

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**June 10, 2003**

**Agenda**

1. Open microphone

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

2. This item reserved for the mayor to address the city council.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

3. Communication submitting an order transferring the sum of \$18,616.08 from the unclassified contingency account of 01502-57823 to the personnel department sick conversion account 011111-5190.
4. Communication submitting an order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$125,000 from the Massachusetts Department of housing and Community Development lead abatement gap filler IV program
5. Communication submitting an order transferring \$36,065 from the unclassified contingency account to the line item salary accounts of the employees of the Berkshire Athenaeum
6. Communication submitting an order authorizing a transfer in the sum of \$61,500 from unclassified contingency 01502-57823 to dispatches 01190-51105
7. Communication submitting an order accepting transfer of property between Elm Street and Deming Street on the Housatonic River
8. Communication submitting the quarterly progress report from Downtown Inc.
9. Communication submitting an order authorizing submission of a special act to the Massachusetts States Legislature exempting certain positions in the City of Pittsfield from the civil service law.
10. Communication submitting an ordinance amending the code of the city of Pittsfield chapter 24, schedule of fees, building department

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

11. Petition from Councilor Arlos to ask former Commissioner of Public Works William Forestell what he would charge the city to conduct an assessment of the vulnerability of the city's water and sewer systems.
12. Petition from Councilor Arlos to ask the city's personnel director not to start contract negotiations until August 1, 2003.

13. Petition from Councilor Arlos to ask Bousquet Ski Area and Berkshire West to fund a feasibility study for water and sewer extension on Dan Fox Drive for the development of their areas.

14. Petition from Councilor Tuttle to ask Commissioner Collignwood to address and immediately resolve the water problem on Crane Ave. and Burke Ave.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **Reports of Finance Subcommittee**

15. Communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting orders establishing sewer rates and water rates, recommending approval.

16. Communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an order transferring \$30,000 from the overlay surplus account to the other financing sources account, recommending approval

17. Communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an order transferring \$60,049.15 from the overlay surplus account to the provision for 2002 abatements and exemptions account, recommending approval

18. Communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an order transferring \$460,000 from the Reserve Debt Payment account to the other financing sources account, recommending approval

19. Communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an order transferring \$1,000,000 from certified free cash to the stabilization account, recommending approval

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

20. 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)

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

22. 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)

23. 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)

24. A communication submitting an order authorizing the use and expenditure of the city's current revolving funds (tabled 5-28-03)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

25. Petition from Richard Johnson, vice president of U.S. Filter Operating Services, requesting permission to make a presentation at the June 24 meeting regarding the city's water and wastewater systems

26. Petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III asking the council to send a letter to the mayor requesting \$3,000 for a music festival

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

*Referred to the Commission of Public Works*

27. Petition from councilor Arlos requesting commissioner Collingwood develop a program to paint crosswalks near schools and organize a schedule to pick up curbing dislodged during snowplowing.

*Referred to Chief of Police*

28. Petition from councilor Arlos to ask the chief of Police to lift ban against permittign the owner of the popcorn wagon to park car behind the wagon on the Fourth of July

**PLACED ON FILE**

29. Annual report of the department of personnel