

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 13, 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 vetoing 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
4. A communication submitting an Order amending Order #22 of the series 2002, to increase the Fiscal Year 2003 Municipal Budget by \$42,412.
5. A communication submitting an ordinance amending Sec. 16-12(a) of the City Code on Personnel
6. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the General Electric Co for expenses incurred in the closure of the King Street landfill
7. Response from Mayor Hathaway regarding the City's GE Economic Development fund, requesting the Economic Development Committee to support an expenditure of \$100,000 toward the operating costs of the Pittsfield Enterprise Center
8. Communication submitting a Traffic Order establishing a parking restriction on the South side of Lincoln St.
9. Communication submitting a Traffic Order establishing a parking restriction on the South side of Madison Ave.
10. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to convey certain real property, by transfer to the Berkshire Regional Transportation Authority for the Intermodal Transportation Center

APPOINTMENT

11. Appointment of James R. McGrath as Director of Community Services

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. A public hearing on the revocation of licenses issued under M.G.L. Chapter 148 for the storage of inflammable fluids to Berkshire Paint & Supply, R & M Supplies, and Keith Sykes (at owner's request)
13. A public hearing on the petition of Winthrop Kie to re-zone land on Jones Avenue from BG to R12

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

14. A petition from councilor Tuttle requesting the Mayor and City Council take the high ropes/low ropes course offered by Galligher Inc.
15. A petition from councilor Tuttle requesting a representative from the FAA come before the City Council to answer questions on plans to expand the airport.
16. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the City look into hiring reserve police officers
17. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Police Department offer outside construction details to auxiliary police before offering them to other police departments or outside agencies
18. A communication from the City Clerk submitting Orders directing the issuance of warrants and designating polling locations and times for the state primary election to be held on September 17, 2002
19. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the Mayor reinstate efforts to nominate Springside House for listing on the National Register of Historic Places
20. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to ask the Mayor and Park Commission to give one of the three weed-cutting machines it received from the County to the Town of Stockbridge
21. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council to ask officials from the state highway department and J.H. Maxymillian to build a park within the area of Summer, Union, Bradford and Linden Streets.
22. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting information from Chief Riello regarding the number of citations issued over the past two years to motorcycle drivers who violate the Code of Massachusetts Regulation and make excessive noise by removing the parts that muffle the noise
23. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to express its appreciation to the Director of Maintenance, Ernest Fortini, and the Chief of Police, Anthony Riello, for taking action to open the City's public restrooms
24. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Mayor re-activate the Resource Recovery Committee
25. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Council congratulate Vincent Marinaro, Director of the Catholic Youth Center, for receiving the well-deserved honor in the Keeping Kids on Track campaign
26. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the City Council vote to ask acting Governor Jane Swift to restore the necessary funding to keep the prescription reimbursement rate in the state Medicaid program at its present level
27. A petition from Councilor Arlos to ask the Park Commission to provide free shuttle service to and from Burbank Park at Onota Lake
28. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the City Council vote to ask Superintendent of Schools to set up an assembly for high school seniors regarding the importance of registering to vote.

29. A petition from Council Arlos asking the City Council to vote to ask the Director of Finance what statute permits city employees who have voluntarily left their position to collect unemployment insurance
30. A report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its July 23, 2002 meeting
31. A report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its August 6, 2002 meeting.
32. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Brennan for consideration of a traffic light in the vicinity of Elm Street and Ontario Street, recommending it be filed
33. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Commissioner of Public Works paint "Slow – 15 MPH – School Zone" in the appropriate area of Reid Middle School, recommending it be approved
34. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a communication from Lorraine Heidemann regarding downtown parking, recommending it be accepted and placed on file
35. A report of the Traffic Commission 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
36. A report of the Traffic Commission to which was referred back its report to whom was jointly referred to the Police and Maintenance Departments a petition from Councilor Guzzo for a check of parking violations on a regular basis at the intersection of Onota and Linden Streets, recommending it be approved and the Traffic Commission to communicate to the Police and Maintenance Departments their concern for enforcement
37. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from former Councilor Brassard to examine the parking on Connecticut Avenue in the vicinity of Allendale School, recommending "No Parking" signs be installed in front of 145 Connecticut Avenue
38. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos for removal of the newly installed "No Parking" signs on Madison Avenue, recommending it be approved and appropriate signage be installed

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

39. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood for adoption of a graffiti ordinance, recommending it be approved
40. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from former Mayor Doyle submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16 – Personnel, recommending it be approved
41. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, relative to Council on Aging positions, recommending it be approved

42. 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.
43. 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 with regard to the position of the Accountant, recommending it be approved.

Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

44. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Commissioner of Public Works review and address the problem of dirty water on Anita Drive, recommending it be approved
45. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle to replace the sidewalk at 108 Cromwell Avenue, recommending it be approved
46. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle to replace the sidewalks in front of 42-44 Dickinson Avenue, recommending it be approved
47. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle to replace the sidewalks in front of 4 Dickinson Avenue, recommending it be approved
48. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos to address a road problem on Crane Avenue in the vicinity of the railroad tracks, recommending it be approved
49. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Commissioner of Public Works develop strategies to identify and clean up illegal dumps, recommending it be approved
50. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from former Councilor Grunin for installation of a drainage pipe in the culvert between 43 and 55 Nancy Avenue, recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

51. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$70,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund to Berkshire Community College, recommending it be approved

52. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$1.00 from the GE Economic Development Fund to Pittsfield Enterprise Center, recommending it be referred back to the Mayor without prejudice
53. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the Director of Community Development present his plans for bringing new businesses to the City, recommending the report of the Mayor and Director Amuso be accepted and placed on file
54. 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 City of Pittsfield to declare Assessor's Parcel H100004006 a surplus property, recommending it be filed
55. 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 the Year One GE Economic Development Fund to renovate St. Joseph's Convent, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

56. 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)

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

57. A petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting the Commissioner of Public Works solve the drainage problem at 540 East New Lenox Road
58. A Petition from Councilor Brennan requesting the Commissioner of Public Works give approval for installation of streetlights on Kathy Way.
59. A petition from Councilor Brennan requesting the Commissioner of Public Works investigate the water quality issues in the Lakewood Area.

Referred to the Traffic Commission

60. A petition from Councilor Arlos for installation of a "Watch Children" sign on Melrose Avenue
61. A petition from Councilor Arlos for installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Wahconah Street and North Street

62. A petition from Councilor Scapin for installation of street lights at the intersection of Henry Avenue and South Street

Referred to Dr. Travis and School Committee

63. A petition from Daniel Pictrowski requesting the City of Pittsfield transport children grades K-5 from upper Valentine Rd. to Capeless Elementary School (the former Highland School)

PLACED ON FILE

64. A response from the Chief of Police to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding increased traffic enforcement in the area of Orchard and Second Streets

65. A response from the Chief of Police to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding creation of an illegal dumping taskforce

66. A response from the Airport Commission to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding an accounting of financial activities of the airport