

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 23, 2006 – 7:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. Open microphone

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR**

2. A communication submitting an Order appropriating funds for the Fiscal Year 2007 Municipal Operating budget, an Order appropriating funds for the Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Budget, an Order appropriating funds from Certified Free Cash to balance the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget and an Order authorizing the City's Revolving Funds for Fiscal Year 2007
3. A communication submitting an Order appropriating \$310,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund to an account in the Department of Public Utilities/Water Division
4. A communication submitting an Order accepting a gift of funds in the amount of \$500 from the Berkshire Art Association to the Pittsfield Cultural Council
5. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Section 16-12(a), Exempt Employee Pay Scale, adding positions from the Personnel Department

**APPOINTMENTS**

6. The appointment of Daniel Allen, Rhonda Serre, June Hailer and Deborah Reinhart as members of the Human Services Advisory Council
7. The appointment of Sharon Harrison as a member of the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority board

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

8. A report of the Personnel Review Board relative to its May 16, 2006 meeting

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

*Report of the Committee on Public Works & Utilities*

9. A report of the Committee on Public Works & Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio to place roads on Thomas Island on the chip sealing list, recommending approval and referral to the Commissioner of Public Works to work with the neighbors on implementing a plan
10. A report of the Committee on Public Works & Utilities on a petition from Councilor Costi that the City considers reading water meters and sending bills twice a year, recommending it be filed
11. A report of the Committee on Public Works & Utilities on a petition from Councilor Kerwood that the City initiates a discussion with MassHighway Department about vegetation management, recommending referral to the Conservation Commission
12. A report of the Committee on Public Works & Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio to ask the Commissioner of Public Works to make improvements on Vin Hebert Boulevard, recommending approval and referral to the Commissioner for implementation
13. A report of the Committee on Public Works & Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio to ask the Commissioner of Public Works when the lights will be put up in the Seymour Street public parking lot, recommending approval and referral to the Director of Community Development
14. A report of the Committee on Public Works & Utilities on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of signs in the public parking lots on Seymour Street instructing owners to pick up after their dogs, recommending approval and referral to the Commissioner of Public Works for installation of signs and to the Chief of Police for the Animal Control Officer

*Reports of the Audit Committee*

15. A report of the Audit Committee on a petition from Councilor Kerwood for an overview of the City's health insurance plan, recommending it be filed

Report of the Committee on Community and Economic Development

16. A report of the Community and Economic Development on an Order authorizing the City to declare 47 properties as surplus and making them available for disposition, recommending approval

**NEW BUSINESS**

17. A petition from Astrid Hagenguth, et al asking the Council to approve and refer to the Mayor for signature a resolution that Pittsfield sign the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and to approve a resolution to join the Cities for Climate Protection organization
18. A petition from Peter Arlos asking the Council to urge Berkshire State Legislators to support a bill that would add \$10 million to the state's housing voucher program

**ORDINANCES (final readings)**

19. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Article VI, Clerk of Committees
20. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Section 16-12(a) Clerk of Committees (pay scale)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

21. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that the Council oppose any change in garbage collection services (tabled 2-14-06)
22. A petition from Councilors Maffuccio and Markham to use money that was left over from the purchase of new buses for installation of a traffic signal at the northern intersection of Wahconah and North Streets (tabled 3-28-06)

**MATTERS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27**

Referred to the Traffic Commission

23. A petition from Councilor Costi to replace one parking place in front of 17 Wendell Avenue with a loading zone
24. A petition from Councilor Marchetti for removal of "no parking" signs on Dorchester Avenue
25. A petition from Councilor Ward for installation of "Share the Road" signs on Holmes Road and East New Lenox Road
26. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of a three-way stop at the intersection of Dan Casey Memorial Drive (the causeway) and Pecks Road
27. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Onota Street and Pecks Road

Referred to the Director of Community Development

28. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for an update on plans for the former Ski America and Mill property

Referred to the Mayor

29. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio that the Mayor increase funding in the FY 07 budget for road repairs and unaccepted streets

Referred to the Harbor Master

30. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for installation of signs at the Pontoosuc Lake boat ramp indicating a fine for swimming in the channel

Referred to the Committee on Public Works

31. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for placement of "stop for pedestrian" signs in the Seymour Street and Madison Ave. crosswalks