

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

**AGENDA**

1. Open microphone

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR**

2. A communication that Mark Bobrowski will make a presentation concerning a diagnostic analysis of the City's Zoning Ordinance
3. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the submission of a Special Act to the Massachusetts State Legislature relative to the supplemental reserve requirement of the City
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to discuss consolidation of City and School Parks grounds functions

**APPOINTMENTS**

5. Appointment of Dalton Couig, Jr. as a member of the Cable Television Commission

**PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Public hearing on a petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. for permission to locate poles on Cascade Street

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

7. 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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

*Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules*

8. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition from Peter Arlos for creation of an Ordinance prohibiting the raking of leaves into gutters, recommending it be approved

*Report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities*

9. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for repair of a drainage problem on Sheffield Street, recommending it be approved
10. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Councilor Tyer for repair of the sidewalk in the vicinity of 1274 East Street, recommending it be approved
11. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for repairs from a water main break on Hawk Street, recommending it be approved
12. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Councilor Tyer for resurfacing of Newell Street, recommending it be approved
13. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for repair of the guardrail at Danforth/Daniels Avenues and installation of a guardrail at Dewey/Danforth Avenues, recommending it be approved
14. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Councilor Vincelette requesting a list of unaccepted streets and information regarding acceptance of such streets, recommending it be accepted and placed on file

15. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Peter Arlos that the Council ask Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to determine the regional impact of transferring Dan Fox Drive to the City and the cost of maintaining the road, recommending it be filed
16. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting installation of either a "no vehicles" sign or a barricade at the beginning of Sadleball View, recommending it be filed

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

17. A petition from Councilors Bianchi and Markham requesting the position of Artistic Director of the Berkshire Artisans be re-established and that Daniel O'Connell be retained in said position (tabled 1-25-05)
18. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that the City Council oppose any fee for curbside trash removal (tabled 1-25-05)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

19. A petition from Peter Arlos for submission of a home rule petition to allow a "none of the above" option on municipal ballots
20. A petition from Peter Arlos that the City Council vote to oppose legislation proposed by the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation which would impose a cap on non-cash donations to charities

#### **MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27**

##### *Referred to the Traffic Commission*

21. A petition from Councilor Tyer that the Traffic Commission review and implement safe pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of Meadow Lane and Newell Street

#### **PLACED ON FILE**

22. A response from Purchasing Agent Michelle Hunt to a petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting information regarding obtaining a website design firm
23. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting the use of auxiliary police at the polls for the April 12, 2005 special election