

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 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 authorizing the Mayor to submit the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan/Action plan for the 2003-2004 program year
4. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the transfer of \$19,510 from the Unclassified Contingency Account to the line item salary accounts of employees in the Mass. Nurse's Association
5. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the use of \$550,000 from the Bossidy Parks Donation account
6. Communication submitting an Order approving the certified project application of Capital Cardiology Associates PC

APPOINTMENTS

7. Appointment of Steven Alger to the Resource Recovery Committee
8. Appointment of Donald Atwater to the Resource Recovery Committee
9. Appointment of Jane Pellish to the Resource Recovery Committee
10. Appointment of Miriam Maduro to the Licensing Board
11. Appointment of Albert Pisani to the Licensing Board
12. Appointment of Michael Makes to the Conservation Commission
13. Appointment of James Conant to the Conservation Commission
14. Appointment of James Zilinski as a member of the Pittsfield Economic Development Board
15. Appointment of John Kelly as a member of the Pittsfield Economic Development Board

PUBLIC HEARING

16. Public hearing on the application of Konover Development Corp on behalf of CVS for a special permit for a drive-through window and drive-up ATM at 50-60 Center St

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

17. Petition from Councilors Scapin, Tuttle and Arpante requesting the Mayor appoint either a permanent or provisional Fire Chief from within the Fire Department
18. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Mayor enforce the City Code, Chapter 16, sec 16-15 with regard to comp time for managers
19. Petition from Councilor Tuttle to inform the Conservation Commission that leases with city employees are prohibited
20. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Superintendent of Schools for information regarding recent issues of the involuntary transfer of a teacher
21. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking Verizon to install one-minute, ten-cent phones in the downtown area
22. Petition from Councilor Arlos recommending the Commissioner of Public Works include funds in his budget to purchase a truck that melts snow
23. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Council to go on record in opposition to the widening of Cheshire Road
24. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Mayor to use dog licensing fees to restore a full-time dog officer
25. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the City Solicitor to explain the rationale for hiring an outside attorney and the cost to pay said attorney

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

26. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting a request of Commissioner Collingwood and MassHighway for re-designation of Route 9 and a transfer of ownership of a section of Dalton Avenue for Merrill Road, recommending it be approved
27. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting the water line on Nancy Avenue be looped to Bushey Road, recommending it be approved
28. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting installation of a sidewalk in front of 141-145 Appleton Avenue, recommending it be approved pending funding

29. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo for a crosswalk on Wahconah Street in front of Pilgrim Memorial Church, recommending it be referred to the Traffic Commission

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. 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)
31. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)
32. Public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. to locate poles on West Street (tabled 3-11-03)
33. Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the use of \$1,460,000 from the GE Economic Development fund (tabled 3-11-03)
34. Petition from Peter White asking the Council to go on record in opposition to Governor Romney's proposal to consolidate BCC and MCLA (tabled 3-11-03)

NEW BUSINESS

35. A petition from Anthony Maffuccio that the Council ask the Mayor to follow through with establishing a Charter Commission
36. A petition from Anthony Maffuccio to review possible establishment of a Parking Commission

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

37. Petition from Anthony Maffuccio to establish an Ordinance for temporary department heads

Referred to the Community Development Board

38. Petition from the Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article 23-2, Section 2.2, to add the definition of Bed & Breakfast Home, Tourist Home
39. Petition from the Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article 23-2, Section 2.2, to add the definition of Time Share

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

40. Petition from Anthony Maffuccio for an Ordinance to limit parking during winter months
41. Petition from Anthony Maffuccio for a spring leaf collection

Referred to the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools

42. Petition from Anthony Maffuccio requesting the delay of hiring of principals and consideration of merging the administration of schools

Referred to the Committee on Community and Economic Development

43. A petition from Donna M. Walto that the Council vote in opposition to the proposed move of the Berkshire Visitor's Bureau and obtain bylaws and minutes of the meeting when the move was decided

PLACED ON FILE

44. Response from the Acting Purchasing Agent to a petition from Councilor Tuttle regarding a buying collaborative
45. Response from the Director of Finance/Treasurer to a petition from Councilor Arlos asking for information regarding compensation of the Police Chief as Acting Fire Chief