

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2004**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

2. This item reserved for the Mayor to address the City Council, with an opportunity for questions from the Council

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

3. A communication from former Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the City to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32B, Section 18

APPOINTMENTS

4. Appointment of James M. Ruberto as a member of the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority Board
5. Appointment of Christopher Speranzo as City Solicitor
6. Appointment of John Bissell as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals
7. Appointment of Debra A. Guachione as a member of the Community Development Board

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Continuation of a public hearing on an Ordinance amending the City Code on Zoning as it pertains to Transfer Stations
9. A public hearing on a petition from Verizon New England Inc. and Western Mass. Electric Company to place a pole on Williams St.
10. A public hearing on a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. to place two poles on Sheffield Street

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

11. A petition from President Lee submitting 2004-2005 City Council Committee assignment
12. A petition from President Lee and Vice President Kerwood to amend the City Council Rules
13. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the City accept the provision of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003
14. A petition from Councilor Costi to complete the cul-de-sac at the end of Stanley and Ensign Ave.
15. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the City Council support the creation of a charter commission

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. A report of the Finance Committee to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2,200,000 for the purpose of school buses, recommending the approval of borrowing of \$1.5 million for the purpose of buying buses under Option 2 from the School Department
17. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the borrowing of \$1.5 Million for the purchase of 25 school buses

NEW BUSINESS

18. A petition from former Councilor Arlos requesting the Berkshire Visitors Bureau create a promotional brochure for Berkshire County and Pittsfield

ORDINANCE (final reading)

19. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 24, Section 24-1, Fire Department, Fees

Referred to the Mayor

20. A petition from former Councilor Arlos that the Mayor apply for a waiver of regulations that forbid the importing of medications from Canada
21. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio asking the Mayor to reactivate the Resource Recovery Commission

Referred to the Traffic Commission

22. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of “No Parking” signs on the East side of Robbins Ave.

Referred to the Airport Commission

23. A petition from former Councilor Arlos to develop an inventory program to secure the 8 properties taken by eminent domain for the airport expansion project
24. A petition from former Councilor Arlos to develop a policy that allows for relocation of property in the eminent domain process

Referred to the City Solicitor

25. A petition from former Councilor Arlos to implement a policy to handle damaged mailboxes caused by plowing

Referred to the Health Advisory Committee

26. A petition from former Councilor Arlos for a public hearing on the proposal of BFI to build a waste transfer station on Merrill Road

Referred to the Community Development Board

27. A petition from the Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Ordinances, Article 23-3, Section 4.202 as it pertains to Parks and Playgrounds

Referred to Mass Highway

28. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update of installation of lights in the Seymour Street resident parking lots

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

29. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to monitor the Hancock Road/Victory Road/ Highland Avenue area for dangerous road conditions due to freezing water runoff

Referred to the Parks Commission

30. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting installation of a sign at the old Dewey Park in the name of Carrie Boc

PLACED ON FILE

35. A response from the BRTA to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting a taxi stand near the Columbus Ave. entrance to the intermodal transportation center