

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 12, 2006 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting an Order amending Order No. 23 of the Series of 2006 to reduce the amount of free cash authorized to reduce the FY 2007 tax rate from \$1,715,000 to \$1,515,000
3. A communication submitting an Order appropriating \$500,000 to the City's Stabilization Account
4. A communication submitting an Order accepting the donation of a ballistic shield from Armored Solutions Inc. to be used by the Pittsfield Police Department

APPOINTMENTS

5. Appointment of Jonathan Garson, James Losaw, Tyrone Price and Brett Wallace as Police Officers in the Pittsfield Police Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. A public hearing on the application of WMECO and Verizon New England Inc. to install a jointly owned pole on Brooks Avenue
7. A public hearing on an application from Berkshire Merrill Road, LLC to amend its Special Permit for property at 609 Merrill Road
8. A public hearing for tax rate classification

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

9. A petition from Councilors Marchetti and Kerwood requesting a presentation by Commissioner Collingwood on the "Pay as You Throw" solid waste reduction program at the January 9th City Council meeting

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Reports of the Committee on Ordinances & Rules

10. A report of the Committee on Ordinances & Rules on a petition from Councilors Kerwood and Ward to amend the City Code to establish a Community Preservation Committee and outline its duties, recommending it be filed
11. A report of the Committee on Ordinances & Rules on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio to exempt churches, cemeteries and non-profit agencies from getting permits for tents, recommending it be filed
12. A report of the Committee on Ordinances & Rules on a petition from Peter Arlos requesting creation of an Ordinance that prohibits level 2 and 3 sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of any playground, park school, or day-care center in Pittsfield, recommending it be filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. 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

14. A petition from Peter Arlos asking the Chief of Police to develop a program to insure compliance with the sex offender registry law

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Traffic Commission

15. A petition from residents for removal of "No Parking" signs on Commonwealth Avenue
16. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of "No Parking" signs on both sides of Pecks Road from Valentine Road to Dan Casey Dr.
17. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of "No Parking" signs along the south side of Briggs Ave. to Weller Ave. and for the first 50 feet on the north side
18. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of stop signs on Churchill Street at the intersections of Dan Casey Dr. and Hancock Road

Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities

19. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a status report from Commissioner Collingwood on various petitions previously approved by the Council
20. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a status report from Commissioner Collingwood on the chip sealing of streets for 2007
21. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of "watch children" signs on Terrace St.
22. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of "watch children" signs on Churchill St., from Hancock Road to the Lanesboro town line
23. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting repair of the guardrail at the end of Onota Street, heading north and installation of a guardrail on Onota Street, heading south

Referred to the Parks Commission and Director of Community Services

24. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting exploration of lighting upgrade options at Wahconah Park
25. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting exploration of installing a generator at Wahconah Park to eliminate the \$1800 fee for turning on the power there