

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 8, 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 City to appropriate funds from the GE Economic Development Fund for the purpose of expanding water and sewer service to the Dan Fox Drive area
4. Communication submitting an Order authorizing submission of a special act with regard to seasonal employees
5. Communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$11,000 from Parks-Recreation to Parks-Maintenance
6. Communication submitting a Traffic Order establishing a “no parking” zone on the west side of Commonwealth Avenue

APPOINTMENTS

7. Appointment of M. Kelly Baumert as an assessor for the City of Pittsfield
8. Appointment of Charles W. Cook as a member of the Resource Recovery Committee
9. Appointment of Colin Smith as a member of the Airport Commission
10. Appointment of Kevin Magner as a member of the Airport Commission
11. Appointment of Alycia Sacco-Duquette as a member of the Airport Commission

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

12. Petition from Councilor Scapin asking the Mayor to immediately remove Chief Riello from the position of Acting Director of Administrative Services
13. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking for information regarding the termination of the Medicaid Reimbursement Coordinator
14. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the City Council to go on record in opposition to the decision to use 100% of Community Development Block Grant sidewalk funds entirely on the west side of the city
15. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Finance Advisory Board investigate payments made to the Police Chief as Acting Fire Chief

16. Petition from Councilor Arlos to institute a suggestion program for city workers
17. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Building Inspector take appropriate steps to demolish the burned building on Curtis Terrace
18. Petition from Councilor Tuttle to replace the existing animal control officer with two part-time positions
19. Petition from Councilor Tuttle to ask the owner of the Wyandotte Bridge to provide the city with a 99-year easement
20. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Mayor to explain how she is paying the Acting Director of Administrative Services
21. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting a public hearing on the proposal to build a waste processing facility on Industrial Road
22. Petition from Councilors Tuttle and Brennan and Donna Walto asking the Council to go on record in opposition to the move of the Berkshire Visitors' Bureau
23. Petition from Councilors Marchetti and Brennan asking Chief Riello to explain the elimination of reimbursement for auxiliary police officers
24. Petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the office of the Attorney General to investigate improprieties that lead to the resignation of the Medicaid Reimbursement Coordinator
25. Petition from Councilor Kerwood to accept the provisions of Section 73 of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2003 creating a Municipal Tax Amnesty Program
26. Petition from Councilor Kerwood asking the Council to express its support for Senate Bill 1683, "An Act Extending State Financing for the Colonial Theater in the City of Pittsfield"
27. Petition from Councilor Kerwood to establish an "Overlay District" for the Berkshire Business Park
28. Petition from Councilors Tuttle, Arpante, Brennan and Scapin to give permission to the Pittsfield American Legion and VFW to put flags on North Street and other strategic locations to show support for our Country
29. Petition from Councilor Brennan that the Mayor discontinue any additional pay to the Police Chief
30. Petition from Councilor Brennan to review the possibility of consolidating the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Senior Center
31. Petition from Councilor Brennan requesting legislation to exempt the City from the Community Preservation Act

32. Petition from Councilor Marchetti asking the Mayor to justify additional salary payments to the Acting Fire Chief and Acting Director of Administrative Services
33. Petition from Councilor Vincelette for resolution of the drainage problem in the vicinity of 206 High Street
34. Petition from Councilor Vincelette to reduce the salary of City Councilors and the Council President
35. Communication from the City Clerk submitting Orders issuing warrants and designating polling places and times for the City Preliminary election
36. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Bianchi for installation of a handicapped sign in front of 224 Francis Ave., recommending it be approved, sign installed and reviewed in May 2004
37. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette for “no parking” signs on the west side of Commonwealth Ave. from Elm to Mass. Ave, recommending it be approved and signs installed
38. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the State to remove the traffic signal at the intersection of Charles and North Streets, recommending it be filed
39. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilors Vincelette and Kerwood for a “watch children” sign in the vicinity of 11 Preston Ave., recommending it be filed

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Audit Committee

40. A report of the Audit to whom was referred a report of the Committee on Finance on a communication from the Mayor submitting an Order appropriating the sum of \$94,805 from free cash to accounts of the Police Department, recommending it be referred back to the Mayor
41. A report of the Audit Committee to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood to establish a position within the Personnel Department that would be responsible for administration of the City’s Health Insurance Fund, recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Public Safety and Health

42. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Police Department issue guns to the auxiliary police, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

43. 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)

44. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)
45. 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)
46. 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)
47. Appointment of John Kelly as a member of the PEDDA Board (tabled 3-25-03)

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

48. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for completion of the sidewalk on the north side of Fairview Ave.
49. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for replacement of the sidewalk in front of 91 Parker St.
50. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for repair of the sidewalks and streets at the corner of Yarmouth and North Streets
51. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a catch basin on Plunkett Street
52. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a catch basin in the vicinity of 8 Mervyn Street

Referred to the Traffic Commission

53. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a "slow children" sign in the vicinity of 100 Brown Street
54. Petition from Councilor Scapin for installation of "no parking" signs on the northerly side of Bryant Street
55. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Traffic Commission to take action to prevent parents of Herberg School children from dropping them off on Pomeroy Ave.

Referred to the Parks Commission

56. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of playground equipment at West Memorial Park

Referred to the Health Commissioner

57. Petition from Councilor Tuttle that the Commissioner inspect and have the owner remove garbage and debris at the burned building on Curtis Terrace

PLACED ON FILE

58. Response from the Buildings Commissioner to a petition from Councilor Arpante regarding parking structures in the City

