

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 sum of \$35,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund to Berkshire Community College

APPOINTMENT

4. Appointment of Deborah A. Courtney as Clerk of Committees

PUBLIC HEARING

5. A public hearing on the application of Kenneth and Jean Lussier for a permit under Mass. General Laws Chapter 148 to store inflammable fluids at 1245 West Housatonic Street

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

6. A petition from President Scapin and Vice President Guzzo to amend Council Rule 38
7. A petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of new signs indicating the heavy commercial vehicle exclusion on Crane Avenue
8. A petition from Councilor Tuttle for enforcement of the heavy commercial vehicle exclusion on Crane Avenue
9. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Police Department enforce the noise ordinance
10. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Mayor begin an investigation into the breakdown of weed harvesting machine and missing equipment
11. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Police Department issue guns to the auxiliary police
12. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Council votes to discontinue delivering Council packets via the Police Department
13. A petition from Councilors Kerwood, Vincelette and Lee that the City accepts M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5(41D)

14. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the Council express its support for the State's efforts to establish an Amber Alert System
15. A petition from Councilor Bianchi for a heavy commercial vehicle exclusion on Merriam Street
16. A petition from Councilor Marchetti for a joint meeting between the City Council and School Committee to discuss current and upcoming budget issues
17. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the City negotiates a change in the workweek of the Police Department
18. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to inform the Mayor it is against any efforts to create a dress code for City Hall employees
19. A petition from Councilor Arlos that City negotiators bring Pittsfield in line with other communities with regard to Quinn Bill standards
20. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council request Superintendent Travis have proper maintenance work done on the parking lot behind J & J Lock on Tyler Street
21. A petition from Councilor Arlos opposing an amendment to the City Code that would make the Fire Chief eligible for educational incentive pay
22. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the School Committee organizes school safety patrols
23. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Acting City Solicitor furnish copies of the decision in the Powell case
24. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council go on record in opposition to rate hikes by Verizon Communications Inc.
25. A petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Assessors office hold a public meeting to acquaint elderly citizens with tax exemptions or deferrals
26. A report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its September 3, 2002 meeting
27. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a communication submitting a Traffic Order implementing changes on McKay Street, recommending it be approved
28. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Traffic Commission develops strategies to slow traffic from West Housatonic St. to Colt Road, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

29. 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)
30. A communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting the appointment of various individuals to the Parks Commission (tabled 8-13-02)
31. A report of the committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication submitting an ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Section 16-12A, regarding exempt employees recommending it be approved (tabled 8-13-02)

NEW BUSINESS

32. A petition from Daniel Pictrowski that the Police Department immediately act as crossing guards and money be released to hire permanent crossing guards

ORDINANCES (final reading)

33. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, to reclassify land on Jones Avenue from a BG zone to an R12 zone
34. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 14, Offenses – Miscellaneous, Sec. 14.21.1, Sale of Spray Paint to Minors
35. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, with regard to benefits of exempt employee
36. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Section 16-12(a) Personnel, with regard to Council on Aging positions
37. An Ordinance amending the City Code, chapter 16, Section 16-12(a) with regard to the position of City Accountant

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

38. A petition from Councilors Scapin and Vincelette for installation of traffic signals at the intersection of South Street and Henry Ave.
39. A petition from Councilor Marchetti that the Traffic Commission explore the impact that the new intersection at Charles St. /Springside Ave./North St. will have on Springside Ave.
40. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting Cadwell Road be closed to truck traffic

41. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting a remedy of the traffic problems on Park Square

Referred to the Community Development Board

42. A petition amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Article 23-4, Section 4.202, Table of Principal Permitted uses, to allow theaters in the BG, BD and BC zone

Referred to the Director of Maintenance

43. A petition from Councilor Arlos for repair of the bingo board at the Senior Center

Referred to Western Mass. Electric Company

44. A petition from Councilor Marchetti for relocation of a utility pole in the vicinity of 130 Morningview Drive

PLACED ON FILE

45. A response from Pittsfield Housing Authority to a petition from Councilor Tuttle regarding the demolition of the community house

46. Annual report of the Building Inspector's Department