

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 2004**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Order amending the Council Order No. 101 of the Series of 2003
3. A communication submitting Orders rescinding Council Order No. 45 of the Series of 1997 and Council Order No. 50 of the Series of 1998 rescinding un-issued bonds or notes
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to enter into a lease with Capitol Square Associates, LLC
5. A communication submitting an Order amending the use of Section 108 funds within the Department of Community Development

APPOINTMENTS

6. Appointment of June Hailer and William Thornton as members of the Commission on Disabilities
7. Appointment of Dr. Philip Adamo as a member of the Health Advisory Council
8. Appointment of Ben Kaplan as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals
9. Appointment of Frank Schultz as a member of the Health Advisory Council
10. Appointment of Peter White as a member of the Health Advisory Council

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. A public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. to locate a pole on Stevens Street
12. A continuation of a public hearing on an Ordinance amending the City Code on Zoning as it pertains to Transfer Stations

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

13. A petition from Councilor Lothrop requesting all legal postings be posted on the City's website
14. A petition from Councilor Kerwood to explore the possibility of establishing a stabilization account for the purpose of offsetting the loss of property taxes resulting from building demolition at the William Stanley Business Park
15. Report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its March 1, 2004 meeting
16. Communication from the Temporary Assistant City Solicitor submitting information regarding the City's tax amnesty program

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

17. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition referred by the Community Development Board for an amendment to the zoning ordinance as it pertains to waste transfer stations, recommending it be approved
18. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition referred by Mayor Ruberto submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Solicitor, recommending it be approved
19. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition referred by Mayor Ruberto submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article XXXVI, Office of Cultural Development, recommending it be approved

Reports of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

20. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition referred by Councilor Vincelette to correct the flooding problem at 878 Holmes Road, recommending it be approved and referred to Commissioner Collingwood for implementation

Report of the Audit Committee

21. A report of the Audit Committee on a petition referred by Terry Kinnas requesting a review of the expenses of the Workers' Compensation package, recommending it be filed

Reports of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

22. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development on a communication referred by Mayor Ruberto submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article XXXVI, Office of Cultural Development, recommending it be approved

Reports of the Committee on Public Safety and Health

23. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition referred by Councilor Vincelette to address speeding and excessive noise caused by motorbikes and ATV's on Elaine Drive and Doreen St., recommending it be referred to the Police Department and the School Committee
24. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition referred by Councilor Maffuccio that the Mayor look at the proper chain of command which places the director of Emergency Management under control of the Mayor, recommending it be referred to the Mayor
25. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition referred by Councilor Costi that the Commissioner of Public Works complete the cul-de-sac at the end of Stanley and Ensign Avenues, recommending it be filed
26. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition referred by former Councilor Scapin and Councilor Kerwood requesting the committee established by the Chief of Police to examine the mission of the Auxiliary Police include exploring the feasibility of using Auxiliary Police as Park Police, recommending it be filed
27. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition referred by former Councilor Tuttle for creation of a civilian oversight board to receive and investigate citizen complaints against the police department, recommending it be filed

28. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition referred by former Councilor Arlos for elimination of three Deputy Chief positions in the Fire Department, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

29. Appointment of Roberta Orsi as a member of the Health Advisory Council
30. Appointment of Dr. John P. Herman as a member of the Health Advisory Council
31. Appointment of Dr. Thomas J. Sakshaug as a member of the Health Advisory Council

ORDINANCES (final reading)

32. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-241, to increase the membership of the Tourism Commission
33. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning as it pertains to parks and playgrounds

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

34. A petition from Councilors Lothrop and Costi that 15-minute parking at 35 First Street be converted to a loading zone
35. A petition from Councilors Kerwood and Costi for installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Norman and Springside Avenues
36. A petition from Councilor Markham for installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Grove Street and Springside Avenue
37. A petition from Councilor Markham for installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Grove Street and Stoddard Avenue
38. A petition from Councilor Markham for installation of "no parking" signs on the south side of Stoddard Avenue, between Myrtle Street and Pleasure Avenue
39. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of stop signs at the intersection of Acorn Street and Lakeway Drive
40. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of speed limit signs on Hancock Road to be enforced by the Police Department
41. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of "no parking" signs on the east side of Wahconah St. from number 220 to south to the southern corner of the bridge
42. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of a crosswalk on Briggs Avenue in front of St. Charles Church

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

43. A petition from Councilor Markham to place Demont Street on the chip sealing list
44. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to place Hancock Road on the capital improvement reconstruction list
45. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to resolve the water problems caused by a dip in the road on Toronita Avenue

46. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to resolve the slope of the grade in the road on Leidhold Place at the intersection of Dewey Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

47. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to extend the sidewalk at the end of Dewey Avenue

PLACED ON FILE

48. A response from the Airport Commission to a petition from former Councilor Arlos regarding the possibility of relocating homes designated for eminent domain

49. A response from the Airport Commission to a petition from former Councilor Arlos regarding an inventory and security program for city-owned properties taken by eminent domain

50. Annual Report of the Community Development Board