

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 27, 2007 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication submitting a request for a public hearing pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, §5B with regard to the taking of agricultural land by eminent domain

APPOINTMENTS

3. Appointment of Francis B. Marinaro as a member of the Board of Health

PUBLIC HEARING

4. A public hearing on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, by deleting Article 23-5 (PURD) in its entirety (continued from February 13, 2007)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

5. A petition from Councilor Ward requesting adoption of a policy to replace municipal trees that are removed due to disease
6. A petition from Councilor Markham requesting ascertainment of the feasibility of installing a sidewalk at the beginning of the stone gate on North Street extending through to the abutting property at Reid Middle School
7. A petition from Councilor Costi requesting an update with regard to present and future developments of the GE property

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. 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 1-9-07)

NEW BUSINESS

9. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III that the Council issue a declaration that *Moby Dick* be made the official novel of Massachusetts and in support of recently submitted legislation of Representative Speranzo
10. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III to make *Moby Dick* the official novel of Pittsfield and to declare it "The Great American Novel"
11. A petition from Peter Arlos asking for enforcement of the ordinance that requires residents and businesses to clear sidewalks after snow storms

ORDINANCES (final reading)

12. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 4 ½ , Criminal and Non-Criminal Enforcement
13. An Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 20, Streets and Sidewalks, Section 20-17

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

14. A petition from Claire Bosma to amend the City Code, Article 23-9, to exclude “rabbits” from the language in Section 9.204

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules and the City Solicitor

15. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio for creation of an Ordinance to define a common driveway