

# CITY OF PITTSFIELD CITY CLERK REGULAR MEETING PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL via ZOOM March 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

# 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, 956 4033 6573 on your phone's keypad and press #. Press # again.

- 1. Open microphone
- 2. COVID-19 update from the Administration

# **APPOINTMENTS**

- 3. A communication from Mayor Tyer reappointing Justine Dodds to the Pittsfield Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
- 4. A communication from Mayor Tyer reappointing Edward Carmel to the Pittsfield Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
- 5. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Kari McLain to the Board of Assessors

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR

- 6. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a gift of funds in the amount of \$306.00 from various donors in memory of Ron Meyers
- 7. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council
- 8. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting two Orders related to the Tyler Street Improvement Project: Order one for three permanent takings of property owned by: Thomas & Cynthia Zanconato, Worthington Group LLC, and John and Kathryn Kearns: Second Order is for a permanent easement for the property owned by the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority
- 9. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Human Resources, Section 16-16, Holidays

- 10. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a Traffic Order to establish no parking on portions of Edward Avenue
- 11. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to transfer \$234,800.00 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to the FY21 DPU Wastewater Operating budget

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

12. A public hearing on a Special Permit Application for Global Partners LP requesting under Article 23, Section 7.839 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a drive-through eating establishment and Section 7.812 auto service station for a proposed Pizza Outlet with seating at 480 West Housatonic Street

# COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

- 13. A report from the Community Development Board on Special Permit application from Global Partners LP for a special permit amendment under Section 7.839 (drive through restaurant) and 7.812 (auto service station) of the Zoning Ordinance, recommending to approve 5/0
- 14. A response from Director Armstrong on a petition from Councilor Persip requesting ways to improve snow removal on city sidewalks and to hold residents and businesses accountable for clearing
- 15. A response from Director Armstrong on a petition from Councilors Connell and Kavey requesting the Health Department investigate the health concerns of the residents that live near the 877 South Street cell tower
- 16. A response from Commissioner Morales on a petition from Councilor Morandi requesting an update on the construction upgrades and cost associated with the City Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 17. A response from Commissioner Morales on petitions from Councilor Maffuccio in relation to contracted construction and in house paving work for 2021

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 18. A petition from Councilors Maffuccio and Morandi asking to appoint a City Youth Advisor (Tabled March 10, 2020)
- 19. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the City Council seek to have their own Attorney separate from the City Solicitor (January 12, 2021)
- 20. A report from the Ordinance and Rules Committee on a petition from Councilor Morandi requesting City Code, Chapter 8, Solid Waste and Disposal, be fully reviewed and revised where needed, referred to the Resource Recovery Committee (*Tabled February 23, 2021*)

# MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Health Department and the to Public Health and Safety Committee

21. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting that the City opt out of the mosquito spraying program

# Referred to the Traffic Commission

22. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting to install a No Parking sign at the corner of Briggs Avenue and Washington Street, on the Briggs side