

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 14, 2003**

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 submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds from the Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of \$44,500
4. Communication submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$94,805 to accounts of the Police Department from certified free cash
5. Communication submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$40,000 to accounts of the Building Maintenance Department from certified free cash
6. Communication submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$7,500 to accounts of RSVP from certified free cash
7. Communication submitting the Fiscal 2002 Audit

APPOINTMENTS

8. Appointment of John J. Fitzgerald as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals
9. Appointment of Sylvia Stein as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals
10. Appointment of Maura E. Taillefer as a member of the Human Services Advisory Commission
11. Appointment of Richard J. Matthews as a member of the Human Services Advisory Commission

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

12. Petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting an update of the status of the auxiliary police
13. Petition from Councilor Kerwood to oppose any effort by the Governor to delay or reduce local aid
14. Petition from Councilor Tuttle to ask members of the legislature to postpone taking their scheduled pay raises
15. Petition from Councilors Tuttle and Arpante for an update of the re-development project for the former church on Tyler Street

16. Petition from Councilor Arlos to oppose increased cable rates and that the Department of Telecommunications hold a public hearing
17. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the City not pay off the \$4.6 million debt
18. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Mayor not fill the position of Recreation Director in the office of Community Services
19. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting the Mayor inform the Council of the results of the retrospective insurance audit
20. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting the Council President form an ad hoc committee to review upcoming budget issues
21. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting the Council's Committee on Community and Economic Development meet to discuss matters previously referred to it
22. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Superintendent of Schools to inform the Council of a contingency plan to deal with expected shortfalls in special education funds
23. Petition from Councilor Marchetti requesting the Director of Finance provide the Council with monthly income statements
24. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Mayor provide the Council with a copy of the lease agreement between the City and the tenant at the Springside House
25. Petition from Councilor Brennan requesting the Mayor appropriate \$40,000 for crossing guards
26. Petition from Councilor Brennan opposing any cuts in the upcoming state budget that affect local aid to cities and towns
27. Petition from Councilor Kerwood requesting the Mayor resubmit an Order authorizing the submission of a Special Act to extend the deadline for accepting the early retirement incentive program for municipal employees
28. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the City explore alternate uses for the Springside House
29. Report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its January 7, 2003 meeting

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND RULES

30. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from various Councilors and Fire Chief Risley to amend the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, Section 16-12(c)(4) with regard to educational incentive compensation, recommending it be approved

31. 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, Personnel with regard to the pay scale of Relief Nurse, recommending it be approved
32. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante to amend Council Rule 1B and 1C, recommending it be amended and approved
33. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo for establishment of a vicious dog ordinance, recommending it be approved
34. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the pay grade of Purchasing Agent, recommending it not be approved
35. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood requesting amendment of Council Rule 12, recommending it not be approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

36. 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)
37. 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)
38. Appointment of John Marchesi as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners (tabled 9-24-02)
39. The appointment of Mary Beth O'Brien as Assistant City Treasurer, including starting pay rate (tabled 10-8-02)
40. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)

NEW BUSINESS

41. Communication from the Pittsfield Retirement Board notifying the Council of its February 20, 2003 meeting

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

42. Petition from Councilor Bianchi for installation of a handicapped parking space in front of 224 Francis Avenue

43. Petition from Councilor Marchetti for relocation of the traffic signal on East Street at the westerly side of Lyman Street to the intersection of Lyman and East Streets

44. Petition from Councilor Arlos for an explanation of the rationale for the new traffic light at the intersection of Charles and North Streets

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

45. Petition from Councilor Guzzo for a crosswalk on Wahconah Street in front of the Pilgrim Memorial Church

Referred to the Mayor

46. Petition from Councilor Guzzo that the Mayor appropriate funds to conduct speed studies pending before the Traffic Commission

47. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Mayor reaffirm and enforce residency requirements for department heads and managers

Referred to the Community Development Board

48. Petition from Rose Land Co., Ltd and Patriot Resorts Corporation to rezone land on the northwest intersection of South Street and Dan Fox Drive

Referred to the Chief of Police

49. Petition from Councilor Marchetti for increased enforcement of the speed limit on North Street

PLACED ON FILE

50. Response from Special Olympics of Mass. to a petition from the Council requesting its winter games remain in Berkshire County

51. Response from the Director of Finance to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting a list of expenses that contribute to Net School Spending