

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 24, 2006 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City to waive its right of first refusal to purchase recreational property known as the Pines in Bousquet located on Dan Fox Drive
3. A communication submitting a Traffic Order required to implement certain changes in the parking regulations on McArthur Street
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing submission of a PWED grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Streetscape Improvement Project-Phase 2

APPOINTMENTS

5. Appointment of Alf Barbalunga as a member of the Cinema Center Design Review Committee
6. Appointment of Ronald Griffin as a member of the Cinema Center Design Review Committee
7. Appointment of Gerald M. Lee as a member of the Cinema Center Design Review Committee
8. Appointment of George Whaling as a member of the Cinema Center Design Review Committee

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. A public hearing on the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project – Phase 2
10. A public hearing on abandonment of the McKay Street Walkway as a public way
11. A public hearing on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, by deleting Article 23-5 (PURD) in its entirety (continued from September 26, 2006)
12. A public hearing on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, by the addition of a section for Flexible Development (continued from September 26, 2006)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

13. A petition from Councilor Ward for installation of “share the road” signs on the east side of East New Lenox Road
14. A petition from Councilor Ward for installation of “share the road” signs on the west side of Dalton Division Road
15. A report of the Community Development Board on the application of Berkshire Merrill Road, LLC to amend its special permit for property at 609 Merrill Road
16. A report of the Traffic Commission on a communication from Mayor Ruberto submitting proposed amendments to parking designations at the Gateway Parking Lot on South Street, recommending the designations be amended to: first row/30-minute parking; second row/1-Hour parking; third and fourth rows/permit parking 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
17. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from various individuals requesting Union Street remain one-way, recommending it be filed

18. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Costi requesting Wendell Ave. Extension be made one-way, north to south, and diagonal parking be installed on one side, recommending it be filed
19. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for “No Parking” signs on the south side of McArthur Street, recommending approval and installation of signs
20. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting “No Turn on Red” signs at the intersection of Seymour and Linden Streets, recommending approval as long as there is not a conflict with the Traffic Control Agreement

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Public Safety and Health

21. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition from Councilor-Farley-Bouvier for a needs assessment of the City’s Health Department, recommending it be filed
22. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition from Councilor Bianchi for consideration of a long-term plan for reconfiguration of the Fire Department, recommending it be filed
23. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition from Councilor Costi that the City adopts a zero tolerance ordinance relating to littering on City streets and sidewalks, recommending it be filed
24. A report of the Committee on Public Safety and Health on a petition from former Councilor Malumphy to review the management structure and operations of the Pittsfield Airport, recommending it be filed

Report of the Committee of the Whole

25. A report of the Committee of the Whole on various Orders relating to the Downtown Cinema Center Project, recommending approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

26. A report of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities on the referral of a communication from the Mayor submitting the Downtown Circulation Study, recommending acceptance (tabled 9-26-06)
27. A petition from Councilor Tyer requesting endorsement of proposed legislation that would create a new local option for municipalities to purchase health insurance plans through the Group Insurance Commission (tabled 10-10-06)

NEW BUSINESS

28. A petition from Peter Arlos asking the Council to support the nationwide coalition of Mayors to demand stricter gun control laws and urging Mayor Ruberto to join the group as well

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Director of Community Development

29. A petition from Peter Arlos asking for a timeline of implementation for his previous request to add banners recognizing the Lichtenstein Center for Music and Arts

PLACED ON FILE

30. Annual report of the Building Inspection Department (copies available upon request)