

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 14, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

2. A communication informing the Council of a presentation by the School Building Needs Commission
3. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to approve and ratify the agreement with the Public Employee Committee
4. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to pay a previous year's expense in the amount of \$285.00
5. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$500 from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation
6. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$18,931 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety – Statewide Telecommunications Board
7. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$825,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development
8. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to approve a conservation restriction for Berkshire County Meadows, off North Street
9. A communication submitting a Traffic Order authorizing parking restrictions on Dalton Avenue
10. A communication submitting a Traffic Order authorizing parking restrictions on Edwin Street
11. A communication submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article XXV, Conservation Agent, with regard to the appointing authority

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Public hearing on the application of B.D.C. Inc. for a special permit for a car wash at 315 West Housatonic Street
13. Public hearing on a petition from the Community Development Board to amend the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Sections 2.2, 4.320 and 7.831 that establish the Downtown Arts Overlay District

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

14. A petition from Councilor Costi asking the City to consider a ban on the use of outdoor wood-fired furnaces
15. A petition from Councilors Ward and Sherman to establish a Bounty for Jobs program in Pittsfield to provide incentives to corporate relocation consultants or agents

16. A communication from the City Clerk submitting Orders issuing the warrant and designating polling locations and times for the November 4, 2008 State election
17. A communication from the Board of Health submitting its first quarter operating report
18. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Ward for "No Parking" signs on both sides of Veterans Way, recommending approval and installation of signs
19. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Costi requesting the Traffic Commission change the amount of spaces that are required to move a vehicle after parking in a space for the allotted time to at least one block, recommending it be filed as the Committee on Ordinances and Rules has made the changes
20. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Gior Witkowski requesting designation of two loading zones in the alley behind 141 North Street, recommending it be filed as the property in question is private property, not City property
21. A report of the Traffic Commission on a petition from Councilor Costi, Yvonne Pearson and Gior Witkowski to explore the possibility of an additional 75-100 parking spaces in the downtown, recommending the report be accepted and filed as changes have been and continue to be made

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules

22. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 23, Zoning, Sections 2.2, 4.320 and 7.831 that establish the Downtown Arts Overlay District, recommending approval
23. A report of the Committee on Ordinances and Rules on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio for creation of an Ordinance to define a common driveway, recommending approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24. Public hearing on a petition from Western Mass. Electric Company to locate poles on Dawes Avenue

NEW BUSINESS

25. A petition from residents of Lebanon Avenue and Donovan Street for immediate action to correct the sewage odor in their area

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Committee on Public Works & Utilities

26. A petition from Councilor Lothrop to accept the sewer utilities on County Court

PLACED ON FILE

27. Annual report of the Conservation Commission
28. Annual report of the Fire Department
29. Annual report of the Council on Aging
30. Annual report of the RSVP program
31. Annual report of the Purchasing Department
32. Annual report of the Municipal Data Processing/Payroll Department