

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 22, 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 expenditure of \$550,000 from the Bossidy Parks Donation account for improvements of the playing fields and purchase of playground equipment
4. Communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$276,000 from the Unclassified Contingency Account to the Patrol Officers salary line
5. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$152,100.50 from the Capitol Theater Urban Renewal Project account to the Capital Project Showplace Theater and the Capital Project Gateway accounts
6. Communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$40,000 from various accounts to the Parks/Maintenance Capital Projects account
7. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds from the Executive Office of Public Safety
8. Communication submitting an Order amending the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan/Action Plan for the 2002-2003 program year
9. Communication submitting a Resolution declaring a partnership with residents of the west side neighborhood through the "West Side Initiative" to effect the neighborhood revitalization

APPOINTMENTS

10. Appointment of Michael Filpi as a member of the Parks Commission
11. Appointment of James Marby as a member of the Airport Commission
12. Appointment of Kenneth A. Grady as a member of the Airport Commission
13. Appointment of Brenda Brown as a member of the Commission on Disabilities

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

14. Petition from Councilor Arlos to ask Congress to fully fund veterans' health care programs

15. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Director of Administration and Finance how many and what positions in city government and the school dept. have had their wages doubled in the last ten years
16. Petition from Councilor Arlos to eliminate three Deputy Chief Positions in the Fire Dept.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

17. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilors Kerwood and Bianchi to accept M.G.L. Chapter 58, Section 8C, which would allow the city to forgive taxes on residential properties that would be redeveloped as affordable housing, recommending it be approved
18. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance to eliminate the residency requirements for managers, recommending the communication be denied
19. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Anthony Maffuccio to establish an ordinance for temporary department heads, recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Finance

20. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$8,000 from certified free cash to accounts of the Building Maintenance Department, recommending it be approved
21. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the use of \$550,000 from the Bossidy Parks Donation account, recommending the Park Commission's proposal be approved in principle, but that the Order be filed
22. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the City not pay off the \$4.6 million debt, recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

23. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting Bryan Street be chip sealed, recommending it be approved
24. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo requesting Thomas Island Road, Thomas Shore Drive and Green Hill Road be considered for chip sealing, recommending it be approved

Reports of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

25. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway authorizing submission of the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan/Action Plan for the 2003-2004 program year, recommending the plan be amended to read "that sidewalks and handicap curb cuts be delivered as they have been in the past," and the plan be approved

26. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a petition from Councilors Scapin, Guzzo and Bianchi that the Office of Community and Economic Development prepare a current, comprehensive long-range plan for downtown development, recommending it be filed
27. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a petition from Donna Walto that the Council vote in opposition to the proposed move of the Berkshire Visitors' Bureau and obtain bylaws and minutes of the meeting when the move was decided, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. 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)
29. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)
30. 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)

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

31. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a crosswalk at 285 Cheshire Road

Referred to the Traffic Commission

32. Petition from Councilor Kerwood for removal of the "No Parking 8a.m. to 5p.m." signs on Tyler Street Extension and the installation of "90 Minute Parking" signs

PLACED ON FILE

33. Response from the Acting City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the hiring of an outside attorney to appear before the Civil Service Commission