



**CITY OF PITTSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL
November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Pittsfield City Hall, City Council Chambers**

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

APPOINTMENTS

2. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Cheryl Bassett, Maureen Tuggey, Matthew Buckley and Silvia Soria to the Homeless Prevention Committee
3. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Robert Sykes to the Human Rights Commission

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR

4. A communication from Mayor Tyer notifying the City Council of the appointment of James Ziter as Permanent Lieutenant in the Pittsfield Fire Department
5. A communication from Mayor Tyer notifying the City Council of the appointment of Matthew Kirchner as Permanent Police Captain and Thomas Dawley, John Soules and Glen Decker as Permanent Police Lieutenant
6. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
7. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$46,465.05 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
8. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to pay a previous year expense in the amount of \$254.93
9. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting two Orders authorizing the City of Pittsfield to amend its debt structure for the Beacon Cinema
10. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order authorizing the Assignment of the Lease of Lot #2 at Westwood Center
11. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a presentation from Ervin Deck of Stantec who will provide an outline of the master planning process for the Pittsfield Municipal Airport

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Public hearing on a petition from Verizon New England, Inc. and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource, requesting permission to place one jointly owned pole on Williams Street
13. Public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Rate

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

14. A petition from the Community Development Board to amend the City Code, Chapter 23, Article 23-4 Section 4.322 – Establishes standards and allows for the permitting of wireless communication facilities

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Report from the Committee on Traffic

15. A report from the Committee on Traffic on a petition from Councilor Moon and Councilor White requesting a sign notifying drivers of the dangerous intersection at Benedict Road and Crane Avenue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. A communication from Mayor Tyer on two (2) Orders authorizing the City of Pittsfield to take by eminent domain a permanent drainage easement over land of Gloria B. Leavitt (*Tabled from 3/27/18*)
17. A report from the Committee on Ordinance and Rules on a petition from Councilor Morandi requesting City Code Chapter 8: Solid Waste and Disposal be fully reviewed and revised where needed, recommending the Ordinance be approved as amended, failed 2-2 Councilors Krol and Caccamo in favor and Councilor Mazzeo and White in opposition (*Tabled from October 23, 2018*)

NEW BUSINESS

18. A petition from Craig Gaetani requesting that any veteran who has participated in any war and who is 60 years or age or older be exempt from paying any property taxes in the City of Pittsfield
19. A petition from Craig Gaetani requesting that all exterior doors at city hall be open during City Council and sub-committee meetings
20. A petition from Craig Gaetani requesting the insurance packets provided to city employees immediately go to 50-50% until it reaches a 20-80 split with employees paying 80%

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Placed on File

21. A petition from Craig Gaetani requesting the City Council create a policy that all petitions be read verbatim and that they be the first order of business
22. A petition from Craig Gaetani requesting the Police Chief to put boots on the ground in the city's two crime areas
23. A petition from Craig Gaetani requesting a protocol be established to allow any tax payer to visit any city owned facility

Referred to the Mayor

24. A petition from Craig Gaetani requesting the City Council not approve funds for the Police Sub Station on Columbus Avenue

Referred to the Chief of Police

25. A petition from the residents of Churchill Street requesting actions be taken to reduce speeding on Churchill Street

Referred to Public Works

26. A petition from the residents of Churchill Street requesting the condition of Churchill Street between Cascade Street and West Street be improved

Referred to the Traffic Commission

27. A petition from the residents of Churchill Street requesting that tri-axle dump trucks be rerouted to another street