

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 27, 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 transferring \$1,000,000 from certified free cash to the stabilization account
4. Communication submitting an Order appropriating \$460,000 from the Reserve for Debt Payment account to the Other Financing Sources account
5. Communication submitting an Order appropriating \$60,049.15 from the Overlay Surplus account to the Provision for 2002 Abatements and Exemptions account
6. Communication submitting an Order transferring \$30,000 from the Overlay Surplus account to the Other Finance Sources account
7. Communication submitting an Order establishing sewer rates and an Order establishing water rates
8. Communication submitting an Order rescinding Order No. 25 of the series of 2003 which authorized the transfer and expenditure of \$550,000 from Bossidy Parks donation funds
9. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the expenditure of \$550,00 from the Bossidy Parks Donation account
10. Communication submitting an Order accepting a donation from General Dynamics of computers and monitors for the Pittsfield Visitors' center
11. Communication submitting an Order authorizing the use and expenditure of the city's current revolving funds
12. Communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, with regard to the pay scale for Park Security Officers

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

13. Public hearing on the petition of Western Mass Electric Company and Verizon Inc. to locate poles on Broad Street
14. Public hearing on the petition Western Mass Electric Company to locate lines on West Housatonic Street

15. Public hearing on the petition Western Mass Electric Company and Verizon Inc. to locate poles on Scammell Ave.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

16. Petition from Councilor Tuttle to transfer the Pittsfield Police dispatchers to the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's communication center
17. Petition from Councilors Tuttle and Arpante for enforcement of code violations evident at the sight of the abandoned church on the corner of Woodlawn Ave. and Dalton Ave.
18. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for creation of an endowment fund for the city school system
19. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting information regarding how much money the city has provided the schools in Fiscal 2003 in excess of net school spending
20. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking various school department personnel to forego certain pay raises in Fiscal Year 2004
21. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the City Engineer provide information with the number of acres off Dan Fox Drive that are provided with water and sewer lines
22. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Director of the Auxiliary police to participate in traffic control for the Fourth of July parade and to invite the Holyoke auxiliary police
23. Petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Chief of Police the cost for police patrols in the vicinity of Berkshire Gas Company
24. Petition from Councilor Tuttle for resolution of a dust problem on Bryan Street caused by materials used to repair the road
25. Petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting a copy of an opinion letter from the Department of Revenue that authorizes intradepartmental transfers
26. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin and former Councilor Barry that on-street parking permits be issued, including a list from Councilors Kerwood, Scapin and former Councilor Brassard of streets that might benefit from on-street parking permits, recommending the petition and list be filed
27. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Marchetti that the Traffic Commission explore the impact that the new intersection at Charles Street/ Springside Ave./North Street would have on Springside Avenue, recommending it be filed
28. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante to address the parking problem at the corner of Dartmouth Street and Springside Ave., recommending it be referred to the Parks Commission
29. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood requesting "No Parking Here to Corner" signs in front of 288 Elm St., recommending it be filed

30. Report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arpante for “Go Children Slow” or similar speed limit signage on Tyler Street between Woodlawn Ave. and New York Ave., recommending it be filed

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### *Reports of the Committee on Finance*

31. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order appropriating \$310,000 to an account in the Dept. of Public Utilities/Water Division, recommending it be approved
32. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order appropriating \$286,000 to an account in the Dept. of Public Utilities/Wastewater Division, recommending it be approved
33. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order appropriating \$227,218.12 from certified free cash to an account in the Department of Public Works, recommending it be approved
34. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order transferring the amount of \$148,590 from various accounts to the Fire Department, recommending it be approved
35. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order transferring \$75,000 within accounts of the Department of Public Works and Utilities, recommending it be approved
36. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order transferring \$56,783 from the workers compensation account to the Police Department, recommending it be approved
37. A report of the Committee on Finance to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order transferring \$51,127 from various accounts to the Public Works Department, recommending it be approved

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

38. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting a Resolution declaring a partnership with residents of the west side neighborhood through the West Side Initiative to effect the neighborhood revitalization, recommending it be approved
39. A 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 \$33,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund to Berkshire Plastics Network, recommending it not be approved

Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

40. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for completion of the sidewalk on the north side of Fairview Ave., recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood
41. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette for resolution of the drainage problem in the vicinity of 206 High Street, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood
42. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a catch basin on Plunkett Street, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood
43. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for repair of the sidewalks and street at the corner of Yarmouth and North Streets, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood
44. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for replacement of the sidewalk in front of 91 Parker Street, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood
45. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a crosswalk at 285 Cheshire Road, recommending it be filed
46. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle requesting a feasibility study of the Dan Fox Drive Water/Sewer Project, recommending it be filed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

47. 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)
48. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)
49. 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)
50. Petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III that the City Council designate August 2 & 3, 2003 as "The Berkshire Music Festival on the Lake" weekend (tabled 5-13-03)

**ORDINANCES (final readings)**

51. Final reading of an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, as it pertains to time share
52. Final reading of an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, as it pertains to bed and breakfast/tourist home

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

*Referred to the Traffic Commission*

53. Petition from Nancy Vosburgh requesting the Traffic Commission review the proposed plan for a waste transfer station at the intersection of Industrial Drive and South Street

*Referred to the Superintendent of Schools*

54. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting a breakdown of projected school bus service costs for Fiscal Year 2004

**PLACED ON FILE**

55. Response from Chief Riello to a petition from Councilor Tuttle regarding replacing the animal control officer with two part-time positions
56. Response from Chief Riello to a petition from Councilors Brennan and Marchetti regarding elimination of reimbursement for auxiliary police officers