

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2005 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 6, Finance and Taxation, adding Article XIII – Tax Title Agreements
3. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds from Berkshire Environmental Fund, Inc.
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Recycle America Alliance LLC
5. A communication submitting a Traffic Order implementing parking changes on Tyler Street and Newell Street
6. A communication submitting a Traffic Order implementing parking changes on Linden Street
7. A communication that Downtown Inc. will be presenting its progress report

APPOINTMENTS

8. Appointment of G. Richard Bordeau as Director of Finance/Treasurer
9. Appointment of Bruce Collingwood as Commissioner of Public Works and Utilities
10. Appointment of Ernest Fortini as Director of Maintenance
11. Appointment of James McGrath as Director of Community Services
12. Appointment of Amy Davidson to the Board of Assessors
13. Appointment of Brian Johnson as a member of the Cable Television Commission
14. Appointment of Marcelino Adorno and Lucille Reilly as members of the Pittsfield Housing Authority Board

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. Public hearing on a petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company to install two conduits on South Street

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

16. A petition from Councilor Farley-Bouvier that the Mayor gives the Council a status update on the school bus audit it requested

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

17. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development on a communication from Mayor Ruberto authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the State for Community Development Action Grant Funding for the Downtown Cinema Center Project

18. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development on a communication from Mayor Ruberto submitting an Order Authorizing the City of Pittsfield to make an allocation of GE Economic Development Funds to be used for the purpose of Making a Loan for Development of a Downtown Cinema Center
19. A report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development on a communication from Mayor Ruberto submitting an Order Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Options to Secure Façade and Roof Easements on the Kinnell and Kresge Building

Report of the Committee on Finance

20. A report of the Committee on Finance on a communication from Mayor Ruberto submitting an Order authorizing an allocation of GE Economic Development Funds for the purpose of making a loan for development of a Downtown Cinema Center, recommending it be approved
21. A report of the Committee on Finance on a communication from Mayor Ruberto submitting an Order approving a certified project application of North Street Marketplace, LLC and Two Seven Three North Street, LLC recommending it be approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. 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)
23. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that the City Council oppose any fee for curbside trash removal (tabled 1-25-05)

NEW BUSINESS

24. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo III to that the Council and Mayor take the necessary measures to install a pay phone at the Intermodal Transportation Center
25. A petition from Peter Arlos that area legislators support legislation to be filed by the Governor regarding tougher drunk-driving laws
26. A petition from Donna Walto requesting the Council ask Verizon Communications to install a pay phone in the Intermodal Transportation Center
27. A petition from Terry Kinnas that the Mass. Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy explain why gas rates are higher in Massachusetts than surrounding states

ORDINANCES (final readings)

28. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article VII, Municipal Parking Areas,
29. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 19, Article IV, Use of Public Sewers

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the City Clerk

30. A petition from Peter Arlos to use auxiliary police for the special elections