

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

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Order transferring the sum of \$39,089 from the Compensation Payments Account to the Fire Department's Benefits Conversion/Retirement Account
3. A communication submitting an Order approving the assignment of the lease of Lot No. 202 at Westwood Center from Dunroamin, Inc. to Westview Properties, Inc.
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to enter in to a lease with Apartments R Us, LLC for property at 636 Tyler Street
5. A communication submitting an Order accepting the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 77C relative to foreclosed properties
6. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to pay a previous fiscal year's expense in the amount of \$252.99 from an account in the Police Department
7. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the Mayor to submit the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan/Action Plan for the 2004-2005 Program Year
8. A communication submitting a Traffic Order establishing stop signs at various locations in the City
9. A communication submitting a Traffic Order adopting Special Speed Regulation #7849 establishing speed limits on Hancock Road and Cadwell Road
10. A communication submitting a Traffic Order amending parking regulations on Allen Street
11. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, with regard to pay rates of election officers
12. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 2, Article XL, Youth Commission

APPOINTMENTS

13. Appointment of Ruth Cohen and Dr. Eugene Leibowitz as members of the Health Advisory Council
14. Appointment of Deborah Reinhart, June Hailer and Daniel Dillon as members of the Human Services Advisory Council

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. A public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company to locate underground cables on Eric Drive, Anita Drive and Joseph Drive
16. A public hearing on an application from Lane Construction Company to increase an existing license for storage of flammable fluids at 1867 East Street

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

17. A petition from the City Council expressing its intent allowing for Home Rule regarding liquor licenses in the Downtown Development Zone
18. A petition from Councilor Tyer that the Council and Mayor consider membership in STAR, a collaborative of Massachusetts cities and towns, that are urging the state to fully fund its Payments in Lieu of Taxes program
19. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to prepare a cost analysis between chip-sealing and resurfacing roads
20. A petition from Councilor Markham thanking various individuals for their assistance in resolving the water problem on Crane Ave. and Burke Ave.

NEW BUSINESS

21. A petition from Edward J. Powers requesting the City Council take no action to increase the number of liquor licenses in Pittsfield until a public hearing is held

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Mayor

22. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update of the status of the Resource Recovery Commission
23. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update on the status of the replacement of school buses

Referred to the Traffic Commission

24. A petition from Councilors Lothrop and Costi for removal of the "No Turn on Red" signs on the westbound side of the intersection of Fenn and First Streets
25. A petition from Councilor Markham requesting a study and design of a traffic light on North Street at the entrance of Walden Lane
26. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for a "Handicapped Person" and "Hidden Driveway" sign on One Onota Lane
27. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for a "Stop Ahead" sign on Lakeway Drive in the eastbound lane of the intersection of Acorn Street and a larger Stop sign at the Lakeway Drive and Onota Street intersection

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

28. A petition from Councilor Tyer to repair or replace the sidewalk on Cleveland St.
29. A petition from Councilor Tyer for drainage improvements and road repairs at the Corner of McIntosh Drive and Winesap Road
30. A petition from Councilor Tyer requesting various improvements to Leslie Drive
31. A petition from Councilor Tyer requesting various improvements to Belvidere Avenue
32. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for replacement of sections of sidewalk on Danforth Ave.

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

33. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update of the status of the replacement of curbing on Ridge Avenue
34. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting an explanation of the requirements to make an unaccepted street an accepted street
35. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for sweeping of Thomas Island, Thomas Road and Shore Road
36. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to replace the guardrail on Pecks Road near the Pittsfield Cemetery bridge
37. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to place Crown Street and Stevens Street on the chip-sealing list
38. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update of the status on the study to place a traffic light on North Street at its northern intersection with Wahconah Street
39. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a curbside replacement program and pick up for damaged curbing
40. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update of the street lighting plan that affected Churchill Street
41. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to place Danforth Avenue and Warner Street on the chip-seal list
42. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to place Park Street on the chip-seal list
43. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for design of an infrastructure plan to start reconstructing aging roadways
44. A petition from Councilor Tyer to place Dillon Street on the chip-seal list
45. A petition from Councilor Vincelette to place Warwick Street on the chip-seal list
46. A petition from Councilor Vincelette to place Stonehenge Road on the chip-seal list
47. A petition from Councilor Vincelette that Veterans' Way be repaved before the Memorial Day Parade
48. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for resolution of the continual narrowing of Pinehurst Avenue
49. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to place Hancock Shore Drive, Crown Street, and Constitutional Avenue on the chip-seal list
50. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for a feasibility study of placing sidewalks or a bike lane from Pecks Road and Onota Street to Dan Casey Drive

Referred to the Community Development Board

51. A petition from Andrew Newton to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow used car lots in a B-C zone

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Health

52. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that the Health Commissioner enforce the ordinance restricting placing garbage at curbside before 5:00 pm the previous day

Referred to the Conservation Commission

53. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for examination of the drainage pipes at the Church Hill Brook, just north of the Hancock Road intersection

Referred to the Building Inspector

54. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to evaluate the building on Pontoosuc Lane owned by the YMCA and if necessary, take steps to condemn it

Referred to the Police Department

55. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to enforce speed regulations on various streets in Ward 7

Referred to the Director of Community Services

56. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update of the status of the Pontoosuc Lake beach and bathhouse project

57. A petition from Councilor Costi to relocate the fence on Dartmouth street to allow off street parking for residents that use the park

PLACED ON FILE

58. A response from the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority regarding naming of the intermodal transportation center

59. A response from Congressman Olver regarding the Council's support for legislation to amend the government pension offset and the windfall elimination provision

60. Annual report of the Department of Community Development (on file in the City Clerk's office)

61. Annual report of the City Solicitor's office