

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 9, 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. A communication submitting an Order amending Order #56 of the series of 2003 relative to the capital budget
4. A communication submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$81,933 from certified retained earnings in the sewer enterprise fund to eliminate the fiscal year 2003 sewer deficit
5. A communication submitting a Order transferring the sum of \$375,600 from the unclassified debt principal account to various accounts in the police and fire departments
6. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 24, Section 24-1, Schedule of Fees at it pertains to the Fire Department

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. Continuation of a public hearing on an Ordinance amending the City Code on Zoning as it pertains to Transfer Stations
8. A public hearing on the tax rate classification

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

9. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Representative Larkin to file a home rule bill providing state compensation to Pittsfield relative to group homes
10. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Mayor-elect Ruberto to add the slogan "Pittsfield-the Plastic Technology Center of the Nation" to the city's stationery
11. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the State Department of Telecommunications and Energy to hold a public hearing on cable rate increases
12. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Mayor-elect Ruberto to have the Building Commissioner and Maintenance Director devise a plan for a central location for permitting an licensing for prospective businesses
13. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the senior center hold a presentation on safe driving for seniors
14. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Mayor-elect Ruberto to join the city in enacting a local law that requires compensation of public employees called to active military duty

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### *Reports of the Committee on Community and Economic Development*

15. Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$100,000 from the GE Economic Development fund for the purpose of hiring a consultant as a Downtown Revitalization Manager, recommending it be filed
16. Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood that the PEDDA Executive Board make a presentation on the status of the effort to re-develop the former GE Complex, recommending it be filed
17. Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos inviting William Wilson to a public discussion with the Council, recommending it be filed

### *Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities*

18. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo to resurface or chip seal Chatham St., New Road, and Clifford Street, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood to be put on the 2004 chip sealing list
19. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo to loop the water line at the dead end of Mohegan St. with the line on Doyle Drive, recommending the petition be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood
20. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Mayor take action to lower fees involved in solid waste disposal in the City, recommending it be approved and referred to the Resource Recovery Commission
21. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Bianchi to loop the water system on Catherine St., Cecelia Terrace and the new street west of Cecelia Terrace, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood
22. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle to immediately resolve the water problem on Crane Avenue and Burke Avenue, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood
23. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo that Vin Hebert Boulevard be reclaimed and resurfaced, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood to be put on the 2004 chip sealing list

### *Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules*

24. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood amending Article 25 of the City Sign Ordinance, recommending it be filed

25. 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 7, to establish a conflict of interest code of conduct, recommending it be filed
26. 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 which eliminates residency requirements for managers, recommending it be filed
27. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Marchetti requesting establishment of an ordinance to limit the time a department head can serve as acting to six months, recommending it be filed
28. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Kenneth Ramsdell for creation of a program that allows property tax credits for senior citizens and other residents who perform municipal work, recommending it be filed
29. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III for an ordinance banning public nudity, recommending it be filed

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

30. A report of the Finance Committee to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2,200,000 for the purpose of school buses, recommending the approval of borrowing of \$1.5 million for the purpose of buying buses under Option 2 from the School Department
31. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the borrowing of \$1.5 Million for the purchase of 25 school buses

#### **MATTERS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27**

##### *Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities*

32. A petition from Councilor Vincelette to correct the flooding problem at 878 Holmes Road

##### *Referred to the Traffic Commission and Commissioner Collingwood*

33. A petition from Councilor Kerwood for repainting of crosswalks on Elm Street and installation of a pedestrian light in the vicinity of Harry's Supermarket and Family Practice Assoc.

##### *Referred to the Traffic Commission*

34. A petition from Councilor Scapin for installation of "No Parking Dec. 1 to April 1" signs on the north side of Worthington Street

#### **PLACED ON FILE**

35. Annual report of the Personnel Department
36. Annual report of Mental Health and Substance Abuse in the Berkshires
37. Response from Representative Kelly acknowledging receipt of the Council's vote in opposition to the US Patriot Act
38. Fiscal Year ended 2003 audit