

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 28, 2003
(REMINDER: Meeting now starts at 7:00 p.m.)

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 enter into a purchase and sale agreement for property at 477 South Mountain Road
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$1,460,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund to a capital project account in the Department of Public Works and Utilities
5. A communication submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$8,000 from Certified Free Cash to an account in the Building Maintenance Department
6. A communication submitting a response to a petition from Councilor Scapin regarding consolidation of City and School purchasing positions

APPOINTMENTS

7. Appointment of Nancy Giardina to the position of Assistant City Treasurer
8. Appointment of Daniel Allen as a member of the Human Services Advisory Council
9. Appointment of Rhonda Serre as a member of the Human Services Advisory Council
10. Appointment of Deborah Reinhart as a member of the Human Services Advisory Council
11. Appointment of Michael McCarthy as a member of the Pittsfield Housing Authority

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Public hearing on a petition from Rose Land Co., Ltd and Patriot Resorts Corporation to rezone land on the northwest intersection of South Street and Dan Fox Drive

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

13. A request from Councilor Bianchi, as Chairman of the Committee on Community and Economic Development, for an extension of requirement to hold its next meeting
14. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Conservation Commission explain the living situation of the city-owned house across from the Control Pavilion
15. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Senators Kennedy and Kerry and Representative Olver to intensify efforts to release emergency funds for heating for low-income citizens

16. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the City's department heads, commissions and boards submit a proposal of how a 15% cut in their respective budgets can be achieved
17. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Director of Finance investigate the history of the educational incentive pay for Fire Chief
18. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the Council vote to recommend a no hire policy in the City
19. A petition from Councilor Bianchi that the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee consider operational options should funding levels for FY 04 remain the same or decrease

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$94,805 from certified free cash to accounts of the Police Department, recommending it be approved with a recommendation that the Mayor do an interdepartmental transfer from salary accounts
21. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$40,000 from certified free cash to accounts of the Building Maintenance Department, recommending it be approved
22. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$7,500 from certified free cash to accounts of RSVP, recommending it be approved with a recommendation that the Mayor do a transfer from the Recreational Director salary account

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. 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)
24. 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)
25. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)

ORDINANCES (final reading)

26. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Sec. 16-12 (c), (4), regarding educational incentive pay for the Fire Chief
27. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Sec. 16-12(a), pay scale for relief nurse

28. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 2 ½, Animals and Fowl, Article II, Dogs, establishing a vicious dog ordinance

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

29. A petition from Councilor Scapin for removal of “one-hour” parking signs on the east side of Wendell Avenue from Broad Street, 300 feet north
30. A petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a traffic signal at the corner of Tyler Street and Woodlawn Avenue

Referred to the Mayor

31. A petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Mayor provide the Council with a list of city-owned properties that are used for rental properties or other non-city uses

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

32. A petition from Councilor Tuttle for creation of a Civilian Oversight Board

Referred to Executive Director of PEDDA

33. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the PEDDA Executive Director make a presentation to the Committee on Community and Economic Development on the status of the effort to redevelop the former GE complex