



**CITY OF PITTSFIELD  
REGULAR MEETING  
PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL via ZOOM  
September 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**

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## **AGENDA**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and state and federal orders and guidance imposing strict limits on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted exclusively via remote participation. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so on PCTV. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

**NOTE:** If you are required to participate in a particular item, you may do so by calling (312) 626-6799, Enter the Meeting ID, 974 2436 0461 on your phone's keypad and press #. Press # again.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

1. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Florian Ptak, Lillian Lee, and Sally Soluri to the Pittsfield Cultural Council

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR**

2. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept additional grant of funds in the amount of \$8,500.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health
3. A communication from Mayor Tyer on a petition from Councilor Morandi concerning the Pittsfield Economic Development Funds Small Business Fund and the amount of funds each received from the CARES Act and a list of cultural organizations that received funds from the CARES Act
4. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order transferring excess bond proceeds from the completed Solar Panel Installation project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to upgrade the Gordon Rose Business Park Pump Station Project.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

5. A public hearing on an application from Hospitality Syracuse, Inc. for approval of a fast food restaurant with a drive-through window

6. A petition from Eversource and Verizon New England requesting to install 2 jointly owned poles to be located at the intersection of Pecks Road and Hancock Road
7. A petition from Eversource requesting to install 1 solely owned pole on East Street, West of Newell Street

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

8. A communication from the Purchasing Agent on a petition from Councilor Morandi requesting an update on the recent RFP for the former Tyler Street Fire Station building
9. A communication from the Community Development Board on a petition from Glenn and Debra Guachione requesting to amend the zoning code permitting the construction of ground mounted solar
10. A petition from Councilors Lampiasi and Persip requesting the Chairman of the Homeless Prevention Committee provide a detailed list of programs that the committee advocated for through the City, State, Federal, and County entities. Additionally, what recommended funding sources and procedures has the Committee recommended per Section 2.4
11. A petition from Councilors Lampiasi and Persip requesting the Chairman of the Homeless Prevention Committee provide a report detailing steps the Homeless Prevention Committee has taken to monitor homelessness in the City of Pittsfield since 2019 per Section 2.1
12. A petition from Councilors Lampiasi and Persip requesting the Chairman of the Homeless Prevention Committee answer how many meetings the Homeless Prevention Committee held during the present quarter and if, due to the recent spike in homelessness in Pittsfield, there has been an increase in meetings during the stated timeframe per Section 2.3
13. A petition from Councilors Lampiasi and Persip requesting the Chairman of the Homeless Prevention Committee provide a report of the community leaders and neighborhood service providers that the Homeless Prevention Committee has collaborated with and if any, what "viable" solutions has the Committee drafted since 2019 per Section 2.1
14. A petition from Councilors Connell and Kavey requesting to amend City Code, Chapter 23, Section 4.3 to establish requirements and standards for the permitting of wireless communication facilities
15. A petition from Councilors Connell and Kavey requesting the Mayor and the Zoning Board of Appeals restart the permitting process for the 877 South Street tower
16. A petition from Councilors Maffuccio, Kavey and Connell asking the Sub Committee of Public Health and Safety to review the cities relationship with ServiceNet
17. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Mayor to remove and replace Dick Stockwell from the Licensing Board
18. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting that Councilor Lampiasi resign from the Licensing Board
19. A petition from Councilors Connell and Marchetti requesting to change the traffic signal at the entrance to Kirvin Park to a flashing yellow light at all times

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### Report from the Finance Committee

20. A Report from the Finance Committee on an Order appropriating \$223,000 from the FY21 Community Preservation Fund Budget, recommending to approve 4-0
21. A Report from the Finance Committee on two Orders authorizing to borrow \$2,750,000 to pay cost of the New Western Pressure Zone Water Storage Tank and \$950,000 to pay the cost of the Cleveland Reservoir Diversion Structure Maintenance, recommending to approve 4-0

### Report from the Community and Economic Development Committee

22. A Report from the Community and Economic Development Committee on two Orders: Order 1 to approve the amended Housing Development Zone Map, recommending to approve 5-0 and Order 2 approving a Tax Increment Exemption Agreement for 235 East Street, recommending to approve 5-0
23. A Report from the Community and Economic Development Committee on two Orders: Order 1 to approve a Tax Increment Exemption Agreement for 730-748 Tyler Street, recommending to approve 5-0 and Order 2 to approve a Tax Increment Exemption Agreement for 765 Tyler Street, recommending to approve 4-1

### A report from the Community Development Board

24. A report from the Community Development Board on an application from Hospitality Syracuse, Inc. for approval of a fast food restaurant with a drive-through window, recommending to approve 5/0

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

25. A petition from Councilors Maffuccio and Morandi asking to appoint a City Youth Advisor (*Tabled March 10, 2020*)
26. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting to adopt Mass General Law, Chapter 85, Section 17A, to ban activity from Park Square to Hubbard Avenue and from North Street to Tyler Street. (*Tabled March 10, 2020*)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

27. A petition from Mark Tully requesting that the City Council petition the Mayor to remove Councilor Lampiasi from the Licensing Board
28. A petition from Mark Tully requesting the City Council enforce Section 6-20 of the City Code and that the reports be made available on the City website for public review