

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2005 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council
3. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds from the Berkshire Environmental Fund, Inc.
5. A communication submitting an Order appropriating \$25,000 from certified free cash to an account of the City Clerk
6. A communication submitting a Traffic Order establishing a parking restriction on Tyler Street

APPOINTMENTS

7. Appointment of Osmin F. Alvarez, William M. Hines, Sr. and Dr. Mary K. Grant to the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority Board
8. Appointment of James Schultz as a member of the Cable Television Commission
9. Appointment of Deborah Reinhart, June Hailer and David McNeice to the Human Services Advisory Council
10. Appointment of Bertha Lawrence, Christopher Meehan and Anne Marie Carpenter to the Human Services Advisory Council
11. Appointment of Shirley Edgerton, Reba Evenchik, Liliana Gomez, James Hunt, Mary Rentz, Jack Rubin and Linda Tyer to the office of Cultural Development Board

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Public hearing on a petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company to install poles on South Street

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

13. A petition from Councilor Tyer requesting that the City Solicitor review laws pertaining to door-to-door solicitations
14. A petition from Councilor Kerwood requesting the Council express its opposition to the Bush Administration's proposal to eliminate the Community Development Block Grant Program
15. A petition from Councilor Bianchi requesting an update of the Block Grant Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2005
16. A petition from Councilor Bianchi requesting the Mayor address the issue of an appropriation for fuel assistance

17. A petition from Councilor Costi requesting the Mayor update the City Council at each meeting of the status of the school bus audit and proposals
18. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio asking the opinion of the City Solicitor on whether any violations were made by the Mayor while obtaining a web site design firm
19. A report of the Resource Recovery Commission to whom was referred an Order authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Recycle America, LLC, recommending it be approved

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

20. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article VII, Section 13-79, Municipal Parking Areas, recommending it be approved
21. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article VII, Section 13-86, Parking Fees, recommending it be amended and approved
22. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article I, Section 13-8.1, Schedule of Fines, recommending it be amended and approved
23. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Article 23-7, Conditional Uses Group SR and SP, recommending it be amended and approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24. A petition from Councilors Bianchi and Markham requesting the position of Artistic Director of the Berkshire Artisans be reestablished and that Daniel O'Connell be retained in said position (tabled 1-25-05)
25. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that the City Council oppose any fee for curbside trash removal (tabled 1-25-05)
26. An Order authorizing the City to retain Kopelman and Paige, P.C. for interim legal services (tabled 2-8-05)

NEW BUSINESS

27. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III that the City Council send a letter to Berkshire Community College asking them to allow Rinaldo DelGallo to participate in debates for State Representative.
28. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III that the City Council ask the City Solicitor why she filed a brief to keep Mr. DelGallo off of the ballot
29. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III asking the City Council to define the goals of the City Solicitor and determine if intent to keep Mr. DelGallo off the Ballot are a part of those goals
30. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III asking that the Mayor and the City Council congratulate the New England Patriots

31. A petition from Rinaldo DeGallo III thanking Linda Tyer for gathering information regarding installation of a pay phone at the Intermodal Transportation Center
32. A Petition from Peter G. Arlos that the City Council requests a presidential pardon for Jack Johnson
33. A petition from Terry Kinnas to allow Private Citizens to speak on petitions they submit during the time the Council is debating them
34. A petition from Donna Walto that the Council votes to oppose the hiring of Kopelman and Paige for interim legal services
35. A petition from Peter G. Arlos that the Mayor request funds from the State to help fund elimination of rotary traffic at Park Square

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Public Works

36. A petition from Councilor Tyer for repair of the sidewalk in the vicinity of 1274 East Street
37. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the installation of either a “no vehicle” sign or a barricade at the beginning of Sadleball View
38. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that repairs from a water main break on Hawk Street are made

Referred to the Traffic Commission

39. A petition from Councilor Markham requesting signs to control the speed and flow of traffic in the area of Walden Lane
40. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the installation of a “Watch for Children” sign on Chatham Street

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works

41. A petition from Peter Arlos that the Commissioner instruct snow plow drivers to reduce their speed