

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 24, 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. A communication submitting an order appropriating \$1,250,000 from certified free cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2004 tax rate
4. A communication submitting an order appropriating \$100,002,226 for the Fiscal Year 2004 Operating budget
5. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the borrowing of \$2 million for a capital expenditures
6. A communication submitting an order establishing a sewer rate for domestic septage
7. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 7, to establish a conflict of interest code of conduct
8. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the sum of \$185,000 from the GE Economic Development fund for the Berkshire Wyandotte Mill bridge replacement
9. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the use of \$1,460,000 from the G.E. Economic Development Fund for the purpose of expanding water and sewer service to the Dan Fox Drive area

**APPOINTMENTS**

10. Appointment of Cecelia J. Young as a member of the Council on Aging

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

11. A petition from Councilor Guzzo that Vin Hebert Boulevard be reclaimed and resurfaced
12. A petition from Councilor Guzzo to amend Council Rule 1C with regard to the public comment period before Committee of the Whole meetings
13. A petition from Councilor Arlos to oppose House Bill 4000 which would sell the naming rights to state parks for the purpose of raising money
14. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Berkshire Works to assign three Americorps members to work on City projects during the summer

15. A petition from Councilor Arlos to ask R.S.V.P. and maintenance to work to establish a “yellow bike program” at the new visitors’ center
16. A petition from Councilor Guzzo requesting repair of the bridge on Hancock Road, west of Pecks Road
17. A petition from Councilor Guzzo that the Parks Department takes immediate action to repair and clean Burbank Park
18. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Council to invite the Berkshire Visitors Bureau to occupy a section of the Pittsfield Visitors Center

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### *Reports of the Committee of the Whole*

19. A report of the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting Orders relative to the Fiscal 2004 budget, recommending preliminary approval

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

20. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Bianchi for re-evaluation of the Community Development Block Grant Zones, recommending Director Amuso’s presentation be approved
21. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the amount of \$185,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund to the Wyandotte Mille Bridge Replacement, recommending it not be approved, and further recommending that a side agreement be negotiated between the parties as to what will happen to the bridge after it is repaired
22. 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 be approved

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

23. 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)
24. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)

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

*Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works*

25. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting Commissioner Collingwood to provide the Council with information regarding the amount of money raised with a 15% and 16% increase in water and sewer rates

*Referred to the Director of Administration and Finance*

26. Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting information regarding the amount of unspent funds on city bond issues for capital projects and other unspent funds

*Referred to the Traffic Commission*

27. A petition from Councilor Brennan requesting two handicapped spaces be added in front of the old visitors center near the Superior Court House
28. A petition from Councilor Brennan requesting relocation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signs on the southern side of Ashley Street

*Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities*

29. A petition from Councilor Brennan requesting the sidewalks on Adelaide Ave. be replaced/repared
30. A petition from Councilor Brennan requesting Naples Ave. and Duncan Ave. be paved or chi-sealed

**PLACED ON FILE**

31. A response from the Superintendent of Schools to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding schools buses and a petition from Councilor Tuttle regarding creation of an endowment fund
32. A response from Representative Kelly to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding rent increases for low-income public housing tenants