

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 12, 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 authorizing the City of Pittsfield to enter into a contract with the Town of Lee for weed harvesting program at Laurel Lake.
4. A communication submitting an order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to enter into a contract with the Town of Lanesborough for weed harvesting at Pontoosuc Lake.
5. A communication submitting an order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to enter into a contract with the Town of Lenox for weed harvesting at Laurel Lake.
6. A communication submitting an order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to enter into a contract with the Town of Stockbridge for weed harvesting at Stockbridge Bowl.
7. A communication submitting a proposed order to amend the uses of a portion of HUD Section 108 Loan to the Department of Community Development for funds available acquisition and demolition of vacant deteriorated buildings.
8. A communication establishing the location of an official stop sign at intersection of Burke Ave. and Clark Rd.
9. A communication submitting an order authorizing the Mayor to waive the City's first refusal option to purchase forest land owned by Jerome C. Utz, Trustee of the Utz Family Realty Trust, located on North St. and Clark Rd.

APPOINTMENTS

10. Appointment of Kathleen Clark as a member of the City of Pittsfield Commission on Disabilities.
11. Appointment of Dr. Mary K. Grant as a member of the Pittsfield Economic Development Board for a one-year term.
12. Appointment of Ronald J. Marcella as a Constable for a three-year term.
13. Appointment of Antonio Marcella as a Constable for a three-year term.
14. Appointment of Daniel Tricerri as a Constable for a three-year term.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

15. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Mayor to appropriate \$10,000 for a gun buy-back program
16. A petition from Councilor Arlos to use funds previously earmarked for pay increases for school administrators
17. A petition from Councilor Kerwood for an ordinance establishing the position of Housing Code Inspector
18. A petition from Councilors Tuttle and Arpante requesting resources and/or manpower from the State and Federal governments to assist with drug and violent crime problems
19. A petition from Councilor Tuttle for a status report from the hydrologist that the Council requested to help resolve the water problem in the Burke Ave./Crane Ave. area
20. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the City Council vote to ask Ernie Fortini to move the former tourist booth from Park Square to a location determined by Jim McGrath and the Park Commission.
21. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Chief Riello to move the Morningside Community Police Center to the former Emergency Management building
22. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Mayor to appropriate money for spraying of the city's catch basins for mosquitoes
23. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking for a voluntary program for city employees to buy prescription drugs from Canada.
24. A Petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the City Council vote to ask the Mayor to reconsider her stance in ignoring the willingness of the Berkshire Visitors Bureau to offer its professional expertise to the City's new Visitors center.
25. A petition from Councilor Arlos request the City Council vote to instruct the Police Chief to have Tom Grizey hold an auction of the abandoned bicycles.
26. A petition from Councilor Guzzo requesting the Mayor appropriate \$5,000 to be used if needed in the preparation of the application for the National Register Nomination of Wahconah Park.
27. A petition from Councilor Marchetti requesting Commissioner Collingwood work with Resource Recovery Facility to assist residents that are bringing yard waste.
28. Report of the personnel Review Board's July 22, 2003 meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

29. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code Chapter 16, Personnel relative to RSVP positions recommending it not be approved.
30. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code Chapter 16 Personnel, increasing the exempt employee pay scale recommending it be approved.
31. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, and Personnel, to change the grade of Purchasing Agent recommending it be approved.
32. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code Chapter 16, Personnel, changing the grade of the Director of Community and Economic Development, recommending it not be approved.
33. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, and Personnel, changing the grade of the City Accountant, recommending it not be approved.
34. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, and Personnel, amending the Management pay scale, recommending it not be approved.
35. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, and Personnel, regarding the pay scale for Park Security Officers recommending it be approved.
36. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Ordinance amending the City code, Chapter 24 Schedule of Fees Section 24-1 Building Dept, Electrical Installations recommending it be approved.
37. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a petition from Councilor Kerwood to accept the provisions of Section 73 of Chapter 4, of the Acts of 2003 creating a Municipal Tax Amnesty Program, recommending it be approved and referred to Mayor Hathaway.
38. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred 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, recommending that it be filed.

39. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a petition from Renaldo DelGallo III for creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate Civil Rights violations conducted by City employees, recommending it be filed.
40. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III for free use of the Artabout Stage for non-profit organizations, recommending it be filed.
41. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III, for free use of the Artabout Stage for organizations providing a free event, open to the public and providing a public benefit, recommending it be filed.
42. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and rules to who was referred a petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III, for creation of an ordinance prohibiting any City Department, Commission, or Agency from abridging the Freedom of Speech, recommending it be filed.

REPORT of the Committee on Public Safety and Health

43. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health to who was referred a petition from Councilor Tuttle to transfer the Pittsfield Police Dispatchers to the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Communication Center, recommending it be filed.
44. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health to whom was referred a petition from councilor Tuttle requesting an explanation of the procedure for forcing owners to remove abandoned houses and construction dumpsters left on properties, recommending it be referred to the Mayor for immediate implementation of a written set of procedures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

45. 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)
46. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)

NEW BUSINESS

47. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III requesting City Council determination on 10 questions pertaining to the Pittsfield Airport.
48. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to determine the five most pressing and controversial issues facing the City, for ballot consideration.
49. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III for a ballot question that would instruct legislators to support legislation to create a presumption of shared parentage

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to Commissioner Collingwood

50. A petition from residents requesting Shore Drive, Thomas Road and Green Hill Road be swept
51. A petition from Councilor Marchetti requesting Longview Terrace Extension be graded.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

52. A petition from residents of Abbott Street requesting various improvements to Abbot Street
53. A petition from Councilor Guzzo to resurface or chip seal Chatham Street, New Road, and Clifford Street

Referred to the Department of Community Development

54. A petition from Councilor Guzzo for an investigation regarding the lack of lighting that was to be established for three off-street parking lots on Seymour Street

Referred to the Community Development Board

55. A petition from the Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Pittsfield with regard to adult entertainment
56. A petition from the Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance for City of Pittsfield with regard to projections into yards.

Referred to the Audit Committee

57. A Petition from Terry M. Kinnas requesting the Audit Committee review the expenses of the Workman's Compensation package.

Referred to the School Committee

58. A petition from Rinaldo Del Gallo III requesting a ballot question regarding the merger of Pittsfield and Taconic High Schools.

Referred to Mayor Hathaway

59. A Petition from Terry M Kinnas requesting the Council and or/Mayor ask the Attorney General's office to release the City of Pittsfield Health insurance report.
60. A petition from Terry M. Kinnas requesting the City Council and Mayor look into the possibility of forming a City Manager form of government.
61. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting expending monies from G.E. Settlement exclusively on industrial economic development.

Referred to Mayor Hathaway and Chief Riello

62. A Petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III to establish a volunteer auxiliary police force, with the power to arrest.

Referred to the Animal Control Commission

63. A Petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III regarding dangerous dogs.

Referred to Committee on Ordinance and Rules.

64. A Petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting an ordinance is created regarding G.E. settlement monies.

Referred to the Traffic Commission

65. A petition from Councilor Scapin requesting stop signs be installed on Henry Ave., at the intersection of Elizabeth St.

Referred to the City Solicitor

66. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting a ballot question regarding G.E. Settlement monies.

67. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting a ballot question regarding volunteer auxiliary police with the power to arrest.

68. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting a ballot question regarding volunteer Firemen.

69. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting a ballot question regarding First Amendment regulations.

70. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting an Ad Hoc Committee be formed regarding First Amendment regulations.

PLACED ON FILE

71. A response from Representative Kelly to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding public sale of naming rights for the Animal Control Commission state forests and parks