

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 12, 2005 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication informing the Council of a presentation from representatives of the Berkshire Wireless Learning Initiative
3. A communication submitting an Order approving consolidation of the school grounds crew with the Parks Department
4. A communication submitting an Order transferring \$242,368.12 between accounts of the Department of Public Works and Utilities
5. A communication submitting an Order transferring \$87,700 between accounts of Workers Compensation and the Police Department
6. A communication submitting an Order transferring \$61,043.88 between accounts of Workers Compensation and Public Works

APPOINTMENT

7. Appointment of Dr. John P. Herman as a member of the Parks Commission

PUBLIC HEARING

8. A public hearing on a petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company to install a pole on Hubbard Avenue

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

9. A petition from Councilor Costi that the City Council consider a way to take roll call votes simultaneously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. 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 3-2-05, 5-24-05)
11. A petition from Councilor Lothrop requesting an update from the City Solicitor, or a designee, regarding prohibiting alcohol sales within adult entertainment establishments (tabled 6-14-05)

NEW BUSINESS

12. A petition from Peter Arlos to ask an environmental police officer to give a presentation before the Council on August 9, 2005 regarding the proper way for the public to respond to bears in the community
13. A petition from Peter Arlos that the Council ask State Treasurer Timothy Cahill to bring the Massachusetts State Lottery recycling program to Pittsfield
14. A petition from Peter Arlos that the Council ask Representative Speranzo to take action to include \$600,000 in additional funds in the state budget for the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority
15. A petition from Mark Brennan that the Council ask Pittsfield Housing Authority for an explanation of why air conditioning systems were not working at Providence Court, resulting in many medical calls
16. A petition from Mark Brennan that action be taken to clean up property located at 89 Elm Street
17. A petition from Donna Walto that the Council vote for a delay in any action to discontinue curbside trash collection for certain residential buildings until abuses in the system are addressed

18. A petition from Terry Kinnas that the City Council have the tax classification hearing as soon as possible so taxpayers can plan for next year's budgets

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Mayor

19. A petition from Peter Arlos that the Council ask the Mayor to appropriate funds to buy six bicycle racks to be placed strategically throughout the city

Referred to the Chief of Police

20. A petition from Peter Arlos for an accounting of the earnings from the sale of abandoned bicycles

Referred to the Traffic Commission

21. A petition from Councilors Bianchi and Maffuccio for installation of "watch children" signs on Cascade Street near the CYC camp
22. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for replacement of "no parking" signs on the north side of Madison Avenue from Seymour to North St.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

23. A petition from Donna Walto to amend the City Code, Section 17-7.1(a) to include the explicit prohibition of the drinking of alcoholic beverages in city public buildings

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

24. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio asking for a solution to permanently fix the wash out problem on Hancock Road
25. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for repair of the fence at the municipal parking lot on the corner of Madison Ave. and Seymour Street
26. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update before the Public Works Committee on the status of the Victory Road drainage project, Park Street drainage project and Paul Avenue culvert

Referred to Commissioner Collingwood

27. A petition from Councilor Tyler that Grand Avenue be placed on the chip sealing list

Referred to Governor Romney

28. A citizens petition to the Governor to stop cuts to Medicare and Medicaid

Referred to the Building Commissioner and Health Department

29. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for enforcement of yard maintenance ordinances at 206-208 Linden Street
30. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for enforcement of yard maintenance ordinances at 257-259 Robbins Avenue

Referred to the Parks Department

31. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of security gates at the three entrances to Wahconah Park

Referred to the Sheriff's Department and Parks Department

32. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio to verify plans to continue the vacant lot mowing program this year

Referred to MassHighway

33. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio asking for assistance in funding a traffic signal at the northern intersection of Wahconah Street and North Streets

