

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

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting a mid-year report of the Fiscal Year 2005 Community Block Grant Program
3. A communication authorizing the City to retain the law firm of Freedman, DeRosa & Rondeau for interim legal services
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing an increase in the real estate tax exemption afforded to senior citizens pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C
5. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to accept a grant of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting through its Department of Environmental Protection
6. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to retain Mark Bobrowski for the purpose of providing legal services with regard to analysis of the City's Zoning Ordinance

APPOINTMENTS

7. Appointment of Alf Barbalunga as a member of the Community Development Board
8. Appointment of Scott McGinnis, Paul Zwingelstein, Matthew Mazzeo and Michael Satrape as firefighters in the Pittsfield Fire Department
9. Appointment of Michael Wynn as a Lieutenant in the Pittsfield Police Department
10. Appointment of Jeffrey Bradford as a Sergeant in the Pittsfield Police Department
11. Appointment of Henry L. Ervin as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Public hearing on a petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. for permission to locate a pole on Scammell Ave., approximately 200 feet north of the intersection with Roland Street
13. Public hearing on a petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. for permission to locate a pole on Scammell Ave., approximately 950 feet north of the intersection with Roland Street

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

14. A petition from Councilors Malumphy and Costi requesting the City and BRTA remove obsolete bus benches and shelters from North Street
15. A petition from Councilors Malumphy and Costi requesting cigarette butts be included as part of the City's littering ordinance
16. A petition from Councilor Malumphy requesting the City Treasurer and School Business Manager present a joint report regarding 2006 budget forecasts

17. A petition from Councilor Malumphy requesting an update of authorizations and/or approvals from the GE Economic Development Fund since January, 2004

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

18. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to who was referred a petition from Councilor Malumphy that the Council discuss the future relevance and utility of Civil Service in the City, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

19. 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)
20. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that the City Council oppose any fee for curbside trash removal (tabled 1-25-05)
21. 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 (tabled 2-22-05)

NEW BUSINESS

22. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting a change in the traffic pattern at the junction of North St. and First St.
23. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting the Council go on record in opposition to the City not providing postage to return census forms
24. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting Congressman Olver inform the Council of the impacts of proposed cuts in the Federal Community Block Grant program

ORDINANCES (final reading)

25. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article VII, Section 13-79, Municipal Parking Areas
26. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article VII, Section 13-86, Parking Fees
27. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 13, Article I, Section 13-8.1, Schedule of Fines
28. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Article 23-7, Conditional Uses Group SR and SP

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works

29. A petition from Councilor Tyer for repair of the sidewalk in the vicinity of 77 Adelaide Avenue