

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 25, 2003
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. Communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$99,367 from the Unclassified Contingency Account to salary accounts of Local 65 employees
4. Communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$1,400 from the Unclassified Contingency Account to Junior Civil Engineers
5. Communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$9,500 from the Recreational Director account to accounts in RSVP
6. Communication submitting an Order accepting the donation of computers from General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems and Computer Sciences Corporation

APPOINTMENTS

7. Appointment of Ashley Smith as a member of the Human Services Advisory Council
8. Appointment of Carole Siegel, Daniel DeSantis, David McNiece and Richard Matthews as members of the Human Services Advisory Council
9. Appointment of June Hailer as a member of the Human Services Advisory Council
10. Appointment of Diane L. Weinstein, Rosanne M. Frieri, Theresa Talarico, Normalyn Powers and Lisa Lungo as members of the Council on Aging
11. Appointment of Keith S. Lang as a member of the Council on Aging

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

12. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the PEDDA Board consider renaming the Berkshire Business Park to the Pittsfield Business Park
13. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Mayor to establish a web site task force
14. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking for enforcement of the City Code with regard to trash removal from dwellings with four or more apartments

15. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking for a review of city-owned properties and evaluate those that can be made available for sale
16. Petition from Councilor Arlos that the City Council express its support for strengthening guidelines governing the Police Career Incentive Pay Program
17. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting information from the Director of Finance regarding the insurance services broker for the City
18. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the City Council to end its early budget planning sessions
19. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Bush Administration to release an additional \$150 million of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
20. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking that budget cuts proposed by the Council be submitted in the form of a petition
21. Petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting the City investigate entering into a buying collaborative
22. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Council to go on record as being opposed to the hiring of an assistant City Solicitor
23. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Council to consider combining the parks and schools maintenance departments
24. Petition from Councilors Marchetti and Vincelette requesting the Audit Committee meet monthly with the Director of Finance to identify any problem accounts
25. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Brennan for installation of a "Slow Children" sign in the vicinity of Easton Ave. and Elm St., recommending it be filed
26. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting Cadwell Road be closed to truck traffic, recommending it be filed
27. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante requesting repair of the pavement on Connecticut Ave near the entrance to Allendale School, recommending it be filed
28. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from the residents of Daytona Ave. and Hancock Road for a mirror on the light pole across from Daytona Avenue, recommending it be filed

29. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting a request from Commissioner Collingwood and MassHighway for a re-designation of Route 9 and a transfer of ownership of a section of Dalton Ave. for Merrill Road, recommending the request be approved
30. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting a Traffic Order establishing a parking restriction on the west side of Onota Street at Linden Street, recommending it be approved and signs installed

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee of the Whole

31. A report of the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred 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, recommending it be accepted and placed on file
32. A report of the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Marchetti requesting a meeting with the School Committee to review all possible funding scenarios under review for FY 03, recommending it be accepted and placed on file
33. A report of the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting a response from Superintendent Travis regarding consolidation of purchasing positions, recommending it be accepted and placed on file

Reports of the Audit Committee

34. A report of the Audit Committee to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for an explanation of allowed deductions in the Black Bears' 2002 Facility Expense Report, recommending it be referred to the Parks Commission
35. A report of the Audit Committee to whom was referred the Fiscal 2002 Audit and Management Letter, recommending it be accepted and placed on file

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. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)
39. 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 (tabled 1-28-03)

40. 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 transfer funds from the Recreational Director salary account (tabled 1-28-03)

NEW BUSINESS

41. A petition from Michael J. Castronova asking the City Council to pass a resolution opposing the impending U.S. military action in Iraq

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

42. Petition from Councilors Guzzo and Lee to amend Council Rule 26 to include the Committee of the Whole as a standing committee

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

43. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting the water line on Nancy Ave. be looped to Bushey Road
44. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting installation of a sidewalk in front of 141-145 Appleton Ave.

Referred to the Traffic Commission

45. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting a heavy commercial vehicle ban on East New Lenox Road
46. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting “no parking” signs on the west side of Commonwealth Avenue from Elm Street to Mass. Ave.

PLACED ON FILE

47. Annual report of the Building Maintenance Department
48. Annual report of the Community Development Board
49. Response from the Director of Finance to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding a detailed list of city expenses that contribute to the School Dept. budget