioner Collingwood to a petition from Councilor Arlos relative to inspection of a dirt pile at Wahconah Park

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a 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, recommending it be approved and referred to the Commissioner of Public Works
25. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a 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, recommending it be approved and referred to the Commissioner of Public Works

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

26. 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)

ORDINANCES (final reading)

27. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, with regard to pay rates for weed harvesting positions
28. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Section 4.202, table of principal permitted uses, as it pertains to allowing used car lots in the BG zone
29. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, section 9.101, Restrictions, Accessory Buildings & Uses

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Community Development Board

30. A petition from Winthrop Kie, Jr. to reclassify land at 29 Jones Avenue from a BG to R12 classification

Referred to the Traffic Commission

31. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Commissioner of Public Works to install an additional speed limit sign on Second St. in the vicinity of Orchard Street

32. A petition from Councilors Vincelette and Kerwood for a “Watch Children” sign in the vicinity of 11 Preston Avenue

PLACED ON FILE

33. A response from the Department of Telecommunications & Energy to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting a public hearing with respect to rate filings of Time Warner Cable