

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 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 to reject the provisions of Mass. General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 2D, which imposes a supplemental property tax assessment on certain improvements to real estate
4. A communication submitting a traffic order implementing changes in parking regulations relative to Wendell Ave.
5. A communication submitting a traffic order implementing changes in parking regulations on Tyler Street
6. A communication submitting a traffic order implementing changes in parking regulations on Columbus Avenue
7. A communication submitting a traffic order implementing changes in parking regulations on Chickering Street

APPOINTMENTS

8. Appointment of Kenneth E. Spaniol and James C. Sullivan to the position of Deputy Fire Chief in the Pittsfield Fire Department
9. Appointment of Andrew Stephenson, Raymond C. Tart and Peter J. Apple to the position of Fire Captain in the Pittsfield Fire Department
10. Appointment of Matthew D. Noyes, Richard M. Jacob and Stefan J. Casucci to the position of Fire Lieutenant in the Pittsfield Fire Department
11. Appointment of Marc E. Strout to the position of Police Sergeant in the Pittsfield Police Department
12. Appointment of Donna Wray Beck as a member of the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority Board
13. Appointment of Thomas Galvagni as a member of the Community Development Board
14. Appointment of Jay Sacchetti as a member of the Berkshire Regional Housing Authority Board
15. Appointment of Andrew Hochberg as a member of the Berkshire Regional Housing Authority Board

16. Appointment of Richard Grillon as a member of the Berkshire Regional Housing Authority Board

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17. A public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company to install poles on Caledonia Street
18. A public hearing on the petition of Verizon New England and Western Mass Electric Company for installation and removal of poles on High Street

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

19. A petition from Councilor Arlos for a ballot question regarding diagonal parking on North St.
20. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting the Council receive copies of the resumes for the applicants of the code enforcement job in the Health Department
21. A petition from Councilor Tuttle asking the Mayor to include a section of Ward 1 in the Morningside Revitalization Initiative

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

22. 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 pay grade of the City Account, recommending it be approved
23. 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 management pay scale, recommending it be approved
24. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Arlos to institute a suggestion program for city workers, recommending it be approved
25. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting an Ordinance regarding use of G.E. Settlement monies, recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

26. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Brennan requesting Naples Avenue and Duncan Avenue be paved or chip sealed, recommending it be filed
27. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilors Bianchi and Guzzo to add the newly constructed section of Center Street and the entire length of Seymour Street to the City's snow fighter route, recommending it be approved

28. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Brennan requesting the sidewalks on Adelaide Avenue be replaced or repaired, recommending it be approved
29. 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 in the vicinity of 8 Mervyn Street, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood for implementation
30. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Marchetti requesting Commissioner Collingwood work with the Resource Recovery facility to assist residents that are brining in yard waste, recommending it be approved pending funding
31. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to whom was referred a petition from residents of Anita Drive for replacement of the water line on Anita Drive, recommending it be approved and referred to the Mayor for an appropriation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

32. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)
33. A petition from Councilor Tuttle for a status report from the hydrologist that the Council requested to help resolve the water problems in the Burke Ave./Crane Ave. area (tabled 8-12-03)
34. Appointment of Raymond Boudreau as an associate member of the Community Development Board (tabled 9-9-03)

NEW BUSINESS

35. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III requesting ballot questions on merging the two high schools; and the use of GE settlement funds; and for establishment of an Ordinance for use of the GE settlement funds
36. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III for clarification of the Ordinance & Rules vote regarding a ban on fees for first amendment activities

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

37. A petition from Councilor Vincelette for a parking restriction on the east side of Marshall Avenue
38. A petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting a “Slow-Children at Plan” sign on Noblehurst Avenue
39. A petition from Councilor Bianchi for a no-parking area on the east side of Hayes Place

40. A petition from Councilor Arlos for a 30-second time delay on the traffic light at the corner of Center and West Streets for southbound traffic

Referred to the Committee on Finance

41. A communication from the Superintendent of Schools submitting bus replacement option plans

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

42. A petition from Timothy Crow, Regional Representative of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters for establishment of an Ordinance regulating bidding on public construction projects

Referred to the Chief of Police

43. A petition from Councilor Vincelette that the Police Department address speeding and excessive noise issues on Elaine Drive and Doreen Street

Referred to the Purchasing Agent

44. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting an auction of abandoned bicycles

Referred to the Mayor

45. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Mayor to form an ad hoc committee to prepare an ordinance regarding truancy in the city schools

46. A petition from Councilor Arlos requesting documents confirming the loss of federal funding if the City eliminates the median strip on North Street

47. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting the Mayor send a letter to Governor Romney and the Mass. State Police for assistance with the crime problem

Referred to the Community Development Board

48. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III requesting an evidentiary hearing to determine if the proposed transfer station is an industrial use

PLACED ON FILE

49. Annual report of the Licensing Board

50. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III asking the Council to acknowledge the signature requirements for putting a shared parenting question on the next municipal ballot