

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 2005 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to accept a donation of funds for the purpose of providing ice skating in City parks
3. A communication submitting a Traffic Order necessary to implement changes in parking on Madison Avenue, Wahconah Street and Alcove Street
4. A communication submitting a Traffic Order necessary to implement changes in parking on McKay Street

APPOINTMENTS

5. Appointment of Marilyn Sheehan as Tax Collector for the City of Pittsfield
6. Appointment of Michelle Hunt as Purchasing Agent for the City of Pittsfield
7. Appointment of Lawrence Caprari as Director of Veterans' Services for the City of Pittsfield
8. Appointment of Dr. Philip Adamo as the City Physician for the City of Pittsfield
9. Appointment of Kathleen Degnan as Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Pittsfield
10. Appointment of Cheryl St. John as Accountant for the City of Pittsfield

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

11. A petition from Councilor Malumphy that the Mayor and Treasurer share any reports from State finance or revenue departments related to the financial status of the City of Pittsfield
12. A petition from Councilor Malumphy that the City Treasurer and school's Business Manager present a report regarding forecasts for the FY 2006 City and school budgets
13. A petition from Councilor Malumphy that the Chairman of the School Committee present an overview of the search process for a new Superintendent
14. A petition from Councilors Malumphy and Costi that the Chairman of the School Committee and Mayor bring forward a proposal for funding school bus transportation
15. A petition from Councilors Maffuccio and Markham thanking Michael Daly and Berkshire Bank for its donation of \$5,000 to continue ice skating at the common
16. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Commissioner of Public Works provide anticipated submission dates of traffic orders for previously approved traffic requests
17. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Mayor appropriate funds for herbicides to be used at Onota Lake in the spring

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

18. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article V, Section 13-54.1, 90 minute parking, recommending it be amended and approved
19. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article V, Section 13-55.1, 3-hour parking, recommending it be amended and approved
20. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article V, Section 13-55, 2-hour parking, recommending it be amended and approved

Reports of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance

21. A report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio to install security systems in the schools that were not renovated, recommending a request be sent to the Mayor to appropriate funds to install security systems in Hibbard, Conte, Morningside and Crosby schools
22. A report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance on a petition from Councilor Farley-Bouvier that the Committee compile a comprehensive, prioritized list of the capital needs of the six schools that were not renovated, recommending it be referred to the School Committee for input in developing a list of capital requests
23. A report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Maintenance on a petition from Councilors Costi and Bianchi requesting a review of the physical needs of Conte Community School, Crosby Elementary School and Morningside Community School, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24. An ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 19, Article IV, Use of Public Sewers (tabled 12-14-04)

NEW BUSINESS

25. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III thanking Bruce Collingwood, Anthony Maffuccio and the Traffic Commission for efforts to install signs prohibiting obstruction of traffic in front of the post office
26. A petition from Peter Arlos asking the Council to object to the cutting of \$600 million in Medicaid allotments to Massachusetts by the Federal government
27. A petition from Donna Walto asking the Council to vote to thank Berkshire Bank for its donation of \$5,000 to provide and maintain ice skating at the Common
28. A petition from Donna Walto for development of budgetary priorities so the City will not have to depend on private donations to fund activities
29. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting the Council ask Congressman Olver to take action to enable the new intermodal transportation center to serve travelers who use trains to and from Boston
30. A petition from Peter Arlos that the Council ask the Mayor to join it in an effort to obtain accurate assessments of the comprehensive costs of a private school bus service

ORDINANCES (final readings)

31. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, to establish a Neighborhood Business District
32. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Article 23-3, Zoning Districts
33. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article VII, Sec. 13-86, Parking Fees
34. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article V, Sec. 13-52, 15-Minute Parking
35. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article V, Sec. 13-52, 30-Minute Parking
36. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article V, Sec. 13-54 1-Hour Parking
37. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article VI, Sec. 13-74, Payments by Holders of Temporary Permits or Licenses for Construction, Etc., Operations
38. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article VII, Municipal Parking Areas, Sec. 13-83, Prohibiting Parking During Certain Hours
39. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 25, Sign Ordinance, Article 25-8, Sec. 25-8(E)
40. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Sec. 16-12, Exempt Employee Pay Scale

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

41. A petition from Councilor Lothrop requesting a three or four way stop at the intersection of Elizabeth St. and Henry Ave.

Referred to the Mayor

42. A petition from Councilor Costi requesting the Mayor appoint a commission to review the feasibility of creating 8 hour metered parking in sections of the downtown
43. A petition from Councilor Costi requesting the Mayor appoint a member of the Council as a non-voting member of the Park Commission
44. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III requesting a proclamation recognizing the life and accomplishments of Secret Service Agent William Craig
45. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting the Mayor reactivate the Cable Television Commission

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

46. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for a solution to the disruption caused by snowmobiles and four-wheelers

Referred to the Commission of Public Works and Utilities

47. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for replacement of "Stop" signs at the intersections of Onota Street/Pecks Road and Onota Street/Paul Avenue
48. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that Crown Street be placed on the chip-sealing list

Referred to the Committee and Commissioner on Public Works and Utilities

49. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for repair of the guardrail at Danforth/Daniels Avenue and installation of a new guardrail at Dewey/Danforth Ave.

Referred to the Board of Health

50. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting investigation of potentially hazardous conditions at commercial property on Wahconah Street near the river

Referred to the Director of the Department of Community Development

51. A petition from Peter Arlos, requesting action be taken to determine the radon levels in City Hall by seeking a grant for radon education, outreach and risk

PLACED ON FILE

52. A response from Chief Riello to a petition from Peter Arlos regarding crosswalk enforcement
53. A response from Chief Riello to a petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III requesting secret service agent William Craig be honored
54. A petition from Matt Cartier expressing concern about the future of Burbank Park and other local precious resources and forests