

CITY OF PITTSFIELD REGULAR MEETING PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL via ZOOM April 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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<u>AGENDA</u>

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, 965 2687 9953 on your phone's keypad and press #. Press # again.

1. Open microphone

APPOINTMENTS

2. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Allyson Holmes to the Zoning Board of Appeals

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR

- 3. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an award presentation from Center for EcoTechnology
- 4. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$12,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Conservation and Recreation
- 5. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$23,000 from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration
- 6. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order rescinding \$731,572.04 of authorized but yet unissued debt
- 7. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order amending Order #84 of the series of 2020 to increase the amount authorized to be borrowed

PUBLIC HEARING

8. A public hearing for the proposed "Downtown Creative District" and related zoning amendments

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

- A communication from the Finance Director and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting an independent audit into the finances of every municipal department and administrative offices
- 10. A communication from the District Attorney on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the practices and the abuse and human rights violations happening in the homeless shelter be looked into

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report from the Ordinance and Rules Committee

- 11. A report from the Ordinance and Rules Committee with a recommendation from the Community Development Board for the proposed "Downtown Creative District" and related zoning amendments, recommending to approve 5/0
- 12. A report from the Ordinance and Rules Committee on an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Human Resources, Section 16-16, Holidays, recommending to approve 5/0

Report from the Public Works Committee

- 13. A report from the Public Works Committee on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting that an RFP be made for solid waste collection and recycling for more options to better serve the people of this community, recommending to amend and approve 5/0
- 14. A report from the Public Works Committee on a petition from Councilor Maffuccio proposing to increase the bulky waste sticker fee, recommending to amend and approved 5/0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 15. A petition from Councilors Maffuccio and Morandi asking to appoint a City Youth Advisor (Tabled March 10, 2020)
- 16. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the City Council seek to have their own Attorney separate from the City Solicitor (January 12, 2021)
- 17. 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*)

NEW BUSINESS

- 18. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Cable Commission review the contract and reliability of Spectrum/Charter Cable Company
- 19. A petition from Councilor Cohen requesting to create a memorial to honor those who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and to honor those who battle on the front lines fighting the pandemic in our community

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works

- 20. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting James Street be placed on the reconstruction list for streets to be considered to be repaved in the upcoming construction for in house paving
- 21. A petition from Councilor Morandi requesting an update for pothole repairs, street sweeping, line painting, plow damage repairs and paving bids for this construction season

22. A petition from Councilors Connell, Maffuccio and Morandi requesting a presentation of the Pittsmart Reporting System from the Commissioner of Public Services

Referred to the Chief of Police

23. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting help from the E.P.O. to help battle the ongoing issues with illegal activity of off road recreational vehicles

Referred to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

24. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting the Massachusetts DEP hold a public hearing for the application submission of a Chapter 91 License from Pontoosuc Lake Properties, LLC, 22 Waubeek Road for a proposed Marina