

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 24, 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 grant of funds in the amount of \$125,356 from the U.S. Department of Justice
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$29,750 from The Berkshire Environmental Fund Inc for the Onota Lake Long Range Management Plan

APPOINTMENTS

5. Appointment of Michael J. Filpi as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners
6. Appointment of Jane Bresnahan as member of the Board of Park Commissioners
7. Appointment of Eleanor Persip as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners
8. Appointment of Gene Nadeau as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners
9. Appointment of John Marchesi as a member of the Board of Park Commissioner

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

10. A petition from Councilor Lee asking the Mayor to instruct Senator Nuciforo and Representative Larkin to file a home rule petition that would allow Pittsfield to delay its acceptance of the Early Retirement Incentive Program
11. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the Mayor and Dept. of Community Development consider providing additional funding to Barton Place in an effort to keep it open 7 days a week
12. A petition from Councilor Arlos protesting the granting of a consulting job to the retiring president of Mass. College of Liberal Arts
13. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Mayor to put the management plan for the watershed land out to bid
14. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Mayor to continue the diagonal parking experiment on North Street
15. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Mayor and City Solicitor take no further action that would increase attorney's fees in the Powell case without a Council vote
16. A petition from Council Arpante to amend Council Rules 1B and 1C regarding the time of meetings and sign-in for open microphone
17. A report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its September 17, 2002 meeting

18. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos for installation of a “Watch Children” sign on Melrose Avenue, recommending it be filed
19. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos for installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Wahconah St. and North St., recommending it be filed
20. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the Mayor change the time limit for parking around City Hall from 90 minutes to 30 minutes, recommending it be changed to 30 minute parking on the north side of Federal St. from the City Hall driveway to Allen Street and on the south side of Fenn Street from Allen Street to the City Hall driveway
21. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos for installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Cheshire Road and Kittredge Road, recommending it be filed
22. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the State install a traffic light at 245 Cheshire Road, recommending it be filed
23. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos for removal of the barriers between Ensign Ave. and Stanley Ave., recommending it be filed
24. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante to address the parking problem at the City Park located at the corner of Dartmouth Street and Springside Avenue, recommending it be filed
25. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante for installation of a “Yield” or “Stop” sign or other appropriate safety signage at and near the intersection of Kellogg Street and Woodlawn Avenue, recommending it be filed

REPORTS OF COMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Finance

26. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Marchetti that the accounting office provide a summary sheet with monthly financial reports that explains any variance in certain funds that does not meet the norm, recommending it be filed
27. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a response from the City Solicitor’s office on a request for a legal opinion regarding the applicability of CMR rates for the City, recommending it be accepted and placed on file

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

28. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood to modify the duties of the Personnel Review Board, recommending it not be approved
29. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos opposing an amendment to the City Code that would make the fire chief eligible for educational incentive pay

30. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 16-12(a) of the City Code with regard to seasonal laborers, recommending it be approved
31. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Fire Chief Risley to amend the City Code to approve the use of Fire Dept. vehicles for personnel to attend funeral and memorial services for out-of-town or out-of-state firefighters and fire service personnel, recommending it be referred to the Mayor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

32. A 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. A petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Assessors office hold a public meeting to acquaint elderly citizens with tax exemptions or deferrals (tabled 9-10-02)

ORDINANCE (final reading)

34. An ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Section 16-12A, regarding the exempt employee pay scale

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

35. A petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the State to remove the traffic signal at the intersection of Charles Street and North Street
36. A petition from Councilors Tuttle, Arpante and Kerwood for a stop sign at the intersection of East Park Terrace and Benedict Road and at each end of Alden Avenue
37. A petition from Councilor Arpante for a "hearing impaired child" sign or similar signage on second street between Rostone Place and the Second Street bridge

PLACED ON FILE

38. A response from the City Solicitor on a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting copies of the decision in the Powell
39. A response from the Superintendent of Schools to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the lot behind J & J lock on Tyler Street
40. A response from the Director of Finance to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding benefits of employees who have left the City
41. Annual report of the City Clerk's Office
42. Annual report of the Licensing Board
43. Annual report of the Pittsfield Council on Aging