

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 26, 2004**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Order authorizing payment of a previous year's expense in the Parks Department in the amount of \$137.76
3. A communication submitting a proposal to make several changes affecting municipal parking lots

APPOINTMENTS

4. Appointment of Darren M. Cowell, Randy A. Wendling, Jeffrey M. Charbonneau and Scott D. Grady as police officers in the Pittsfield Police Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. A public hearing on a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company to locate a transformer pad and conduit on Baystate Road
6. A public hearing on a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. to locate poles on Hubbard Avenue

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

7. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the Board of Health in coordination with the State Department of Public Health and Visiting Nurse Association, make an effort to keep residents updated about the current flu vaccine shortage
8. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the Council express its support for Senate Bill 2478 "An Act Relative to the Mass. Historical Rehabilitation Tax Credit"
9. A report of the Traffic Commission on a communication from Mayor Ruberto submitting two traffic orders necessary to implement certain changes in the vicinity of Park Square, recommending it be amended and approved
10. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of a hidden drive sign at the easterly corner of the variety store at West St. and Merriam St., recommending it be filed
11. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of a right turn lane on both sides of the Seymour Street/Wahconah Street intersection and Seymour St./Charles Street intersection, recommending it be referred to Commissioner Collingwood for review with information reported by Captain O'Neil
12. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Vincelette for signs on Williams Street to the east and west of the crosswalk at Bushey Road, recommending it be approved
13. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of "No Parking" signs between signs on the south side of Madison Ave. in the vicinity of Pole No. 424, recommending it be approved

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance

14. A report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance on the annual report of the Building Maintenance Department, recommending it be placed on file

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

15. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for repair of a section of sidewalk at 86 Danforth Avenue, recommending it be approved

Report of the Committee on Finance

16. A report of the Committee on Finance on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting that the Treasurer and Assessors office give a presentation on the new State law pertaining to the new tax bills, recommending it be referred back to the Council for purposes of discussion during the tax classification hearing

ORDINANCES (final readings)

17. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning to reclassify certain land in the City from BC to BG
18. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, establishing regulations for adult entertainment

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Mayor

19. A petition from Councilor Malumphy that the Mayor begin the process of establishing a Charter Commission to review and potentially amend the City's Charter
20. A petition from Peter Arlos asking the Mayor to use auxiliary police at polling locations on November 2, 2004

Referred to the City Solicitor

21. A petition from Councilor Malumphy that the Solicitor, in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office, conduct workshops on open meeting laws and regulations
22. A petition from Peter Arlos asking the Solicitor to review the City's 10-month relationship with Wahconah Park Inc.

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

23. A petition from Peter Arlos to place mile markers along the major roadways of the City

Referred to the Chief of Police Department

24. A petition from citizens requesting increased police enforcement of pedestrian crosswalks in the City of Pittsfield

Referred to the Traffic Commission

25. A petition from Councilor Tyer for installation of "Watch Children" signs at both ends of Belmont Avenue
26. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for relocation of a crosswalk on Newell St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

27. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to install new sidewalks on Brooks and Vivian Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance

28. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to install security systems in the schools that were not renovated

Referred to the Audit Committee

29. Annual report of the Dept. of Finance & Administration
30. Annual report of the MIS Dept.
31. Annual report of the Accounting Department
32. Annual report of the Tax Collector
33. Annual report of the Purchasing Dept.
34. Annual report of the Assessors Office

Referred to the Director of the Senior Center

35. A petition from Peter Arlos for an update on organization of senior trips to Canada