



CITY OF PITTSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL
January 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Pittsfield City Hall, City Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Open microphone

APPOINTMENTS

2. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Cynthia Taylor to the School Building Needs Commission
3. A communication from Mayor Tyer reappointing Thomas Goggins and Erin Sullivan to the Zoning Board of Appeals
4. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Michael Blewitt to the Sister Cities Commission
5. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Karen Roche to the Human Services Advisory Council

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR

6. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$16,000.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security-Highway Division
7. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$34,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
8. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council
9. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to pay previous year expenses in the amount of \$7,045.98 in the Department of Public Services and Utilities
10. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association
11. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to rescind \$2,437,022.08 of authorized but unissued debt
12. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to appropriate \$168,382.00 of parking revenues to fund repairs/modifications within the McKay Street Parking Garage
13. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a gift of funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from East Acres Solar NG LLC
14. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to enter into a ten year contract with the Department of Environmental Protection and WM Recycle America, LLC

15. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a communication requesting the City Council to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiation

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

16. A communication from President Marchetti with committee assignments for the 2020-2021 years
17. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the City Assessor to supply a list of vacant lots and buildings and a date for a public auction
18. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting to invite the Chief Sanitation Officer for a status update on the enforcement of waste in the City
19. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting to amend the City Code regarding the collection of solid waste
20. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a way to preserve the Berkshire Carousel
21. A petition from Councilor Morandi requesting the Director of Community Development give an update on the former Morningside Fire Station and the former Hess Gas Station

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. A report from the Traffic Commission on a communication from Mayor Tyer submitting two Traffic Orders: a. Removal of No Parking Regulations on a portion of South Church Street; b. Removal of Taxicab Stand on the Southerly side of South Church Street, recommending to approve (4/0)
Tabled (10/8/19)

NEW BUSINESS

23. A petition from Alex Blumin requesting to change the Mayor's term from four years back to two

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

24. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting an update on the Pecks Road bridge status

REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

25. A petition from the Pittsfield Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Map by creating the Tyler Street Overlay District

REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

26. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a brief overview of the vacancy rate of North Street

REFERRED TO THE FIRE CHIEF

27. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Fire Chief look into a homebased ambulance service

REFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

28. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a status update on the replacement of the Police Station
29. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting to revive the City's Youth Commission

REFERRED TO THE PITTSFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

30. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting PEDA provide an overview of the General Electric property

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

31. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting to invite the Police Chief to the first meeting in February to give a status update on crime rate

REFERRED TO THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

32. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the School Committee look into offering vocational training to the public
33. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting an update on the conditions and repairs needed for all of the Pittsfield Public Schools
34. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting to investigate an indoor walking program in the schools for the public

REFERRED TO THE CITY SOLICITOR

35. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting a status update of the tax title process

REFERRED TO THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

36. A petition from Nicholas Russo requesting a No Parking Zone be created on the east side of McKay Street

PLACED ON FILE

37. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Finance Director give an overview of the City's financial standings