

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

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication introducing exchange students from China
3. A communication informing the Council that Downtown Inc. will present its bi-annual report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

4. A petition from Councilor Tyler that the Council send a formal written request to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection advocating for a modified clean up of the Newell Street PCB site
5. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the City explore the feasibility of instituting “on-line bill paying”
6. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the City seeks an exemption from the prohibition on the use of chemicals to control weed growth on MassHighway Dept. property
7. A petition from Councilor Kerwood that the Council expresses its support for Senate Bill 2209 “An Act to Promote the Development of Alternative Fuels and the Use of Alternative Fuel Vehicles in the Commonwealth”
8. A communication from the City Clerk submitting Orders directing the issuance of warrants and designating polling places and times for the November 8, 2005 municipal election
9. A report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its October 3, 2005 meeting

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio that the Council request the Chief of Police to seek the aid of the State police for an increased police presence in Pittsfield, recommending Chief Riello’s report be accepted and approved and the petition be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. A petition from Councilor Malumphy requesting updates from the Mayor on the School Building Needs Commission, Charter Review Commission and financial forecasting for the 2006 budget (tabled 3-2-05, 5-24-05; 8-9-05)
12. A petition from Councilor Lothrop requesting an update from the City Solicitor, or a designee, regarding prohibiting alcohol sales within adult entertainment establishments (tabled 6-14-05)
13. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting the Council support legislation to allow children of illegal immigrants to attend state public colleges (tabled 8-9-05)
14. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 11, Licenses, Registrations and Permits, adding Article VII, Special Liquor Licenses (tabled 9-28-05)

NEW BUSINESS

15. A petition from Peter Arlos to transfer the police dispatching function to the Sheriff’s Communication Center

ORDINANCE (final reading)

16. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Personnel, Section 16-12(a), Exempt Employee Pay Scale

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

17. A petition from Councilors Tyer and Farley-Bouvier for installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Strong Avenue and Hazelwood Terrace
18. A petition from Councilor Vincelette for installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Emerson Ave. and Cooper Parkway
19. A petition from Councilor Costi for various changes to the intersection of First Street and Maplewood Avenue
20. A petition from Councilors Farley-Bouvier and Costi for installation of a caution sign indicating a daycare on Lincoln Street in the vicinity of Second Street

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities

21. A petition from Councilor Malumphy for curb cuts on Meleca Ave. and Doreen St.

Referred to the Committee on Community and Economic Development

22. A response from the Pittsfield Economic Revitalization Corporation requesting it be allowed to give a presentation relative to a petition from Terry Kinnas seeking a status report on Jobs for Pittsfield

PLACED ON FILE

23. A response from MassHighway Department regarding a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of signs at entrances to the City directing motorists to Wahconah Park