

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 10, 2005 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Order transferring \$96,000 between accounts of Public Works and Utilities
3. A communication submitting an Order transferring \$38,344 from the Unclassified Contingency Account for the purpose of a ten percent match cost for an assistance to firefighters grant
4. A communication submitting an Order transferring \$28,000 from the Unclassified Insurance Unemployment account to the Veterans Program Expense account
5. A communication submitting an Order transferring \$2,500 between accounts of the Parks Department
6. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to sell real estate at 264 Bradford Street
7. A communication submitting a Traffic Order establishing parking restrictions on Fenn Street
8. A communication submitting an Order authorizing amendment of the City's waste services agreement with ECO/Pittsfield for consolidation and transportation of recyclables

APPOINTMENTS

9. Appointment of Ann Pasko and Elizabeth Neale as members of the Cultural Development Board
10. Appointment of William Irvin as a member of the Conservation Commission
11. Appointment of Stephen Radin as a member of the Cable Commission

PUBLIC HEARING

12. A public hearing on the petition of Western Mass. Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. to locate a pole on West Street

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

13. A petition from Councilor Malumphy inviting city officials to a workshop regarding the Open Meeting law on May 31, 2005
14. A petition from Councilor Malumphy requesting the Mayor provide an update on the status of the proposed bike path off of Williams Street
15. A petition from Councilor Malumphy requesting the Mayor's office conduct a study of payroll systems within all departments of the City
16. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting assistance from area legislators in obtaining permission to place a culvert under Thomas Island Road
17. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting duties of Harbormaster be placed under the Parks Department

18. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio asking the Council to support House Bill 1456 regulating watercraft
19. A petition from Councilor Costi requesting a three-way stop at the intersection of Lincoln and Cherry Streets

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

20. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 6, Finance and Taxation, adding Article XIII – Tax Title Agreements, recommending it be approved
21. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules to whom was referred a petition from Donna Walto asking the Council to take steps to ban mini-scooters on public streets in the City, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. 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 3-22-05)

NEW BUSINESS

23. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III inquiring when “Do Not Obstruct Traffic” signs will be placed in front of the post office
24. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III requesting an amendment of the City Charter that the number of signatures required to run for a city-wide office not exceed that of a state representative
25. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III requesting the Council ask Pittsfield Community Television why it does not televise PEDA meetings and asking them to televise such meetings
26. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting formation of an ad hoc committee of three veterinarians to inspect the Eleanor Sonsini Municipal Animal Shelter and determine needed repairs
27. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting the Council go on record in support of finding some use for the walkway connecting North Street with McKay Street
28. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting the Council go on record in support of a pending bill that would require cigarettes sold in Massachusetts be self-extinguishing
29. A petition from Terry Kinnas requesting the Council ask for a time task analysis of maintenance, parks and school department personnel
30. A petition from Terry Kinnas requesting the Council ask for a report that shows work time charged to each of the city departments from building maintenance

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

31. A petition from Councilor Vincelette for installation of “Slow Children Playing” signs at both ends of Waverly Street
32. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of a “Slow Children” sign on Hancock Road

Referred to the Audit Committee

33. A petition from Councilor Malumphy requesting a review of year-to-date expenses for the Pittsfield Municipal Airport going back to FY04 and FY03

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

34. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a curb replacement program be put in place
35. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for a ban on large trucks on New Road
36. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a street sweeping list

Referred to the Parks Commission

37. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Parks Commission look into a possible fee structure at the boat launch at Onota Lake
38. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting an update on the proposal to add camp sites at Burbank Park

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works

39. A petition from Michael Merriam for repair of potholes on Sibley Street
40. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for replacement of "No Parking" signs that are missing on the south side of Danforth Avenue from Robbins Ave. to Dewey Ave.

Director of Administration and Finance

41. A petition from Donna Walto requesting a list of starting salaries of analogous positions in the City and schools

Referred to the Fire Chief

42. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting immediate action is taken regarding a dangerous situation of dumping between 33 Sadler Avenue and Draper Avenue

Referred to the Police Chief

43. A petition from Michael Merriam requesting investigation of speeding cars on Dorchester Ave. and Ontario St.
44. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting information regarding drunk driving arrests

Referred to the Superintendent of Schools

45. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting information regarding the number of children in public schools that do not speak English and evaluate the impact the elimination of special programs has had on these students

Referred to the Building Department and Board of Health

46. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for action regarding a dangerous building at 283 Francis Ave.

Referred to the Board of Health

47. A petition from Peter Arlos requesting inspection of school cafeterias