

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 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. A communication submitting an Order transferring \$57,600 from various accounts to the Personnel Department from the FY03 budget
4. A communication submitting an Order relative to a conservation restriction for land at Dan Fox Drive/South Street
5. A communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$47,733.80 from the Unclassified contingency account to the line item salary accounts of the Mass Nurses Assoc.
6. A communication submitting an Order accepting a donation of computers from Berkshire Health Systems
7. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, sec. 16-12(a) with regard to the exempt employee pay scale
8. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, with regard to RSVP positions
9. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel with regard to the grade of the Purchasing Agent
10. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, with regard to the grade of the Director of Community Development
11. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel with regard to the grade of the City Accountant
12. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel with regard to the management pay scale

APPOINTMENTS

13. Appointment of Joseph Castellani, Jr. as a member of the Taxicab Commission

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company to locate conduits on Wendell Avenue

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17. Public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. to place one jointly owned pole on Tamarack Road

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

18. A petition from Councilor Lee asking the Council President to reverse his ruling on a previous agenda item
19. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Commissioner Collingwood to perform the water vulnerability study with the hire assistance of former Commissioner Forestell
20. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting a public policy question regarding privatization of the school bus operations be placed on the November 4th ballot
21. A petition from Councilor Tuttle thanking Jim McGrath and Tony Stracuzzi for obtaining and installing playground equipment at West Memorial Park
22. A report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its June 17, 2003 meeting
23. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood for removal of "No Parking 8 a.m. to 5 p.m." signs on Tyler Street Ext. and installation of "90 minute parking" signs, recommending removal of "One Hour Parking" signs and installation of "90 minute parking" signs
24. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Guzzo for a crosswalk on Wahconah Street in front of Pilgrim Memorial Church, recommending it be filed
25. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin for removal of "One Hour" parking signs on the east side of Wendell Avenue from Board Street, 300 feet north, recommending it be approved
26. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Bianchi requesting restriction of on-street parking in front of 297 Columbus Avenue, recommending it be approved and "no parking" signs installed
27. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Scapin for installation of "no parking" signs on the northerly side of Bryant Street, recommending it be filed
28. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Vincelette for installation of "no parking 8 a.m. to 8 p.m." signs on the west side of Chickering Street, recommending it be approved and signs installed

29. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a stop sign at the corner of Burke Avenue and Clark Road, recommending it be approved
30. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle for installation of a “slow children” sign in the vicinity of 100 Brown Street, recommending it be filed
31. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos to prevent parents of Herberg School children from dropping them off on Pomeroy Avenue, recommending it be filed
32. A report of the Traffic Commission to whom was referred a petition from Nancy Vosburgh, requesting a review of the proposed plan for a waste transfer station at the intersection of Industrial Drive and South Street, recommending it be referred to the Department of Community Development to perform a traffic study

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

33. 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 be filed
34. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the owner of the Wyandotte Bridge to provide the City with a 99-year easement, recommending it be filed
35. 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 \$1,460,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund for the purpose of expanding water and sewer service to the Dan Fox Drive area, recommending it be approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

36. 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)
37. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)
38. 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 \$185,000 from the GE Economic Development Fund to the Wyandotte Mill Bridge replacement, recommending it 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

NEW BUSINESS

39. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III asking the Council to recognize August 2nd and 3rd as First Amendment Weekend

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Dept. of Environmental Protection

40. Petition from Councilor Arlos to ask Bob Mellace of DEM to install bicycle tire pumps on the Ashuwillticook Trail

Referred to the Director of Maintenance

41. Petition from Councilor Arlos to revive or replace trees in front of City Hall and the Police Department

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

42. A petition from Councilors Bianchi and Guzzo for creation of an Ordinance to prohibit large breed dogs in dwellings containing more than two apartments and not occupied by the owner
43. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III for creation of an Ordinance prohibiting any City department, commission or agency from abridging the freedom of speech
44. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III for creation of an ad hoc committee to investigate civil rights violations conducted by city employees
45. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III for creation of an Ordinance prohibiting any city department, commission or agency from placing a financial burden on any right afforded by the First Amendment

Referred to the Traffic Commission

46. A petition from Councilor Arpante for removal of the prohibition of u-turns on Dalton Avenue
47. A petition from Councilor Arpante for elimination of one hour parking on Hamlin Street

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

48. A petition from Councilor Guzzo to add the newly constructed section of Center Street and the entire length of Seymour Street to the city's snow fighter route

Referred to the Mayor

49. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Mayor to direct the Commissioner of Public Utilities to hire a consultant hydrologist to determine whether the city is responsible for flooding problems on Burke Ave., Crane Ave., and adjacent areas, and if so, to recommend action

Referred to the office of the City Solicitor

50. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III asking the Council to allow the Berkshire Music Festival on the Lake to occur

Referred to the Chief of Police

51. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III asking the auxiliary police be used at the Berkshire Music Festival on the Lake

Referred to the Parks Commission and Conservation Commission

52. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III to allow the Berkshire Music Festival on the Lake to occur and recognize financial commitments of the petitioner

53. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III for regulation of speech and admonishing them to avoid estimating crowd size and demographics