



CITY OF PITTSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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June 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Open microphone
2. Approval of the May 23, 2023 minutes

APPOINTMENTS

3. A communication from Mayor Tyer reappointing Amanda McGregor to the Commission on Disabilities
4. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Amanda Bates as the Director of Veterans' Services

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR

5. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order accepting a gift of funds in the amount of \$35,000 from the Egremont Elementary School PTO to be used towards playground improvements at the school
6. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order accepting a gift of funds in the amount of \$5,000 from the Berkshire Bank Foundation to be used towards playground improvements at Egremont School

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Referred to the Charter Review Committee

7. A petition from Councilor Kronick to amend the City Charter to facilitate rotation of elected officials and to impose a mandatory one year cooling off period, (*Charter Objection – May 23, 2023*)

NEW BUSINESS

8. A petition from Councilor Kalinowsky requesting the City Council to recognize June 16, 2023, as World EHS, Electro hypersensitivity Day by adopting attached Resolution

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A Report from the Committee of the Whole

9. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the fiscal years 2024-2028, recommending to approve 8/1
10. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order raising and appropriating \$205,584,497.00 to fund the City's operating budget for the Fiscal Year 2024, recommending to approve 6/3
11. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from certified free cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate, recommending to approve 6/3

12. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to borrow an aggregate sum not exceeding \$10,648,000.00 for General Fund Capital Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024, recommending to approve 8/1
13. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to borrow an aggregate sum not exceeding \$14,445,000.00 for Enterprise Fund Capital Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024, recommending to approve 10/0
14. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order transferring and appropriating \$280,000.00 from the Public Works Stabilization Fund to the Department of Public Services, recommending to approve 9/0
15. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order authorizing the use and expenditure of the City's current revolving funds pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for Fiscal Year 2024, recommending to approve 9/0
16. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order appropriating \$220,500.00 for parking related expenditures pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40, Sections 21A-22C for Fiscal Year 2024, recommending to approve 9/0
17. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting two Orders establishing the water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2024: Order 1 Establishing the Water rates, recommending to approve 6/4, Order 2 Establishing the Sewer rates, recommending to approve 6/4

A Report from the Finance Committee

18. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order requesting a ten-year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement to assist Mill Town Capital in the redevelopment of Bousquet Sport, recommending to approve 4/1
19. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting three (3) Order's related to the Community Preservation Fund: Order 1 to amend Order 55 of 2022 appropriating \$965,182.58 for FY2023 budget, recommending to approve 5/0; Order 2 to appropriate \$648,523 from the FY2023 budget, recommending to approve 4/1; Order 3 to appropriate \$848,659.58 for the FY2024 budget, recommending to approve 5/0

A Report from the Ordinances and Rules Committee

20. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 11 Licenses, Registrations and Permits, Article VII Special Liquor Licenses, recommending to approve 3/0
21. A petition from Councilor Kronick to accept MGL Chapter 41, Section 98C to require police officers on active duty to wear a badge, tag or label which identifies them by number, recommending to file 3/0

**PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

President Marchetti called the meeting to Order in regular session at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilors Conant, Kalinowsky, Lampiasi, Maffuccio, Marchetti, Persip, Sherman, Warren, White, and Kavey, Kronick

In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 20, President Marchetti notified those present that the proceedings were being audio and video recorded.

AGENDA

Representative Farley-Bouvier introduced A.J. Enchill and Mayor Tyer gave the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, in recognition of Black History Month, the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus celebrates community leaders and trailblazers from across Massachusetts for their work in civic engagement, education, business and other notable fields. A.J. Enchill was nominated by Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier for the Black Excellence on the Hill Award; and

WHEREAS, A.J. is founder and president of Pittsfield’s Berkshire Black Economic Council (BBEC) which is instrumental in supporting

Black businesses in the Berkshires; and

WHEREAS, A.J. is the former District Aide for State Senator Adam Hinds and was a member of Governor Healey’s transition team, serving as co-chair of the “Jobs and a Flourishing Economy for All” transition committee. He has also served on the boards of Berkshire Community Action Council and Community Health Programs, the C4 Arts Initiative and Berkshire County’s NAACP. He participates in Leaders for Equitable Local Economies, supporting Pittsfield’s BIPOC businesses; and

WHEREAS, A.J. is a Pittsfield native who graduated from Tufts University and returned to the city to make a difference in his hometown. He and his wife Attorney Grace Barlow Enchill are active members in the community and inspire others to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda M. Tyer, Mayor of the City of Pittsfield, and on behalf of its citizens and city officials, on this 23th day of May 2023, proudly honor and recognize A. J. ENCHILL for receiving the 2023 Black Excellence on the Hill Award.

The microphone was open to the public.

William Garrity, 64 Alcove Street. Speaking on item 15 as William believes would not be good for our community and can lead to many issues. Garrity does not want to see this item referred to the Charter Review Committee.

Frank Farkas, 69 Spadina Parkway. Also speaking on item 15. Frank believes democracy is all about choices and disagrees with this petition fully, especially on the age amendment.

Virginia O'Leary, 17 Constitution Road. Virginia is also opposed to item 15 especially at the age amendment. Virginia explained if a person is old enough to drive or serve then there should be no reason for such a change.

Jean Kempthorn, 74 North Street, Apt 602. Jean is echoing the previous speakers about item 15. Kempthorn explains that this change would be anti-democratic. Jean would prefer to see the development of leaders in our community instead of having term and age limits.

Alexander Blumin, 16 Hamlin Street. Blumin speaks in support of item 15 and is against PathogenX.

Craig Gaetani, 1098 West Street. Speaks on wanting to change the charter about votes in the City Council to break up consistent 6-5 votes.

Approval of the May 9, 2023 minutes. *Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to approve carried by a unanimous vote of all eleven members present.*

APPOINTMENTS

A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Gary R. Levante and Elizabeth Herland to the Community Development Board. *Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to approve carried by a unanimous vote of all eleven members present.*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR

A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order requesting a ten-year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement to assist Mill Town Capital in the redevelopment of Bousquet Sport. *Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to refer to the Finance Committee carried by a unanimous vote of all eleven members present.*

A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting three (3) Order's related to the Community Preservation Fund: Order 1 to amend Order 55 of 2022 appropriating \$965,182.58 for FY2023 budget, Order 2 to appropriate \$648,523 from the FY2023 budget and Order 3 to appropriate \$848,659.58 for the FY2024 budget. *Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to refer all three orders to the Finance Committee, carried by a unanimous vote of all eleven members present.* The meeting will be held on June 1, 2023.

A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Human Resources, Attachment 1, compensation schedules. *Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to refer to the Ordinances and Rules Committee carried by a unanimous vote of all eleven members present.*

A communication from Mayor Tyler submitting an Ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 16, Human Resources, Section 23-1, Management Residency Requirement. *Councilor Maffuccio*

made a motion to refer to the Ordinances and Rules Committee carried by a unanimous vote of all eleven members present.

A communication from Mayor Tyer on a brief presentation of a quarterly update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Ms. Armstrong and Ms. Ruffer provided the ARPA quarterly update. \$4,424,543 was reported to the US Treasury, \$85,590 Revenue replacement, \$43,740 Administration, \$1,423,152 Public Health Response & Capacity, \$2,190,086 Negative Economic Impacts, and \$681,975 Infrastructure. Total expenditures through 2023 Q1 is \$9,710,635. Community Partnerships: 34 Grant Agreements Executed, Norman Rockwell Child Care Center, Berkshire Theatre Group, MA Audubon, 17 on-site monitoring visits conducted to date, and a public awareness program initiated. South Community Food Pantry was awarded \$50,000 for capital improvements. Gladys Allen Brigham Center – Camp Stevenson-Witawentin awarded \$100,000 in Capital improvements. Berkshire Head Start awarded \$700,000. Berkshire Nursing Families awarded \$10,000 assisting 358 Pittsfield families from July of 2022 to March of 2023. Volunteers in Medicine awarded \$200,000 to meet increased healthcare needs from uninsured/underinsured Pittsfield residents. 20 ARPA funded familiarization (FAM) visits generated coverage across national travel, regional blogger, and local media. National recognition for Pittsfield campaign. Pittsfield High School received a \$4 million investment for heating and ventilation, and three new boilers to be installed in 2024. \$4.6M in ARPA funding for \$6.9M Ashley Water Treatment Facility Chemical Storage Building 68% complete as of May 15th. All reports are provided on the City's website. *Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to accept the presentation and place on file, carried by a unanimous vote of the eleven members present.*

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Items 11 and 10 and 9 were taken out of order.

A report from the Community Development Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 23, Article 23-9.204, Non-household Animals. *Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to accept and place on file carried by a unanimous vote of the eleven members present.*

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing to amend the Code of the City of Pittsfield, Chapter 23, Section 9.204, for the keeping of up to six (6) chickens. The public hearing was open. Alyssa Corbet 317 Highland Avenue spoke in favor of the new code. President Marchetti asked a second time for anyone else to speak, and a third call for any other public comments. *Councilor Kalinowski made a motion to ordain followed by a unanimous roll call vote of all eleven members present.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A report from the Ordinances and Rules Committee on a petition from Councilor Kalinowsky requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinance concerning the keeping of chickens, recommending to approve 4/0 (*tabled and referred to Community Development, April 11, 2023*) *Councilor Kalinowsky made a motion to accept and place on file carried by a unanimous vote of the eleven members present.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A Report from the Community and Economic Development Board

A communication from Mayor Tyer on an Order requesting \$150,000.00 in Pittsfield Economic Development Funds to assist PathogenX, Inc., recommending to approve 5/0. *Councilor Kronick*

made a motion to refer back to the Economic Development board, motion failed 1/9. Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to approve followed by a unanimous vote of all eleven members present.

A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order requesting authorization to submit the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for the 2023-2024 program year, recommending to approve 5/0. *Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to approve the order carried by a unanimous vote of all eleven members present.*

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee

A petition from Councilor Kronick to amend City Code, Section 16-13 to stabilize the growing expense of managerial salaries. *Councilor Kronick made a motion for discussion and a motion to approve. Councilor Warren made a motion to refer to Ordinance and Rules. The motion failed by a roll call vote 6/5. Councilor Kronick made a motion to table which failed 9/2. Councilor Sherman made a motion to file 9/2 with Kronick and Kalinowsky in opposition.*

Referred to the Charter Review Committee

A petition from Councilor Kronick to amend the City Charter to facilitate rotation of elected officials and to impose a mandatory one year cooling off period. *Councilor White made a motion to file the petition and not send it to the committee. Councilor Warren moved for a charter objection.*

8:13 p.m. Councilor Maffuccio made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting carried by a unanimous vote of the eleven members present.

**A true record, attest:
Heather Gregory Brazeau,
Assistant City Clerk**



THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

June 7, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

It is my sincere privilege to submit herewith for your consideration the reappointment of Amanda McGregor, of 114 Elberon Avenue, Pittsfield, MA to the Commission on Disabilities for a term expiring February 11, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer
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LMT/MWC



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Dear Councilors,

It is my sincere privilege to submit herewith for your consideration the appointment of Amanda Bates as Director of Veterans' Services.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

Amanda Bates

| Pittsfield, MA |

EXPERIENCE

Veterans' Services, City of Pittsfield, MA *Administrative Assistant/Investigator*

March 2022 - Present

Manages Chapter 115 program in the cities of Pittsfield, Windsor, Peru, Richmond, Washington and Hinsdale. Receives Chapter 115 applications and processes, investigates, and coordinates all benefits for Veterans, their surviving spouses and eligible dependents. Assists Veterans with emergency housing, job placement and mental health resources. Manages Veteran cemetery flag distribution, to include ordering, placement, record keeping and affidavit/death certificate processing and safe keeping. Process and receives all burial benefit applications and assist Veterans' and their families with funeral planning and organization. Assists with VA Claims; acts as liaison between Veterans, their families and Veterans Affairs. Office administrator; manages file maintenance and organization. Manages office ordering, accounting and billing processes.

The Lantern, Pittsfield, MA *Front Of House Manager; Server/Bartender*

January 2019 - March 2022

Manages a 6 member team in 60 person capacity restaurant. Manages employee scheduling, hiring, and training processes. Creates, implements and maintains restaurant standards, procedures and conduct. Manages social media platforms, marketing and photography; conducts daily server and bartender duties

Crisp Catering Company, Williamstown, MA *Lead Team Member*

May 2017 - PRESENT

Assists in serving, bartending, and food preparation for a variety of events to include, weddings, rehearsal dinners, and private functions.

Public Eat + Drink, North Adams, MA

Server/Bartender

April 2015 - July 2016

Assists customers in any and all relations to ensure a quality fine dining experience in fast paced restaurant adjacent to cultural MassMoca. Mixed and served food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages to numerous patrons. Mixed and provided alcoholic beverages for all patrons in 120 seat restaurant. Occasionally assisted with managing front of house staff.

SKILLS

Personable and welcoming.

Friendly, organized, and devoted to customer satisfaction and resolve.

Integral and hardworking; excellent team player.

Quick learner and able to work independently; self-motivated.

Experienced to utilize OnBase, Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and products, Microsoft Access, Microsoft Power Point, Windows NT, Windows 7, Microsoft Office, OnBase, Military Personnel Data System, Oracle Products, Microsoft Works, Microsoft Outlook E-Mail, types 88 WPM.

ACHIEVEMENTS

United States Air Force Veteran

March 2006 - March 2012

Honorable Discharge

Certified Veterans' Services Officer, May 2023

Center for EcoTechnology, Pittsfield, MA
Assistant

Human Resources

March 2013 - April 2016

Manages recruiting process; handles all advertising and postings of current job listings; screens and processes incoming resumes/cover letters; notifies all applicants on status of hiring process; schedules interviews for each position. Assists human resources manager in daily tasks and requirements; manages purchase requests for 100+ employees; handles and maintains company vehicle logs and maintenance requirements/updates; maintains facility care; files all human resources related documents.

Westover Air Reserve Base, Chicopee, MA
Assistant Chief, Career Enhancement

July 2008 - March 2012

Manages and overlooks the Enlisted Performance Report (EPR) Program for over 1500 members base wide; reviews evaluations for accuracy and identifies errors to units/individuals writing the evaluation, acts as base wide subject matter expert – created 439th Air Wing Enlisted Performance Report Writing Guide for members; manages and annotates EPR Excel Database and Excel Evaluations log for the tracking of all evaluations; conducts training's, briefings, and classes pertaining to the Enlisted Performance Report; acts as EPR liaison between base members and Head Quarters Air Reserve Personnel Center (HQARPC). Manages and overlooks the Enlisted Promotion Program for over 2300 members base wide; conducts trainings and classes on the Enlisted Promotion Program on base; assists in the management of the military awards and decorations program; responsible for preparing, processing, and reviewing all recommendations for awards and decorations, updates any new awards and decorations in MilPDS. Manages Enlisted Demotion program for over 2300 base wide; processes and quality reviews Initial Duty Assignment actions, verifies that all information on gained member is accurate, and, if not, annotates and corrects discrepancies.

EDUCATION

Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Williamstown *College Prep*

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Jim Clark, Director of Veterans' Services/Council On Again

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Bjorn Somlo, [retired]Owner/Proprietor The Lantern Bar + Grill, Nudel Restaurant

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Matthew England, Owner + Proprietor, Crisp Catering LLC

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Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order accepting a gift of funds in the amount of \$35,000 from the Egremont Elementary School PTO. This donation of funds will be used toward improvements to the playground at the school.

Respectfully submitted,


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LMT/MWC

cc: Justine Dodds, DCD Director
Matthew Kerwood, Treasurer



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, RM 205, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

June 5, 2023

To the Honorable Mayor Tyer
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Mayor Tyer:

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order accepting a gift of funds in the amount of \$35,000 from the Egremont Elementary School PTO. This donation of funds will be used toward improvements to the playground at the school.

Respectfully submitted,

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Justine Dodds
Director

cc: Matthew Kerwood, Treasurer

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO ACCEPT A
GIFT OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$35,000 FROM EGREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO**

No. _____

Ordered:

That the City of Pittsfield, by and through its Mayor and City Council, is hereby authorized to accept a gift of funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 from the Egremont Elementary School PTO and that the funds are to be directed toward improvements to the playground at the Egremont Elementary School. This gift is being accepted in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53A.

June 1, 2023

City of Pittsfield
Attn: James McGrath
70 Allen St., Room 205
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Jim,

The enclosed check for \$35,000.00 is the Egremont Elementary School PTO's contribution to the proposed playground replacement project. The Egremont community is looking forward to and excited about this opportunity to have a safe and sound playground in time for the 2023-2024 school year!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danielle Giulian".

Danielle Giulian
Treasurer
Egremont Elementary PTO
danielle.giulian@gmail.com
413.461.8985



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Respectfully submitted,

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Justine Dodds
Director

cc: Matthew Kerwood, Treasurer

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO ACCEPT A
GIFT OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$5,000 FROM BERKSHIRE BANK FOUNDATION**

No. _____

Ordered:

That the City of Pittsfield, by and through its Mayor and City Council, is hereby authorized to accept a gift of funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Berkshire Bank Foundation and that the funds are to be directed toward improvements to the playground at the Egremont Elementary School. This gift is being accepted in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53A.

 **BerkshireBank**
Foundation

James McGrath
Park, Open Space, and Natural Resource Program Manager
Community Development
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen St
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Mr. McGrath,

I am writing on behalf of Berkshire Bank Foundation to confirm that we have committed \$5,000 toward the building of the new playground at Egremont Elementary School. In addition to financial support, we will also be providing a group of employee volunteers (5+) to assist with playground assembly this summer, at the date and time to be determined. If there is anything else you need, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you, and we look forward to our continued business partnership with Egremont!

Sincerely,



Lori Kiely
Managing Director – Berkshire Bank Foundation
Regional President



City of Pittsfield

May 17 20 2023
 Charles Kronick
 Charles Kronick
 The undersigned respectfully

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield:—

A petition to refer to the Charter Review Committee the following question for consideration:

Shall the charter be amended to facilitate rotation of office for the following offices: city councilor, mayor, school committee, and clerk? This amendment shall also impose a mandatory one year cooling off period between change of office.

Argument:

Consider the interview with Captain Levi Preston many years following his courageous participation on Battle Road at Lexington on April 19, 1775, the day the British regulars engaged in butchery during their march to arrest and hang John Hancock and Samuel Adams. Captain Preston gave us the words that laid down the objectives inherent in our City Charter that the people of Pittsfield are a self-governed people and designing a government that is fit for our specific needs is our inheritance given to us by those who struck the match of liberty and self-determination on April 19.

Many years later, Captain Levi Preston of Danvers was asked why he went to war that day. At the age of 91, his memory of the Lexington alarm was crystal clear, and his understanding was very different from academic interpretation of this event. An historian asked him, "Captain Preston, what made you go to the Concord Fight?"

"What did I fight for?" the old man replied, subtly rephrasing the historian's question to drain away its determinism.

The interviewer tried again, "...Were you oppressed by the Stamp Act?" he asked.

"I never saw any stamps," Preton answered, "and I always understood that none were ever sold."

"Well, what about the tea tax?"

"Tea tax, I never drank a drop of that stuff, the boys threw it all overboard."

"But I suppose you have been reading Harrington, Sidney, and Locke about the eternal principle of liberty?"

"I never heard of these men. The only books we had were the Bible, the Catechism, Watt's psalms and hymns and the almanacs."

"Well, then, what was the matter?"

"Young man, what we meant in going for those Redcoats was this: we always had governed ourselves and we always meant to. They didn't mean we should."

This quote is of great importance to us today in this city. We have lost the founding objective of the Commonwealth which is the self-governance by our peers. In our day, the empowered citizen has lost status to what is now called the 'empowered voter.' Voters are frustrated by the stagnation of our elected leaders and concerns are logically focused on lack of participation at the polling booths. An unchanging body of leaders combined with lack of compelling reason for the citizen to run for office yielded us a government that is unresponsive to citizen's needs, incapable of proposing reform and efficient designs, and cannot even commit to basic ethical oversight such as rotating the city's independent financial auditor.

The conventional solution sought to lack of voter engagement is to promote voter turnout. However, that goal serves only to herd people to the polls in support of a stagnant pool of candidates. The lukewarm response and

historically low turnout of 15% during a non-statewide election expresses the citizens' rejection of our non-rotational form. The rotational structure proposed here addresses this problem by reviving the objective self-rule adopted by the citizen. Citing Captain Preston, today, we have a city of voters who do not govern themselves as they always meant to, and they have leaders who do not mean they should.

Why is limiting elected offices to a single term reasonable number? Elected officials enter office with objectives and ambition. Two to four years is a long time to accomplish the primary objectives. Further terms encourage self-interested concerns for re-election and indifference to constituents. With a deadline of one single term to complete an agenda, the candidate is forced to focus on the issues that brought him/her to office and has the maximum enthusiasm and energy for the task.

Opponents to term limits claim that extended terms give parliamentary skill and that rotation will make an ineffective body of political amateurs. The concern has merit, but its assumption underestimates the citizen's intelligence, undervalues the weight of Common Sense and the ethical core of most people, and disregards individual experience. That they do not apply this assumption to other civic bodies also weakens its merit. An example of a civic body that succeeds in meeting complex goals without *any* preparation include public juries issuing competent verdicts on difficult decisions involving days of complex and conflicting testimony and evidence. We also see this competency in private employees who succeed in complex jobs with limited prior experience. The reason we entrust this responsibility of just verdicts to the public is that we assume competence to deliberate and argue derives from Common Sense, moral sense, and acquired experience from work and life. A body of 11 councilors can likewise deliberate with Common Sense, moral sense, and life experience to reach effective and just decisions.

More challenging is the question of potential vacancies resulting from rotation. The assumption is twofold. One, people will not be inclined to run, and two, vacancies are inherently bad. Neither assumption has precedents to justify them. Opponents argue that lack of incumbents to take office will result in vacancies since people may not care to draw papers. This argument assumes that no one in a pool of 7,000 has interest to seek an office.

Yet, it is more likely that an uncontested office would actually attract candidates and people do have desire to protect his/her neighborhood's interests. The notion that people are inherently uninterested in public service contradicts knowledge about human nature that consistently directs us to defend our interests. Are potential vacancies a scourge to avoid? They already happen. Vacancies happen regardless of election outcomes; officials already quit and take extended leave of absences in spite of oaths and commitments. Further, there are consequences to vacancies that citizens will have to consider. If a ward loses representation because its residents fail to mobilize a candidate, those residents would learn fast the costs to letting other ward leaders make decisions on their behalf and the cost to their own interests in not engaging in self-governance. Therefore, I propose the following additions to City Charter:

1. Article 2 Section 2-1: Composition; Term of Office; Eligibility Legislative Branch
 1. Add subsection (d) & (e)
 1. (D) "Ward Councilors and City Councilors shall rotate upon completing a two year term.
 2. (E) At the conclusion of a term, the councilor shall not run for any elected office with the City of Pittsfield for a period of 1 (one) year."
2. Article 3, Section 3-1: MAYOR QUALIFICATIONS; TERM OF OFFICE; COMPENSATION; PROHIBITIONS.
 1. Add subsection (e) & (f)
 1. (E) The Mayor shall rotate upon completing a four year term.
 2. (F) At the conclusion of a term, the mayor shall not run for any other elected office with the City of Pittsfield for a period of 1 (one) year.
3. Article 4, Section 4-1 School Committee: Composition, Term of Office, Eligibility
 1. Add Subsections (d) & (e) & (f)
 1. (D) School Committee members shall rotate upon completing a two year term.

2. (E) At the conclusion of a term, the Committee member shall not run for any elected office with the City of Pittsfield for a period of 1 (one) year.
 3. (F) School Committee members shall be of minimum of 30 years of age
4. Article 5, Section 5-1: City Clerk. Election Term
1. Add Subsections (f)
 1. (F)The City Clerk shall not serve more than a 1 (one) consecutive term

Appendix

Current language from the Charter:

ARTICLE 2 SECTION 2-1

COMPOSITION; TERM OF OFFICE; ELIGIBILITY.

(a)

Composition - There shall be a city council consisting of 11 members which shall exercise the legislative powers of the city. Four of these members, to be known as councilors-at-large, shall be nominated from and elected by the voters at large. Seven of these members, to be known as ward councilors, shall be nominated from and elected by the voters in each ward; one such ward councilor to be elected from each of the seven wards into which the city is divided under section 8-6.

(b)

Term of Office - The term of office for councilors shall be two years each, beginning on the first Monday in the January succeeding the councilor's election, except when that first Monday falls on a legal holiday, in which event the term shall begin on the following day and until successors have been qualified.

(c)

Eligibility - Any voter shall be eligible to hold the office of councilor-at-large. A ward councilor shall be a voter in the ward from which election is sought. If a ward councilor or a councilor-at-large removes from the city during the councilor's term, that office shall immediately be deemed vacant and filled in the manner provided in section 2-11. A ward councilor who removes from the ward in which the councilor was elected and who remains a resident of the city may continue to serve during the term for which the councilor was elected. The city council shall determine whether a city councilor has removed from the city.

ARTICLE 3 SECTION 3-1

SECTION 3-1

MAYOR QUALIFICATIONS; TERM OF OFFICE; COMPENSATION; PROHIBITIONS.

(a)

Mayor Qualifications - The chief executive officer of the city shall be a mayor, elected by the voters of the city at large. Any voter shall be eligible to hold the office of mayor. The mayor shall devote full-time to the office and shall not hold any other elective public office.

(b)

Term of Office - The term of office of the mayor shall be four years, beginning on the first Monday in the January succeeding the mayor's election, except when that first Monday falls on a legal holiday, in which event the term shall begin on the following day and shall continue until a successor has been qualified.

(c)

Compensation - The city council shall, by ordinance, establish the compensation for the mayor. No ordinance increasing or reducing the compensation of the mayor shall be effective unless it has been adopted by a two-thirds vote of the full city council. No ordinance increasing or reducing the compensation of the mayor shall be effective unless it has been adopted during the first 18 months of the term for which the mayor is elected and unless it provides that the compensation increase or reduction is to take effect upon the organization of the city government following the next regular city election.

(d)

Prohibitions - The mayor shall hold no other compensated city position. No former mayor shall hold a compensated appointed city office or city employment until one year following the date on which the former mayor's city service has terminated. This subsection shall not prevent a city officer or other city employee who

has vacated a position in order to serve as mayor from returning to the same office or other position of city employment held at the time such position was vacated; provided, however, that no such person shall be eligible for any other municipal position until at least one year following the termination of service as mayor. This prohibition shall not apply to persons covered by a leave of absence under section 37 of chapter 31 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 4 SCHOOL COMMITTEE SECTION 4-1
COMPOSITION; TERM OF OFFICE; ELIGIBILITY.

(a)
Composition - There shall be a school committee which shall consist of seven members. Six of these members shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the city at large. The mayor shall serve, by virtue of the office, as a member of the school committee with all of the same powers and duties as the members elected by the voters as school committee members.

(b)
Term of Office - The term of office for elected school committee members shall be two years each, beginning on the first Monday in the January succeeding the elected school committee member's election, except when that first Monday falls on a legal holiday, in which event the term shall begin on the following day and until a successor has been qualified.

(c)
Eligibility - A school committee member shall, at the time of election, be a voter. If a school committee member removes from the city during the term for which that person was elected, that office shall immediately be deemed vacant and filled in the manner provided in section 4-6.

Article 5

CITY CLERK

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SECTION 5-1

ELECTION; TERM.

(a)
Election, Eligibility - The city clerk shall be elected by the voters of the city at large. Any voter shall be eligible to hold the office of city clerk. The city clerk shall devote full-time to the office and shall not hold any other elective public office. The city clerk shall perform all the duties and exercise the powers incumbent by law upon the office.

(b)
Term of Office - The term of office of the city clerk shall be two years, beginning on the first Monday in the January succeeding the city clerk's election, except when that first Monday falls on a legal holiday, in which event the term shall begin on the following day and until a successor has been qualified.

(c)
Compensation - The city council shall, by ordinance, establish the compensation for the office of the city clerk.

(d)
Temporary Absence or Vacancy - In case of the temporary absence of the city clerk, or a vacancy in the office, the mayor shall appoint an acting city clerk. The mayor shall be the sole judge of whether a temporary absence exists in the office of city clerk. In the case of a vacancy, the mayor shall appoint an acting city clerk until the charter provisions regarding the filling of the vacancy take effect.

(e)
Filling of Vacancy - Should a vacancy occur in the office of the city clerk during the first year of the term, the city council shall, under article 8, order a special election to be held within 90 days following the date the vacancy is created to fill such vacancy until the next regular city election. The candidate elected at that special city election shall take office immediately and shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. A person serving as city clerk under this section shall not be entitled to have the words "candidate for reelection" printed next to that person's name on the subsequent municipal election ballot. Should a vacancy occur in the office of

the city clerk after the first year of the term, the mayor shall appoint, subject to review by the city council under section 2-10, a temporary city clerk to serve until the next municipal election. The city clerk elected at said election shall take office immediately following said election.

May 28, 2023

I am submitting this petition on behalf of Courtney Gilardi, requesting the Pittsfield City Council to respectfully recognize June 16, 2023, as World EHS, Electro hypersensitivity Day by adopting the attached Resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Kalinowsky

City Councilor At-Large

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**Pittsfield Massachusetts
Electromagnetic sensitivity Day Resolution**

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield values the diversity, equity and inclusion of all its residents, including those with visible and invisible differences and especially those that involve physical or mental impairments that substantially limit one or more major life activities;

WHEREAS six years ago, June 16, 2017 was celebrated internationally as the World's first "Electrohypersensitivity" ("EHS") day also known as Electromagnetic sensitivity ("EMS");

WHEREAS, those with EMS exhibit one or more recognized symptoms as a result of exposure to pulsed and modulated RF radiation ("RFR");

WHEREAS, EMS is a spectrum disease and it is progressive. For some the symptoms can become debilitating and severely affect their ability to function;

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2023, The Massachusetts Joint Committee on Public Health heard HB 2158, An Act recognizing EMS as a disease dangerous to the public health, requiring inclusion in MAVEN, establishing the Massachusetts EMS registry and requiring biennial reporting and public health education as part of population health trends in an effort to document how many people in the Commonwealth are suffering from this disease;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2023 there is a worldwide effort to raise awareness and visibility of this condition, to assure acceptance, equitable treatment, and inclusion in society, and are afforded the means to avoid nonconsensual exposure;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council by Resolution expresses its support for EHS Awareness Day, and joins with all those throughout the world and United States in supporting awareness, acceptance, education, inclusion and equity surrounding EMS and those who suffer from it.



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 6, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee ~~ON~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING FOR YOUR APPROVAL A 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2024 - 2028 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 7.5 OF THE CHARTER.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 8-1 WITH COUNCILOR KRONICK IN OPPOSITION.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

May 3, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors:

Submitted herewith for your consideration is the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the fiscal years 2024-2028 as required by Section 7.5 of the Charter. A public hearing on the plan has been scheduled for May 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

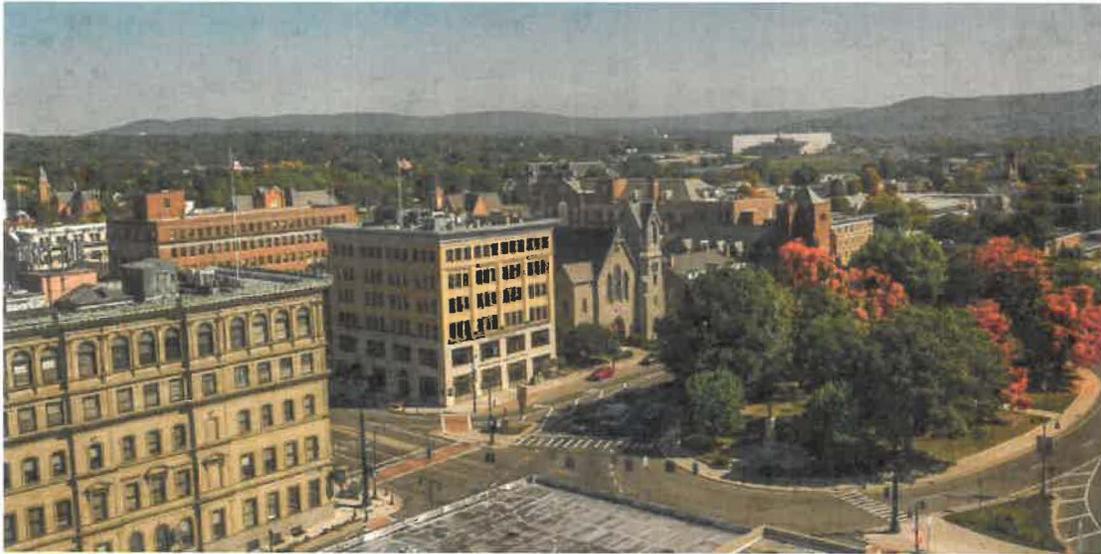
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Capital Improvements Plan Overview

The proposed FY2024 – FY2028 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for the City of Pittsfield invests more than \$308 million in important capital projects, prioritizing roadway quality, parks and recreational opportunities, City and School facility improvements, safe and functional vehicles and equipment for staff, and modern information technology.

The proposed General Fund (GF) Capital Investment Strategy recommends a commitment of 6.5% of GF revenues for capital projects. The plan also includes significant funding through the Federal government's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In addition, the proposed CIP funds all water and wastewater capital projects from enterprise fund revenues (i.e. water/sewer rates and retained earnings) and reflects the City's substantial efforts to seek State grant funds and other funding sources for capital projects.

The comprehensive FY2024 – FY2028 CIP proposed in this report is a roadmap for the future.



Capital Planning: Purpose and Process

According to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR), a capital plan is a blueprint for planning a community's capital expenditures and "one of most important responsibilities of local government officials." Indeed, a municipality that fails to continually reinvest in its capital assets or fails to plan strategically for capital needs could likely face expensive, emergency expenditures, failure to meet development goals, and even catastrophic safety and health impacts. Furthermore, capital planning is one component of financial management that credit rating agencies consider when assessing credit quality.

The City's Charter and financial policies provide guidance as to the process and content of the City's Capital Improvement Program.

The City's CIP is also guided by the following best practices:

- It should be a comprehensive plan that includes not only City-funded projects, but projects funded through other means as well (e.g., State or Federal funding).
- It should be a multi-year plan, which provides multiple benefits, such as strategic debt management, coordination of projects, and the avoidance of emergency costs.
- It should include a capital investment strategy that extends across the six-year period, allowing for a more accurate projection of future capital costs and annual budgetary impact.

The CIP was developed in three phases: 1) Capital Needs Assessment, 2) Development of the Capital Investment Strategy, and 3) Development of the project plan.

Phase 1: Capital Needs Assessment

Departments were provided with an online request form asking them to describe their proposed project(s), justify each project, prioritize projects, and identify the fiscal year(s) in which the project should be completed. In addition, departments were asked to indicate if non-local funds might be available to support the project and to anticipate the impact of the project on the City's operating budget. For example, savings could be realized if the purchase of new equipment could reduce the cost of future repairs. See Appendix 3 for a copy of the online request form. This was a time-intensive process for staff, which required reviewing asset inventories, finding available data on asset condition and performance, and projecting out work for a six-year period.

After working with department heads to obtain as much detail as possible about each project, the City finance team then reviewed and prioritized projects based on an established series of criteria. The criteria include:

- State/Federal mandate or legal obligation or liability
- Threat to health and safety
- Advancement of adopted plans, studies, and goals
- Department priority
- Impact on service to residents/businesses
- Distribution of benefit
- Economic benefits
- Environmental benefits
- Impact on operating budget
- Availability and likelihood of external funding
- Risk and impact of failure
- Impact on internal effectiveness and/or efficiency

The finance team relies on complete and accurate data from department heads in order to fully assess a project's merits. A project's modest prioritization may be the result of missing or incomplete information about the project and its justification. Such situations underscore the importance of the submission of

comprehensive data for each project in order to best reflect the level of importance it deserves. That said, the final decision about inclusion in the CIP may be based on a number of factors, above and beyond the criteria listed above

Phase 2: Development of the Capital Investment Strategy

There was a review of the City's existing debt profile, authorized and unissued debt, capital leases, stabilization and special funds, and revenue and expenditure forecasts. After reviewing General Fund spending over a multi-year historical period, the team compared capital spending to net budget. Net budget is defined as the total amount raised on the tax rate recapitulation sheet less any excluded debt or capital exclusions, enterprise funds, community preservation funds, and Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) assistance. The goal is to measure annual General Fund capital spending as a percent of the General Fund operating budget to ensure that an appropriate share of General Fund revenues is reinvested through the capital plan.

Phase 3: Development of the Project Plan

After setting a target investment level, the City leadership, guided by project prioritization and other data provided by Department Heads, generated a list of top-priority projects. For projects to be funded through debt, a conservative projection of debt service was used. The cost of the projects was compared with the target capital spending until the total cost of the FY2022 projects was balanced with the available funding. For the remaining years, the plan shows a deficit which will need to be addressed through each annual cycle. Projects may be removed, postponed, and/or reduced in scope and/or additional resources may be identified.

Managing the Plan in the Future

Annually, City staff reassess the capital needs of all departments, extending the outlook to future years. This annual process allows for the reassessment of the scope, timing, and cost of projects that are included in the current CIP. In addition, the City finance team may update the assumptions and targets in the Capital Investment Strategy in order to determine the resources available for the plan's time period. These assumptions and targets reflect other components of the City's comprehensive financial plan, such as a five-year financial forecast, operating budget priorities, and financial policies.

Possible Funding Sources

There are a number of ways to finance municipal capital improvement projects. Some of the most common methods are:

Local Resources

- **Municipal Indebtedness:** The most commonly used method of financing large capital projects is general obligation bonds (also known as "GO Bonds"). They are issued for a period of time ranging from 5 to 30 years, during which time principal and interest payments are made. Making payments over time has the advantage of allowing the capital expenditures to be amortized over the life of the project. Funding sources used to pay back the debt can include:
- **Bonds funded within the tax limits of Proposition 2½:** Debt service for these bonds must be paid within the tax levy limitations of proposition 2½. Funds used for this debt must be carefully planned in order not to impact the annual operating budget.
- **Bonds funded outside the tax limits of Proposition 2½:** Debt service for these bonds is paid by increasing local property taxes to an amount needed to pay the annual debt service. Known as a Debt Exclusion or Exempt Debt, this type of funding requires approval by a 2/3 vote of the local appropriating authority and approval by a majority of voters participating in a ballot vote. Prior to the vote, the impact on the tax rate must be determined so voters can understand the financial implications.[\[1\]](#)
- **Capital Outlay / Pay as You Go:** Pay as You Go capital projects are funded with current revenues (typically tax levy or free cash) and unexpended balances in previously approved projects. The entire cost is paid off within one year, so no borrowing takes place. Projects funded with current revenues are customarily lower in cost than those funded by general obligation bonds because there are no interest costs. However, funds to be used for this purpose must be carefully planned in order not to impact the annual operating budget. For this reason, Pay as You Go capital projects are typically lower in value than projects funded by borrowing.
- **Capital Outlay / Expenditure Exclusion:** Expenditure Exclusion projects are similar to Pay as You Go, above, except taxes are raised outside the limits of Proposition 2½ and are added to the tax levy only during the year in which the project is being funded. As with a Debt Exclusion, Expenditure Exclusion funding requires approval by a 2/3 vote of the local appropriating authority and approval by a majority of voters participating in a ballot vote. Prior to the vote, the impact on the tax rate must be determined so voters can understand the financial implications. Capital outlay expenditures may be authorized for any municipal purpose for which the municipality would be authorized to borrow money.
- **Capital Stabilization Fund:** Local officials can set aside money in a stabilization fund – outside of the general fund - to pay for all or a portion of future capital projects. According to MGL Chapter 40, Sec. 5B, a 2/3 vote is required by City Council to initially set up the fund. Subsequently, a majority vote of City Council is required to appropriate money into the fund and a 2/3 vote is required to appropriate money out of this fund. In addition, City Council, by a 2/3 vote, may dedicate certain revenue streams to a stabilization fund.
- **Sale of Surplus Real Property:** Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, when real estate is sold, the proceeds must first be used to pay any debt incurred in the purchase of the property. If no debt is outstanding, the funds "may be used for any purpose or purposes for which the town, city, or district is authorized to incur debt for a period of five years or more...except that the proceeds of a sale in excess of five hundred dollars of any park land by a town, city, or district shall be used only by said town, city, or district for acquisition of land for park purposes or for capital improvements to park land" (MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 63).

- **Free Cash:** Free Cash represents the remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year, including unexpended free cash from the previous year, actual receipts in excess of revenue estimated on the tax recapitulation sheet, and unspent amounts in budget line items. Unpaid property taxes and certain deficits reduce the amount that can be certified as free cash. The calculation of free cash is based on the June 30 balance sheet, which is submitted by the municipality's auditor, accountant, or comptroller. Free cash is not available for appropriation until certified by the Director of Accounts.
- **Special Purpose Funds:** Communities also have established numerous "Special Purpose Accounts" for which the use is restricted to a specific purpose, some of which may be investment in department facilities and equipment. There are numerous state statutes that govern the establishment and use of these separate accounts. Examples include ambulance, recreation, cemetery lot sale, and parking revenues.

Federal, State, and Private Grants and Loans

Other revenue sources may include grants or loans from federal, state, or private sources. For example, federal money is used for bridge and roadway projects listed on the State Transportation Improvement Plan. Private funds are sometimes available from "Friends of..." groups for local libraries or councils on aging. However, the State provides the most opportunities for funding through various programs.

Key potential State funding sources for the City of Pittsfield include:

- **Massachusetts Chapter 90 Roadway Funds:** Each year, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) allocates funds to cities and towns for roadway construction, maintenance, or improvement. Funds may also be used for other work incidental to roadway work, such as the construction of a garage to house related vehicles, or the purchase of related vehicles, equipment, and tools. Chapter 90 is a 100% reimbursable program. Funding is accomplished through the issuance of transportation bonds and apportioned to municipalities based on three factors: 1) accepted road miles, 2) population, and 3) total employment within the municipal borders. Road miles is the most heavily weighted factor at 58.33%; the others are each weighted at 20.83%.
- **MassWorks Infrastructure Program:** This is a competitive grant program through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development that provides capital funds for municipalities and other eligible public entities to complete public infrastructure projects that support and accelerate economic and housing development throughout the Commonwealth and/or address roadway safety concerns.
- **MassDOT Complete Streets:** A Complete Street is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes – walking, biking, transit, and motorized vehicles – for people of all ages and abilities. MassDOT has a program to encourage municipalities to move toward a Complete Streets model. One component of the program is construction funding after the municipality has passed a Complete Streets Policy and developed a Prioritization Plan.
- **PARC grant program:** Through the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, PARC grants are available for the purchase, construction, or renovation of parks and outdoor recreation spaces. Any town with a population of 35,000 or more year-round residents or any city regardless of size is eligible to apply as long as they have submitted an up-to-date Open Space and Recreation Plan. This is a reimbursement program with the typical maximum award being \$400,000. Reimbursement rates are determined by a community's equalized valuation per capita decile rank; The City of Pittsfield was eligible for the maximum reimbursement rate of 70% in FY2021, and this is unlikely to change for the period of the FY2022 – FY2026 CIP.
- **Community Compact IT grant program:** Through the Community Compact Cabinet, this program offers grants of up to \$200,000 for "one-time capital needs such as technology infrastructure, upgrades and/or purchases of equipment or software. Incidental or one-time costs related to the capital purchase such as planning, design, installation, implementation and initial training are eligible."^[2]

- **Green Communities Division grants:** The Department of Energy Resources provides grants through its Green Communities Division intended to reduce energy use through clean energy projects, including vehicle/equipment, building, and school facilities projects. For example, projects may include HVAC upgrades, solar, energy audits, idle reduction technology, lighting retrofits, window/door weatherization, hybrid/electric vehicles, and vehicle charging stations, to name a few.
- **Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA):** The MSBA provides funding for school repair and construction via a series of programs. In the School Building Program, projects must be accepted into the process in response to the submission of a Statement of Interest which identifies a facility problem to be solved. Subsequently, the community must appropriate funding for schematic design and later for construction before the MSBA will commit to its share of the project. If accepted, the MSBA determines the amount of reimbursement it will offer based upon community need, with a minimum base rate of 31%. The percent of reimbursement can then be increased based upon three factors: community income factor, community property wealth factor, and community poverty factor. Through the Accelerated Repair Program, the MSBA will fund roof, window, and boiler projects with an expected 18-month completion date. Funding can be provided for multiple projects in a single district in a year. The Major Repairs Program includes roofs, windows, and boilers, but can also include other significant building renovations. Districts are limited to one project per year under the Major Repair Program, but work can be more substantial than under the Accelerated Repair Program.

Capital Assets in Pittsfield

The area that became Pittsfield was originally the homeland of the Mohican Tribe. A group of young European men came and began to clear the land in 1743, but threats of Indian raids associated with the conflict of the French and Indian War soon forced them to leave. In 1752 European settlers returned and a village began to grow, which was incorporated as Pontoosuck Plantation in 1753. By 1761 there were 200 residents and the plantation became the Cityship of Pittsfield, named in honor of British Prime Minister William Pitt, who later championed the colonists' cause before the revolution.

By the end of the revolutionary war, Pittsfield's population had expanded to nearly 2,000 residents. While primarily an agricultural area, because of the many brooks that flowed into the Housatonic River, the landscape was dotted with mills that produced lumber, grist, paper and textiles. With the introduction of Merino sheep from Spain in 1807, the area became the center of woolen manufacturing in the United States, an industry that would dominate the community's employment opportunities for almost a century.

The City's population rose slowly into the early 20th century, with significant increases between 1900 and 1930 during the initial expansion of the Stanley Electric Works and its purchase by General Electric. The City's population peaked in the late 1950s/early 1960s at just under 60,000, driven by the success of GE, which at one point had a local workforce of over 13,000. With the closure/relocation of much of the GE work, the population declined. Today the population is estimated to be approximately 43,000.

As the population grew and local government services evolved, the City built infrastructure to provide important services to residents such as roads, water and sewer systems, schools, and parks. These systems remain in place today and must be maintained along with the City's vehicles and other equipment to ensure that City can continue to provide valuable services to its residents. Infrastructure components for which the City of Pittsfield is responsible for include:

Facilities

The City of Pittsfield occupies and manages a series of buildings and building complexes that serve a multitude of purposes from City Hall to the Berkshire Athenaeum to the Ralph Froio Senior Center. Each of these facilities must be maintained on a regular basis to ensure the safety of workers and the general public. Buildings and the major components therein, such as the HVAC system, roof, flooring, electrical, plumbing, and elevators, have certain lifespans and so major upgrades and/or replacements are necessary in order to maintain the functionality of these facilities.

The most up-to-date insurance schedule values all City-owned facilities and their contents at more than \$400 million. This includes municipal, school, utility, and park/recreation facilities.

| PITTSFIELD CITY FACILITIES | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Note: School, Utility, and Park/Recreation Facilities will be discussed in subsequent sections</i> | | | |
| Name | Address | Year Constructed/ Renovated | Approx. Sq. Ft. |
| Airport (Terminal, Hangars) | 832 Tamarack Rd | | 26,489 |
| Berkshire Athenaeum | 1 Wendell Ave | 1974 | 45,938 |
| City Hall | 70 Allen St | 1910 | 32,090 |
| Lichtenstein Center for the Arts | 28 Renne Ave | 1927 | |
| Police Station | 39 Allen St | 1939 | 25,057 |
| Ralph Froio Senior Center | 330 North St | 1993/2001 | 17,700 |
| Captain Villanova Training Center | 54 Pecks Rd | | |
| Fire Headquarters (E3) | 74 Columbus Ave | 1974 | 16,589 |
| Fire Station (E1) | 330 W Housatonic St | 1950 | 3,283 |
| Fire Station (E2) | 9 Somerset Ave | 1969 | 6,030 |

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| Fire Station (E5) and Training Facility | 54 Pecks Rd | 1950 | 6,341 (combined) |
| Fire Station (E6) | 6 Holmes Rd | 1963 | 4,280 |
| Building and Maintenance Administrative Office | 81 Hawthorne Ave | 1947 | 11,358 |
| DPS Highway Garage, Salt Shed, etc. | 232 W. Housatonic St | | 8,452 |
| McKay Parking Garage | Depot St | 1988 | 12,508 |

The City, through its participation in the State's Green Communities program, has received grants for energy efficiency projects. Most recently, in July 2017, the City was granted \$49,543 to fund a heating system conversion from electric to high-efficiency natural gas in the Lichtenstein Art Center and \$250,000 to fund the conversion of all electric heating system to high-efficiency natural gas powered condensing boiler system at the Berkshire Athenaeum. In addition to these projects, the City has converted its streetlight to energy efficient LED, switched to electric vehicles for parking control activities, and plans to replace all the windows within its fire stations which in most cases are original to the buildings.

Pittsfield Airport

The Pittsfield Municipal Airport is a regional general aviation airport that is owned and operated by the City of Pittsfield. The airport is under the care, custody and management of a seven-member Pittsfield Municipal Airport Commission. The members of the Commission are appointed by the Mayor. The airport has two lighted asphalt runways and covers 550 acres. Runway 8/26 is 5,791 ft. long while runway 14/32 is 3,496 ft. long. As of January 2021, there were a reported 32 aircraft based at the airport, including 18 single engine planes, 5 multi engine planes, and 9 jet airplanes. Data show an average of 92 aircraft operations per day, of which 59% are locally-based flights, 27% transient general aviation, 11% air taxis, and 3% from military operations.[\[3\]](#)

Information Technology

The City's core information technology (IT) infrastructure includes a citywide fiber optic network, physical and virtualized servers, high availability clustering, network switches / routers, wireless access points, firewalls and content filters, redundant internet connections, VoIP phones (voice over Internet Protocol) and PoE (power over Ethernet) equipment including building access and surveillance equipment. The City's primary data center is located in City Hall with failover and redundancy located locally in other city facilities.

| PITTSFIELD SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS | |
|---|---|
| Department | Software |
| All Users | Windows 10 / Office 2016, Sophos Antivirus, Barracuda Email Archiver, Parallels RAS, ZOOM |
| Assessor | iasWorld |
| City Clerk | FileMaker Pro, Full Circle Technologies |
| Department of Public Work (DPW) | AutoCAD, ESRI ArcGIS, Accela Public Stuff CRM |
| Finance and Treasury | Tyler Technologies - MUNIS |
| Fire Department | Emergency Responding, Streetwise |
| Inspectional and Health Services | Full Circle Technologies |
| Police Department | IMC |

Parks and Open Space

Pittsfield is a major regional center for active and passive recreation with a state forest, a ski area, two major lakes, river access points, and many parks and conservation areas. These points serve not only the local residents and people in the county, but frequently visitors from other parts of Massachusetts and out-of-state as well. With this extensive inventory of resources, the City has recently announced its intention to increase its focus on building upon the outdoor recreation economy.

OPEN SPACE FACILITIES OWNED/MANAGED BY CITY OF PITTSFIELD [\[4\]](#)

| Name | Size (acres) | Amenities | Address |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|------------------------|
| Allen Heights Park | 2.3 | Playground equipment | 150 Windsor Ave |
| Belanger Park | 5.5 | Baseball field, track, playground, restrooms | 372 Newell St |
| Burbank Park | 188 | Boat launch, fishing pier, walking trail, picnic grove, beachfront, restrooms, playground, dog park | 500 Lakeway Dr |
| Carrie Bak Park | 0.7 | Playground equipment | 150 Danforth St |
| Christopher R. Porter Park | 2.3 | Playground equipment | 37 Highland Ave |
| Clapp Park | | Baseball fields, walking track, basketball court, splash pad, restrooms | W. Housatonic St |
| Common | 7.1 | Splash pad, amphitheater, basketball court, pavilion, restrooms | 100 First St |
| Coolidge Park | 28 | Fitness equipment cluster, playing field | 220 West Union St |
| Crane Park | 1.9 | Playground equipment, basketball court, inline hockey rink | 100 Dartmouth St |
| Deming Park | 9.6 | Baseball fields, playground equipment, restrooms | 84 Meadow Lane |
| Dorothy Amos Park | 2.1 | Basketball courts, playground equipment | 320 West St |
| Doyle Complex | | Softball complex | Benedict Rd |
| Durant Park | 2.1 | Basketball court, restrooms, playground equipment, baseball field | 30 John St |
| Kirvin Park | 227 | Playing fields, playground equipment | 974 Williams St |
| Lebanon Park | 6 | Playground equipment, basketball court, playing fields | 185 Lebanon Ave |
| Marchisio Park | 19 | Baseball field, basketball court, playground equipment, playing field | 276 Dalton Division Rd |
| Osceola Park | 9 | Baseball field, playground equipment, playing field, sledding hill with rope tow | 50 Osceola St |
| Park Square | 0.7 | Historic monuments, fountain, sitting area | 1 Bank Row |
| Persip Park | 0.1 | Performance stage, sitting area, city information kiosk | 175 North St |
| Pittsfield Skate Plaza | 0.5 | Skate park | 1 Appleton Ave |
| Pontoosuc Lake Park | 23 | Boat launch, picnic grove, beach front, restrooms | 40 Hancock Rd |
| Ray Crow Park | 0.9 | Basketball court, playground equipment, | 25 Winter St |

| OPEN SPACE FACILITIES OWNED/MANAGED BY CITY OF PITTSFIELD ^[4] | | | |
|--|--------------|---|-----------------------|
| Name | Size (acres) | Amenities | Address |
| Sotille Park | 0.1 | Sitting area | 200 North St |
| South Street Memorial Park | 2.2 | Historic monument, sitting area | 292 South St |
| Springside Park | 246 | Nature trails, playground equipment, baseball fields, gardens, greenhouse, Springside House | 874 North St |
| Wahconah Park | 102 | Baseball stadium, basketball court, playing field | Wahconah St |
| Wellesley Park | 1 | Sitting area | 50 Wellesley St |
| West Memorial Park | 4 | Playground equipment, playing field | 50 Cheshire Rd |
| WestSide Riverway Park | 2 | Pavilion, river access | 185 Dewey Ave |
| Wild Acres | 112.5 | Pavilion, restrooms, nature trails, fishing pond | 500 South Mountain Rd |

Roads, Bridges and Related Infrastructure

There are approximately 229 miles of roadway in the City, the vast majority of which are City-owned. There are nearly 196 miles of City streets, 17.6 miles of private streets, and 11.5 miles of State roadway maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). Downtown Pittsfield is at the crossroads of U.S. Route 7 and U.S. Route 20. Other State numbered roadways that pass within City borders include Interstate-90, Route 8, Route 9, and Route 41. Roads are typically classified into three categories:

- **Local streets** comprise approximately 65% of the roads in Pittsfield. These roads provide access to residential properties and generally have lower speed limits.
- **Collector roads** make up about 12% of the City's road network. These roads primarily collect traffic from local streets and funnel it to arterial streets and vice versa.
- **Arterial roadways** comprise around 22% of roads in the City. These roads are designed for mobility, carrying traffic at greater speeds over longer distance than other roads. These streets are typically numbered. These roadways may be maintained by the State and function as part of a regional highway system^[5].

Roads degrade over time through use and as a result of water infiltration, which can cause damage through freeze/thaw cycles common here in New England. Therefore, capital reinvestment as well as ongoing maintenance are necessary.

The Housatonic River flows through the City of Pittsfield, and there are other waterways and railroad tracks that fall within City boundaries. As a result, there many bridges in the City, including 40 bridges and large culverts that are owned by the City of Pittsfield, as evidenced by MassDOT's bridge inventory.^[6] The State is responsible for inspecting these bridges, but the City is responsible for repairs and replacement. There are also many smaller municipally-owned culverts in the City.

| PITTSFIELD BRIDGES & MAJOR CULVERTS | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Facility Carried | Feature Intersected | Structure Type | Year Built/ Reconst'd |
| East St | Housatonic River | Box Beam or Girders - Single or Spread | 1998 |

PITTSFIELD BRIDGES & MAJOR CULVERTS

| Facility Carried | Feature Intersected | Structure Type | Year Built/ Reconst'd |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Merrill Rd | RR CSX | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 2001 |
| Wahconah St | Housatonic River | Slab | 1970 |
| Wahconah St | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1951 |
| US 20 /US7/SOUTH | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1900/1937 |
| US 20 W HOUSATONIC | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1947 |
| US 20 W HOUSATONIC | Housatonic River | Tee Beam | 1913/1932 |
| US 20 W HOUSATONIC | Housatonic River | Tee Beam | 1932 |
| Hancock Rd | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1996 |
| Pomeroy Ave | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1949 |
| Linden St | Housatonic River | Slab | 1982 |
| Melbourne Rd | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1938 |
| Pomeroy Ave | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1936/1993 |
| Hubbard Ave | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1995 |
| E New Lenox | Sackett Brook | Slab | 1936/1989 |
| Holmes Rd | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1962 |
| Dawes Ave | Housatonic River | Box Beam or Girders - Multiple | 1928/1999 |
| Elm St | Housatonic River | Arch - Deck | 1911 |
| Barker Rd | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1946 |
| Newell St | Housatonic River | Box Beam or Girders - Multiple | 1930/1991 |
| West St | Housatonic River | Arch - Deck | 1904 |
| Pecks Rd | Onota Brook | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1987 |
| Lyman St | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1913/1987 |
| Pontoosuc | Housatonic River | Slab | 1993 |
| Hancock Rd | Daniels Brook | Frame (except frame culverts) | 1930 |
| US 7 NORTH ST | Other/Pedestrian | Culvert (includes frame culverts) | 1997 |
| Ann Dr Ext | Sackett Brook | Culvert (includes frame culverts) | 1976 |
| West St | Smith Brook | - | 1850/1900 |
| Hubbard Ave | Barton Brook | - | 1850/1900 |
| Second St | RR CSX | Box Beam or Girders - Multiple | 1999 |
| Taconic Island | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1920 |
| Cadwell Rd | Housatonic River | Culvert (includes frame culverts) | 1996 |
| Cloverdale | Housatonic River | Culvert (includes frame culverts) | |
| Hungerford | Jacoby Brook | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1850 |
| New Rd | Housatonic River | Truss - Thru | 2008 |
| Churchill St | Park Brook | - | 1850/1900 |
| Elmvale Pl | Onota Brook | - | 1850/1900 |
| ST 41 CNTRL BKSHRE | Shaker Brook | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1850/2007 |
| US 20 W HOUSATONIC | Maloy Brook | Culvert (includes frame culverts) | 1913/1932 |
| Pecks Rd | Onota Brook | - | 1850/1900 |
| US 20 @ STA 240 | Shaker Brook | Tee Beam | 1919/1932 |
| Mill St | Housatonic River | Arch - Deck | 1907 |
| Columbus Ave | Housatonic River | Box Beam or Girders - Single or Spread | 1996 |
| New Rd | Housatonic River | Culvert (includes frame culverts) | 1982 |
| Hungerford | Housatonic River | Tee Beam | 1935 |
| Hungerford | Housatonic River | Box Beam or Girders - Single or Spread | 1947/2009 |
| Lebanon Ave | Housatonic River | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1913/1995 |
| HWY GOVERNMENT D | Center St | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1974 |
| Lakeway Dr | Onota Lake | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1936 |
| ST 41 CNTRL BKSHRE | Beagle Brook | Culvert (includes frame culverts) | 1991 |
| Woodlawn Ave | RR CSX | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 2016 |

| PITTSFIELD BRIDGES & MAJOR CULVERTS | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Facility Carried | Feature Intersected | Structure Type | Year Built/ Reconst'd |
| Hungerford | Housatonic River | Box Beam or Girders - Single or Spread | 2009 |
| Gale Ave | RR CSX | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1909/2001 |
| S Merriam St | RR CSX | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1992 |
| North St | RR CSX | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1983 |
| US 7 FIRST ST | RR CSX | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1900/1948 |
| Junction Rd | RR CSX | Girder and Floor beam System | 1886/2004 |
| Holmes Rd | RR HRR | Box Beam or Girders - Multiple | 1977 |
| US 20 /US7/SOUTH | RR HRR | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1900/1938 |
| US 20 W HOUSATONIC | RR CSX | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1933 |
| Dalton Ave | RR HRR | Stringer/Multi-beam or Girder | 1845/1936 |

School Facilities

Pittsfield's public school system has over 6,000 students with eight elementary schools (Allendale, Capeless, Crosby, Egremont, Morningside, Conte, Stearns, and Williams), two middle schools (Herberg and Reid), and two high schools (Pittsfield High and Taconic High). Public schools in Pittsfield can trace their founding to 1844 when a town meeting was held to establish the community's first school. Administrative offices are located at 269 First Street.

| PITTSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ^[7] | | | | | |
|--|--------|---------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| Facility | Grades | Address | Year Built | Sq. Ft. | Enrollment |
| Allendale Elementary School | K-5 | 180 Connecticut Ave | 1951 | 48,133 | 269 |
| Capeless Elementary School | PK-5 | 36 Brooks Ave | 1951 | 38,654 | 167 |
| Conte Community School | PK-5 | 200 West Union St | 1974 | 9,518 | 322 |
| Crosby Elementary School | PK-5 | 517 West St | 1962 | 69,826 | 321 |
| Egremont Elementary School | K-5 | 84 Egremont Ave | 1951 | 63,869 | 414 |
| Herberg Middle School | 6-8 | 501 Pomeroy Ave | 1953 | 108,640 | 554 |
| Morningside Community School | PK-5 | 100 Burbank St | 1975 | 69,654 | 347 |
| Pittsfield High School | 9-12 | 500 East St | 1931 | 203,051 | 730 |
| Reid Middle School | 6-8 | 950 North St | 1953 | 115,036 | 525 |
| Stearns Elementary School | K-5 | 75 Lebanon Ave | 1960 | 40,343 | 208 |
| Taconic High School | 9-12 | 96 Valentine Rd | 1969 | 189,686 | 869 |
| Williams Elementary School | K-5 | 50 Bushey Rd | 1957 | 48,298 | 254 |

In addition to the buildings, the athletic fields, parking lots, and roads on the school sites and school vehicles and equipment must be maintained.

Water System

Pittsfield's first water supply system was a two-mile aqueduct of wooden pipes constructed in 1754. Later, as settlement grew in the area, multiple attempts at an efficient water system were unsuccessful and plagued by challenges. Finally, in 1876, the then-Town replaced their method of cement-lined pipes with cast-iron pipes. In 1892, Pittsfield acquired the waterworks from the Pittsfield Fire District.^[8]

Today, the City relies on six surface water reservoirs and two water treatment facilities to supply water to its residents and businesses. All six surface water reservoirs are located outside the City. Cleveland and Sackett Reservoirs are located in the Town of Hinsdale; Ashley Lake, Lower Ashley Intake Reservoir, Farnham Reservoir, and Sandwash Reservoir are located in the Town of Washington. The two water treatment facilities are located

outside the City as well. The Ashley Water Treatment Plant is located in the Town of Dalton, and the Cleveland Water Treatment Plant in the Town of Hinsdale. Water from the surface reservoirs is pumped from the reservoirs and travels via a complex system of pipes and water mains to one of these two treatment plants.

The majority of the City's drinking water is supplied from the Cleveland Reservoir, yielding approximately 7.5 million gallons per day. Flow from the Windsor and Cady Brooks is also diverted into the Cleveland Reservoir watershed. Water from the Cleveland Reservoir is filtered, pH-adjusted for corrosion control, and disinfected at the Cleveland Water Treatment Plant.

The Ashley Reservoir System includes five reservoirs. Ashley Lake Reservoir flows through Ashley Brook to the Ashley Intake Reservoir. Water from the Sandwash Reservoir flows through an aerator, an open canal, and then a semi-closed aqueduct to the Farnham Reservoir. Water from the Farnham Reservoir flows to the Ashley Intake structure then to the Ashley Water Treatment Plant. Water from the Sackett Brook Reservoir also flows via an aqueduct to the Ashley Intake structure then to the Ashley Treatment Plant. The Ashley Water Treatment Plant operates in the same manner as the Cleveland Treatment Plant; water is filtered, pH adjusted for corrosion control and disinfected prior to distribution.^[9]

Treated water reaches homes and businesses through a system of water tanks, pumping stations, and pipes. In 2018, some improvements were made to the City's water system. These include: 7 hydrants were replaced; the water main on outer West Housatonic Street was cleaned and lined; the Valentine Road and Plumb Street tanks were cleaned and internally inspected, and; the rehabilitation of the Upper Sackett Reservoir Dam was completed.^[10]

Sewer System

Wastewater from homes and businesses is collected and brought to the treatment plant through a system of pipes and lift stations. Currently, sewer services are available to approximately 95% of Pittsfield's residents. The plant also treats wastewater from Dalton, Hinsdale and sections of Lenox. According to the City, 12 million gallons of wastewater flow are treated per day. The wastewater treatment plant is located on Holmes Rd at the Lenox border. The plant processes the raw sewage through a primary and secondary treatment system and discharges the treated effluent to the Housatonic River.

The City is currently engaged in a \$60+ million upgrade to the treatment plant in order to meet Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) effluent standards, reducing phosphorus and aluminum levels, as well as to meet the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and EPA Consent Order. The upgrades are intended to improve water quality in the City, the surrounding Housatonic River Watershed, as well as in downstream water bodies. The upgrade has four necessary components: Tertiary Treatment Upgrade; Sludge Dewatering Upgrade; Biological Process Upgrade; and Secondary Clarifiers Upgrade.^[11] This project is expected to be completed by January 2022.

Storm Water System

In order to protect the water quality in the region and comply with Federal EPA and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) regulations, the City has developed a storm water management program. Part of this program is to ensure that well-maintained infrastructure collect and channel runoff appropriately. While the City is only responsible for maintaining infrastructure on public property, there is also storm water infrastructure on private property throughout the City.

Pittsfield's physical storm water infrastructure consists of curbing, gutters, storm drains, catch basins, pipes, manholes, culverts, outfalls, reservoirs, and other components that function together to collect and convey storm water to larger bodies of water.

Vehicles and Equipment

City staff use an array of vehicles and equipment to complete their tasks on a daily basis. According to the City's insurance schedules, there are approximately 380 vehicles owned the City, worth nearly \$23.25 million when new.

The Department of Public Services has the most at more than 140 vehicles, ranging from trailers and pickup trucks to street sweepers and loaders. An additional 40 or so vehicles are used by the Department of Public Utilities to provide water and sewer service. Many other smaller, handheld pieces of equipment (e.g. asphalt compactors, shovels, and other grounds maintenance tools) are used daily by public works/utilities staff in the execution of their duties.

The public safety departments also utilize a significant inventory of vehicles and equipment, including motorcycles, police cruisers, pickup trucks, fire engines, and fire ladder trucks. Police and Fire also have other small equipment and tools needed for their mission, such as generators and trailers.

Pittsfield Public Schools also owns its bus fleet, transit vans, and several sedans/SUVs.

| CITY OF PITTSFIELD INSURED VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT | | |
|--|-------------|---|
| Department | Year | Manufacturer & Model |
| ADMIN | 2012 | FORD - FOCUS |
| AIRPORT | 1980 | SOUTH - UTILITY TRAILER |
| AIRPORT | 1988 | OSHKOSH - DUMP TRUCK |
| AIRPORT | 1988 | AM - TRUCK |
| AIRPORT | 1996 | STEWART AND STEVENSON - M1078 CARGO TRUCK |
| AIRPORT | 2003 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP |
| AIRPORT | 2003 | JOHN DEERE - LOADER |
| AIRPORT | 2005 | JOHN DEERE - 5425 TRACTOR |
| AIRPORT | 2008 | VOLVO - VNM64 TRACTOR |
| AIRPORT | 2009 | FREIGHT - TRACTOR |
| AIRPORT | 2012 | FORD - PICKUP |
| AIRPORT | 2013 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP TRUCK |
| AIRPORT | 2016 | FORD - F350 |
| AIRPORT | 2016 | BIG TEX - UTILITY TRAILER |
| BLDG. MAINT. | 2017 | FORD - F-250 |
| BLDG/INSPECT | 2007 | CHEVROLET - IMPALA |
| BLDG/INSPECT | 2011 | FORD - FOCUS |
| BLDG/INSPECT | 2016 | CHEVROLET - MALIBU |
| BLDG/INSPECT | 2018 | CHEVROLET - CRUZE |
| BLDG/INSPECT | 2018 | CHEVROLET - CRUZE |
| COA | 2009 | FORD - E350 VAN |
| COA | 2010 | FORD - E350 VAN |
| CONSERVATION | 2009 | FORD - RANGER |
| DPW | 2010 | ELGIN PELICAN - SWEEPER |
| DPW | 2016 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2016 | SOLAR - TRAILER |
| DPW | 2016 | SOLAR - TRAILER |
| DPW | 2016 | FORD - FOCUS |
| DPW | 2017 | FORD - ESCAPE |
| DPW | 2017 | FORD - F550 |
| DPW | 2017 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2017 | FORD - F550 HOOKLOADER |
| DPW | 2017 | JOHN DEERE - TRACTOR |
| DPW | 2017 | EAGER - UTILITY TRAILER |
| DPW | 2018 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| DPW | 2018 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |

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| Department | Year | Manufacturer & Model |
|-------------------|-------------|---|
| DPW | 2018 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| DPW | 2018 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| DPW | 2018 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| DPW | 2018 | FORD - F-550 |
| DPW | 2018 | DEERE - 4066 |
| DPW | 2018 | DEERE - 1600 |
| DPW | 2019 | INTERNATIONAL - 7000 TRUCK |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F-350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F-350 |
| DPW | 2019 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| DPW | 2019 | CHEVROLET - VOLT |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F-350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F550 |
| DPW/HWY | 2008 | JOHN DEERE - SKID STEER LOADER |
| ENGINEERING | 2006 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| FIRE | 1992 | PIERCE - PUMPER |
| FIRE | 1997 | HAULMARK - TRAILER |
| FIRE | 1999 | FORD - F450 |
| FIRE | 2000 | EZ LOADER - UTILITY TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2002 | INTERNATIONAL - HAZ MAT DECONTAMINATION |
| FIRE | 2002 | SEAGRAVE - FIRE |
| FIRE | 2003 | INTERNATIONAL - HAZMAT DECONTAMINATION |
| FIRE | 2004 | SPARTAN GLADIATOR - VISION PUMPER |
| FIRE | 2004 | FREIGHTLINER - SPRINTER FIRE TRUCK |
| FIRE | 2004 | FORD - AEROTE |
| FIRE | 2005 | SPARTAN - PUMPER |
| FIRE | 2005 | CARRY ON TRAILER - UTILITY LANDSCAPE |
| FIRE | 2005 | SEAGRAVE - FIRE TRUCK |
| FIRE | 2006 | HEAVY HAULER - UTILITY TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2006 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| FIRE | 2006 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| FIRE | 2006 | CHEVROLET - TAHOE |
| FIRE | 2009 | FOAM - TANK TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2009 | PIERCE - ARROW |
| FIRE | 2010 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO PICKUP |
| FIRE | 2010 | FORD - FUSION |
| FIRE | 2011 | BLAZE - UTILITY TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2011 | BLAZE - UTILITY TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2012 | SEAGRAVE - FIRE TRUCK |
| FIRE | 2012 | FORD - FUSION |
| FIRE | 2013 | CARMATE - TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2013 | CARGOMATE - BOOTSTRAILER |
| FIRE | 2014 | PIRC - FIRE TRUCK |
| FIRE | 2015 | FORD - TRANSIT VAN |
| FIRE | 2016 | CARGO - TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2016 | SEA - FIRE |
| FIRE | 2016 | POLS - RANGER |
| FIRE | 2016 | CHEVROLET - TAHOE |
| FIRE | 2016 | BIGTX - UTILITY TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2016 | CHEVROLET - TAHOE |

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| Department | Year | Manufacturer & Model |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| FIRE | 2018 | TRIT - TRAILER |
| FIRE | 2018 | LOAD RITE - BOAT TRAILER |
| FOOD SERVICE | 2011 | INTERNATIONAL - 400SER TRUCK |
| HEALTH | 2010 | PEMFA - UTILITY TRAILER |
| HEALTH | 2016 | CHEVROLET - MALIBU |
| HEALTH | 2018 | CHEVROLET - CRUZE |
| HIGHWAY | 1977 | JOHN DEERE - GRADER |
| HIGHWAY | 1984 | DRESSER - FORKLIFT |
| HIGHWAY | 1985 | CASE - LOADER |
| HIGHWAY | 1985 | AM GENERAL - 5 TON MILITARY DUMP TRUCK |
| HIGHWAY | 1988 | VERMEER - STUMP CUTTER |
| HIGHWAY | 1988 | FORD - F900 HOOKLOADER |
| HIGHWAY | 1990 | KAR - UTILITY TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 1990 | BYM - DUMP TRUCK |
| HIGHWAY | 1992 | STOW - T3000 TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 1994 | BYM - CARGO |
| HIGHWAY | 1994 | TIGER - MOWER |
| HIGHWAY | 1995 | CASE - LOADER |
| HIGHWAY | 1995 | HOMEMADE - TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 1995 | FORD - LGTCN |
| HIGHWAY | 1997 | STEWART - CARGO |
| HIGHWAY | 2000 | VERMEER - CHIPPER |
| HIGHWAY | 2001 | ARMY - UTILITY CARGO TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 2002 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP |
| HIGHWAY | 2002 | ATLAS - COMPRESSOR TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 2003 | SUPERLINE - TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 2003 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP |
| HIGHWAY | 2004 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP |
| HIGHWAY | 2005 | FORD - DRWSUP |
| HIGHWAY | 2005 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| HIGHWAY | 2005 | JOHN DEERE - 644T LOADER |
| HIGHWAY | 2006 | WILL - UTILITY TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 2008 | FALCO - UTILITY TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 2008 | FORD - F350 SUPER CAB |
| HIGHWAY | 2008 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP TRUCK |
| HIGHWAY | 2008 | CAM - UTILITY TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 2008 | FALCON - HOT BOX TRAILER |
| HIGHWAY | 2009 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | FORD - DRWSUP DUMP |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | FORD - DRWSUP DUMP |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | FORD - RANGER |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO PICKUP |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | CHEVROLET - EXPRESS VAN |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | INTERNATIONAL - 700SER DUMP |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | INTERNATIONAL - 700SER DUMP |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | TRACKLESS - TRACTOR |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | KOMATSU - LOADER |
| HIGHWAY | 2011 | BAGELA - ASPHALT RECYCLER |
| HIGHWAY | 2012 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| HIGHWAY | 2012 | CHEVROLET - EXPRESS VAN |

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| Department | Year | Manufacturer & Model |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| HIGHWAY | 2012 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP TRUCK |
| HIGHWAY | 2012 | WACKER - MINI LOADER |
| HIGHWAY | 2013 | FORD - F550 DUMP TRUCK |
| HIGHWAY | 2013 | DEERE - TRACTOR |
| HIGHWAY | 2014 | MILLER - WELDER |
| HIGHWAY | 2015 | INTERNATIONAL - CATCH BASIN CLEANER |
| HIGHWAY | 2016 | FORD - F550 |
| HIGHWAY | 2016 | INTERNATIONAL - HOOK LOADER |
| HIGHWAY | 2016 | FORD - F250 4WD PICKUP |
| HIGHWAY | 2017 | ELGIN - SWEEPER |
| HIGHWAY | 2017 | TRACK - TRACTOR |
| HIGHWAY | 2018 | BIG TEX - UTILITY |
| HIGHWAY | 2018 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| HIGHWAY | 2018 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| HIGHWAY | 2019 | CHEVROLET - CRUZE |
| HIGHWAY | 2019 | FORD - F-350 |
| MAINTENANCE | 1992 | CROSS COUNTRY - TRAILER |
| MAINTENANCE | 1994 | HOMEMADE - TRAILER |
| MAINTENANCE | 1994 | LONG - RACK TRAILER |
| MAINTENANCE | 1997 | HOMEMADE - TRAILER |
| MAINTENANCE | 2005 | TENNENT - PWR SWEEPER |
| MAINTENANCE | 2006 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| MAINTENANCE | 2006 | CAM - UTILITY TRAILER |
| MAINTENANCE | 2006 | JOHN DEERE - LOADER |
| MAINTENANCE | 2007 | CHEVROLET - C5500 TRUCK |
| MAINTENANCE | 2008 | CHEVROLET - TRUCK |
| MAINTENANCE | 2008 | TRACKLESS - TRACTOR |
| MAINTENANCE | 2009 | CHEVROLET - K3500 PICKUP |
| MAINTENANCE | 2009 | CHEVROLET - EXPRESS VAN |
| MAINTENANCE | 2009 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| MAINTENANCE | 2010 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO PICKUP |
| MAINTENANCE | 2011 | CHEVROLET - EXPRESS VAN |
| MAINTENANCE | 2011 | CHEVROLET - EXPRESS VAN |
| MAINTENANCE | 2012 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| MAINTENANCE | 2012 | CHEVROLET - EXPVAN |
| MAINTENANCE | 2012 | CHEVROLET - EXPVAN |
| MAINTENANCE | 2012 | CHEVROLET - CAPTIVA |
| MAINTENANCE | 2012 | BRI-MAR - UTILITY TRAILER |
| MAINTENANCE | 2012 | CAM - SUPERLINER TRAILER |
| MAINTENANCE | 2013 | CHEVROLET - 4 WD PICKUP |
| MAINTENANCE | 2013 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| PARKS | 1970 | MASSEY - M30 TRACTOR |
| PARKS | 1986 | JOHN DEERE - TRACTOR |
| PARKS | 1996 | LANDSCAPER - TRAILER |
| PARKS | 1997 | WENGER - STAGE TRAILER |
| PARKS | 2001 | JOHN DEERE - TRACTOR |
| PARKS | 2002 | RACEMASTER - TRAILER |
| PARKS | 2002 | JOHN DEERE - TRACTOR |
| PARKS | 2003 | VERMEER - CHIPPER |
| PARKS | 2003 | JOHN DEERE - TRACTOR |
| PARKS | 2012 | BRI_MAR - UTILITY TRAILER |

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| Department | Year | Manufacturer & Model |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2015 | THOMAS - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2016 | BLUEBIRD - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2016 | BLUEBIRD - SCHOOL BUS |
| SCHOOL | 2016 | FORD - TRANSIT CONNECT VAN |
| SCHOOL | 2019 | CHEVROLET - SUBURBAN |
| SCHOOL | 2019 | CHEVROLET - SUBURBAN |
| UNAVAILABLE | 2017 | WRIGHT - TRAILER |
| UNAVAILABLE | 2017 | WRIGHT - TRAILER |
| UNAVAILABLE | 2017 | WRIGHT - TRAILER |
| UNAVAILABLE | 2017 | WRIGHT - TRAILER |
| VOC HIGH | 2014 | FORD - E350 VAN |
| WASTEWATER | 1986 | INTERNATIONAL - HOUGH LOADER |
| WASTEWATER | 2008 | FORD - RANGER |
| WASTEWATER | 2008 | FORD - RANGER |
| WASTEWATER | 2008 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO PICKUP |
| WASTEWATER | 2011 | FORD - DRWSUP DUMP |
| WASTEWATER | 2015 | FORD - F350 4WD TRUCK |
| WASTEWATER | 2016 | FORD - F250 |
| WATER | 1983 | SNOCO - UTILITY TRAILER |
| WATER | 1988 | AM GENERAL - HUMVEE 4WD CARGO |
| WATER | 1994 | AM GENERAL - HUMVEE 4WD MILITARY CARGO |
| WATER | 1996 | INTERNATIONAL - 400SER |
| WATER | 1997 | INTERNATIONAL - DUMP |
| WATER | 1998 | HOMEMADE - TRAILER |
| WATER | 2000 | BADGE - EXCAVATOR |
| WATER | 2000 | CROSS - FLATBED TRAILER |
| WATER | 2003 | CASE - BACKHOE |
| WATER | 2004 | INTERNATIONAL - 4300 |
| WATER | 2005 | VAC - 4580 GATEBOX EXERCISER |
| WATER | 2006 | INTERNATIONAL - 400 SERIES |
| WATER | 2006 | JOHN DEERE - BACKHOE |
| WATER | 2007 | INTERNATIONAL - 700 SBR |
| WATER | 2008 | ANDERSON - UTILITY TRAILER |
| WATER | 2008 | TOYOTA - TUNDRA |
| WATER | 2008 | TOYOTA - TUNDRA |
| WATER | 2009 | FORD - F550 W/PLOW |
| WATER | 2009 | FORD - F550 DUMP |
| WATER | 2010 | CASE - LOADER |
| WATER | 2011 | FORD - DRWSUP DUMP |
| WATER | 2011 | FORD - RANGER |
| WATER | 2011 | INTERNATIONAL - VAC TRUCK |
| WATER | 2012 | CHEVROLET - EXPVAN VAN |
| WATER | 2013 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |

CITY OF PITTSFIELD INSURED VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

| Department | Year | Manufacturer & Model |
|------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| WATER | 2013 | CHEVROLET - SILVERADO |
| WATER | 2013 | ROBIN - PUMP TRAILER |
| WATER | 2013 | FORD - F250 PICKUP |
| WATER | 2013 | CHEVROLET - 2 WD PICKUP |
| WATER | 2013 | CHEVROLET - 4 WD PICKUP |
| WATER | 2015 | WACKER - UTILITY LIGHT TOWER TRAILER |
| WATER | 2016 | FORD - F350 |
| WATER | 2016 | INTERNATIONAL - 7400 |
| WATER | 2018 | CHEVROLET - EQUINOX |
| FIRE | 2019 | SEAGRAVE - FIRE APPARATUS |
| AIRPORT | 2019 | CAT - LOADER |
| DPW | 2020 | INTERNATIONAL - HV513 |
| HIGHWAY | 2019 | CHEVROLET - EQUINOX |
| HIGHWAY | 2019 | ELGIN - PELICAN |
| HIGHWAY | 2019 | CHEVROLET - CRUZE |
| VOC HIGH | 2019 | FORD - TRANSIT VAN |
| VOC HIGH | 2019 | FORD - TRANSIT VAN |
| DPW | 2018 | JOHN DEERE - TRACTOR |
| DPW | 2019 | CHEVROLET - BOLT EV |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - RANGER |
| POLICE | 2019 | FORD - INTERCEPTOR |
| POLICE | 2019 | FORD - INTERCEPTOR |
| POLICE | 2019 | FORD - INTERCEPTOR |
| POLICE | 2019 | FORD - INTERCEPTOR |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| FIRE | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| POLICE | 2019 | FORD - EXPLORER |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| DPW | 2019 | FORD - F350 |
| HIGHWAY | 2020 | FORD - TRANSIT |
| FIRE | 2020 | FORD - F350 |
| HIGHWAY | 2019 | FORD - F550 |
| FIRE | 2020 | BRAV - ST8514TA4 |

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Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvements

The proposed fiscal year 2024 Capital Improvements Plan, which is the first year of the City's comprehensive, five-year CIP, invests more than \$43.8 million in the City's assets and infrastructure using a variety of funding sources including General Fund resources, Enterprise Fund resources, ARPA funds, and State/Federal grants. In fact, approximately 40% of the funding - or more than \$16 million - will come from non-City sources.

The projects described in this section have been vetted and prioritized with Department Heads and City leaders to support the City's goal to deliver robust services to residents and businesses. Investments include upgrades to City facilities, School buildings, and parks and recreational facilities. Also, the plan supports the necessary replacement and/or upgrade of vehicles and IT equipment that allow City staff to complete their jobs efficiently and effectively every day.

The City's share of the cost of these capital projects aligns with the City's target to dedicate 6.5% of net General Fund budget resources to capital needs each fiscal year. In addition to the capital costs associated with each project, the City's financial team works with Department Heads to understand the potential operating budget impacts, if any. For example, a new recreational facility might require an increase in the annual maintenance budget. For fiscal year 2024, there are no anticipated extraordinary operating budget impacts. Some projects may slightly increase operating costs while other projects are projected to slightly decrease operating budget costs (e.g. new vehicles replacing older ones that require more maintenance). Overall, the financial team has determined that the fiscal year 2024 CIP will have no material net impact on the operating budget.

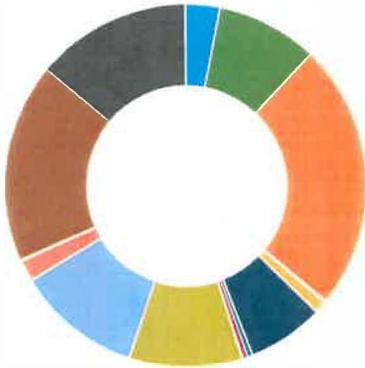
The following section summarizes and describes the 74 capital projects that are proposed to be funded in FY2024. A subsequent section provides more detail about the capital projects that are currently programmed for the later years of the plan: FY2024-FY2028. Annually, City leaders work with each department to ensure that the CIP is aligned with the needs, priorities, and financial position of the City.

Total Capital Requested

\$43,892,056

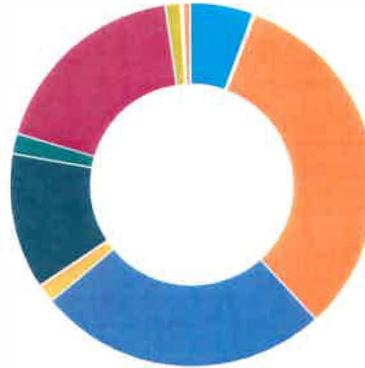
65 Capital Improvement Projects

Total Funding Requested by Department



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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Airport Commission (3%) | \$1,328,056.00 |
| Community Developmen (9%) | \$4,000,000.00 |
| Dps - Public Service (24%) | \$10,470,000.00 |
| Dpu Waste Water (0%) | \$65,000.00 |
| Dpu Water Treatment (1%) | \$480,000.00 |
| Education (7%) | \$3,000,000.00 |
| Fire - Uniformed (0%) | \$204,000.00 |
| IT (1%) | \$220,000.00 |
| Maintenance - City (10%) | \$4,457,000.00 |
| Maintenance - School (11%) | \$4,900,000.00 |
| Police - Uniformed (2%) | \$823,000.00 |
| Rsvp (0%) | \$45,000.00 |
| Sewer (18%) | \$7,800,000.00 |
| Water (14%) | \$6,100,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$43,892,056.00 |

Total Funding Requested by Source



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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| ARPA (5%) | \$2,435,000.00 |
| Bond Premiums (0%) | \$96,000.00 |
| EF Debt (33%) | \$14,445,000.00 |
| CF Debt (26%) | \$11,468,000.00 |
| GF debt (2%) | \$750,000.00 |
| Grant(Federal) (12%) | \$5,375,250.00 |
| Grant(State) (2%) | \$812,625.00 |
| Other (18%) | \$8,100,000.00 |
| Pay Go (1%) | \$600,000.00 |
| Pay GO (0%) | \$74,625.00 |
| Public Works Stabilization (1%) | \$280,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$44,436,500.00 |

Maintenance - City Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1 Ton Utility Body Truck | \$80,000 |
| Purchase 6 current model year 1 Ton Utility Body Trucks with or without plow 1 in FY24 and 1 in each of the following fiscal years. These vehicles are in the 10 year replacement category. The unit being replaced in FY24 is a 2013 Chevrolet... | |
| BMD City - Carpet Replacement Assessor's Office | \$75,000 |
| Replace carpet in the entryway to the Assessor's Office at City Hall. This will include abatement of the floor before installing new floor. | |
| E2 MECHANICS BAY FLOOR | \$50,000 |
| MECHANICS BAY FLOOR IS SLANTED AND IS UNSAFE WHEN HAVE TO PUT TRUCKS ON LIFT NON OSHA COMPLIANT | |
| generator replacement for three stations | \$100,000 |
| Replace existing generators at three fire stations. | |
| KITCHEN UPGRADES ALL FIRE STATIONS | \$35,000 |
| COMPLETE KITCHEN UPGRADES TO ALL STATIONS TO INCLUDE FLOORS | |
| One Ton Van | \$10,000 |
| Purchase 2 current model year One Ton Vans in FY24. The units being replaced are both Chevrolet's model years 2011 and 2012. These units are in the 10 year replacement category. They are being replaced because of body and undercarriage... | |
| Repave front ramp at engine 2 | \$7,000 |
| The front ramp at Engine 2, 9 Summerset Ave. needs to have the pavement replaced where the truck pulls out of the station. The truck bounces everytime it pulls out and backs in the station. THis wears on the suspention. | |
| TRAINING TOWER REPLACEMENT | \$4,000,000 |
| Construction of a new Fire Training Tower | |
| Total: \$4,457,000 | |

Maintenance - School Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| BMD Schools - Boiler Replacement PHS (Critical) | \$1,000,000 |
| The boilers (3) at PHS are the originals from 1930. We are requesting \$50K for required study to determine how to remove the existing boilers from the basement of the school and where to install the replacements in the first year and then unknown... | |
| BMD Schools - Boiler Replacements | \$650,000 |
| Replacement of 2 boilers within our schools each year. We have many boilers that are well over 30 years old and require constant attention and repairs and lack efficiency. This request does not include PHS or THS. FY23 Egremont is out to bid... | |
| BMD Schools - Doors Upgrade Per Fire Code | \$50,000 |
| Per the City's Director of Inspections, all doors in our school buildings need to be evaluated and brought up to fire code | |
| BMD Schools - Roof Repairs | \$3,000,000 |
| We have quite a few schools whose roofing systems are past their life and in critical need of replacing. For FY22 we submitted our 5-year plan to begin the process of repairing/replacing these roofs. In FY22, we were approved \$750K to... | |
| BMD Schools - Sidewalk Repairs | \$100,000 |
| The school buildings are in desperate need of sidewalk repairs, especially because of liability and storm drainage issues. Conte & Reid are 2 important examples to start this project with. | |
| BMD Schools - Sprinkler Systems Upgraded | \$100,000 |
| In this year's annual sprinkler inspections, it was noted that in some of our buildings, our sprinkler heads are outdated and need replacing. We are planning on meeting with the sprinkler company to determine projected costs and the number of... | |
| Total: \$4,900,000 | |

Fire - Uniformed Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Replace 8 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units | \$35,000 |
| Replace 8 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units | |
| RESCUE BOAT | \$45,000 |
| RESCUE BOAT W/TRAILER | |
| Turnout Gear Replacement Program | \$28,000 |
| On going replacement of outdated, noncompliant turnout gear. | |
| Upgrade Plymovent to all five fire stations | \$96,000 |
| Upgrade existing plymovent system installed in 2006. Several upgrades have been created which is a necessity to be up to code. | |
| Total: \$204,000 | |

Dps - Public Service Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

1 Ton Hook Lift DPS Highway

\$360,000

Purchase 2 current model year 1 Ton Hook Lift all season trucks (dump plow sand)with attachments in FY24 and one in each of the following 4 fiscal years.The unit being replaced in FY24 has already been taken off the road and auctioned. the second...

1 Ton Pickup Truck

\$130,000

Purchase 2 current model year 1 ton pickups with or without plows in each of the next 5 fiscal years. The units being replaced in FY24 are both on the 10-year replacement schedule but have lasted considerably longer. Unit 2002 is a 2008 Toyota...

5 Ton Hook Lift all season truck (snow fighter)with attachments

\$320,000

Purchase one 5 Ton Hook Lift all season truck (snow fighter)with attachments in each of the next 5 fiscal years..For FY24 we will be replacing unit 1121 a 2011 international with 8700 hours. This unit is in the 10 year replacement category...

AWD SUV

\$120,000

Purchase 6 all wheel drive SUV's in three in FY 24, 2 in FY25 and one in FY26. We intend to replace units 1247 a 2012 Chevrolet with 55000 miles and 2404 a 2011 ford with 47000 miles. Unit 1247 is being replaced due to body and undercarriage...

BMC Area Intersection Improvements - ROW

\$200,000

Right of Way Acquisition for the construction of the Improvements to the following intersections: - North St and Springside Ave. - North St and Charles St. - Firts St, North St and Stoddard Ave. - First St and Tyler St. - First St and Burbank...

Multipurpose Tractor with attachments

\$80,000

Purchase 1 Multipurpose Tractor with attachments each year for the next 4 fiscal years. The unit being replaced in FY24 is a 2001 John Deere with 5500 hours on it. This unit is in the 10 year replacement category and we have gone well beyond that....

Newell Street Drainage Improvements

\$450,000

Project Description: The channel from the outfall on Newell Street to Day Street has not been conveying stormwater properly, causing frequent local flooding conditions at the 20-inch outfall in the backyard of 5 Newell Street. It is likely that...

Pecks Road Drainage Improvements

\$300,000

Project Description: The City has been planning the improvement to the existing stormwater drainage outlet pipes that run from Pecks Road to Onota Lake between #453 and #467 Pecks Road. The plan includes replacement of 300 feet of existing piping...

Sidewalk Improvements

\$250,000

Sidewalk Improvements throught the city.

Street Re-Surfacing

\$7,500,000

Improvements to existing transportation network.

Tandem dump truck (dump plow sand)

\$380,000

Purchase 1 current model year Tandem Dump Truck to replace the same. This unit is in the 10-year replacement category. unit 1174 a 2012 international with 7500 hours. The reason for replacement is cab and body rot.

Tandem hook loader**\$380,000**

Purchase one current model year Tandem hook loader in FY24 and FY26

Total: \$10,470,000

Dpu Waste Water Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

1 Ton Pickup Truck DPU Waste Water**\$65,000**

Purchase 3 current model year 1 Ton Pickups with plow to replace the same in each of the next 3 fiscal years. The unit being replaced in FY24 is a 2013 Ford F250 with 60000 miles on it. These units are all in the 10 year replacement schedule...

Total: \$65,000

Dpu Water Treatment Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

GATE BOX EXERCISER**\$120,000**

Purchase one current model year Gate Box Exerciser to replace the same. The unit being replaced is a 2005 Wachs. This type of equipment is in the 10 year replacement category and we are well past that point. This unit has reached the end of its...

Jet rodder DPU Water**\$360,000**

Purchase 2 current model year Jet Rodders one in FY24 and one in FY27. The unit being replaced in FY24 is a 2004 International with 8600 hours. This unit is in the 10 year replacement category and it has gone well beyond that point. The reason for...

Total: \$480,000

Education Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

Replacement of Bus Fleet**\$3,000,000**

Replacement of Bus Fleet

Total: \$3,000,000

Police - Uniformed Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| PD Technology/Software Implementation Program | \$50,000 |
| PD Technology/Software Implementation Program | |
| Replace frontline cruisers | \$275,000 |
| Replace 4 frontline cruisers | |
| Replace mobile data terminals (MDTs) | \$48,000 |
| Replace mobile data terminals (MDTs) | |
| Replace Police communications equipment | \$200,000 |
| Replace Police communications equipment | |
| Replace Police Computers | \$50,000 |
| Replace Police Computers | |
| Replace special purpose and support vehicles | \$200,000 |
| Replace special purpose and support vehicles | |
| | Total: \$823,000 |

IT Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| City Website Modernization | \$20,000 |
| Modernize the City website including ADA compliance, branding, domain migration (.gov), and bringing all City-owned websites under the same umbrella. | |
| Desktop PC Refresh | \$75,000 |
| Regular lifecycle refresh of desktop computers. | |
| Laptop Replacement | \$125,000 |
| Replacement of city laptops to conform with new multi-factor authentication requirements. | |
| | Total: \$220,000 |

Sewer Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (IWRMP) \$1,300,000

Project Description: The purpose of the Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (IWRMP) is to develop an updated, comprehensive plan to manage the City's water, wastewater, and stormwater needs in a holistic and balanced manner. The...

Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) – Phase 2 \$1,000,000

Project Description: The City's wastewater collection system is subject to increased flows due to Infiltration and Inflow (I/I). Infiltration is extraneous groundwater entering the sewer through defective pipes, joints, connections, and...

Second Street Sewer Relocation \$2,500,000

Project Description: In 2013 CSX Transportation lowered the rail line through the City to accommodate double-stacked rail transport. As part of this work, an existing sanitary sewer crossing underneath the rail line at Second Street was protected...

WWTP CHP Upgrades \$3,000,000

Project Description: The existing combined heat and power (CHP) system at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) was installed in 2010 as part of overall energy upgrades at the plant funded by state and federal grants. The existing CHP...

Total: \$7,800,000

Water Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

Improve Water Mains \$1,500,000

Improve Water Mains Investing in improvements to water mains in the city of Pittsfield is beneficial to the community in several ways: Improves water quality: Old and deteriorating water mains can leach contaminants into the drinking...

SANWASH RESERVOIR DAM UPGRADE DESIGN AND PERMITTING \$600,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Pittsfield's Ashley Reservoir System consists of Farnham Reservoir, Sandwash Reservoir, Upper Sackett Reservoir, Ashley Lake, and Lower Ashley Reservoir. The Ashley Reservoir system feeds water to the Ashley...

VALENTINE ROAD WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT \$4,000,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Pittsfield recently began construction of the new Tamarack Road Water Storage Tank at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport which will serve the City's western pressure zone. Construction of the new tank is...

Total: \$6,100,000

Rsvp Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

AWD Van

\$45,000

Purchase one current model year all wheel drive van in to replace same. the unit being replaced is a 2012 Honda with 77000 miles. this unit is in the 10 year replacement category and is right on schedule.i would like to trade this vehicle while it...

Total: \$45,000

Airport Commission Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

Access Control System Upgrade

\$10,000

Upgrade access control system for employee and tenant/user access through security gates and doors.

Construct Taxilane and Electrical Improvements

\$562,500

Construct new taxilane and bury electrical.

Crack, Seal Coating, and Pavement Markings

\$130,000

Cracksealing, seal coating, and pavement markings of runways and paved surfaces

Deicing Broom Attachment

\$55,556

Runway deicing broom attachment, towable or loader-mounted.

High Efficiency Snow Blower

\$160,000

Utilize existing appropriation for purchase of wheeled loader-mounted, high efficiency snow blower attachment.

Obstruction Removal (Construction Phase)

\$260,000

Construction phase to remove obstructions (i.e, trees and poles) in the approaches to Runways 8 and 14. Survey Runway 14-32.

Permitting for Taxiway A and B Reconstructions and Runway 26 MALSR Construction

\$150,000

Permitting for future reconstruction of Taxiways A and B and construction of Runway 26 MALSR approach lighting system.

Total: \$1,328,056

Community Development Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Bike Path Environmental Permitting & Engineering Design | \$500,000 |
| Bike Path Middle Section (Crane Ave to Merrill Rd) Environmental Permitting & Engineering Design | |
| Develop downtown microgrid | \$100,000 |
| Develop downtown microgrid | |
| Pickleball Courts | \$500,000 |
| Construction of an 8-court facility within Springside Park | |
| Pontoosuc Lake Park Improvements | \$250,000 |
| This capital project will see the implementation of the master vision for the park that was developed in 2021/2022 with community input and support. | |
| Springside House Renovations | \$1,000,000 |
| This capital project seeks funding support for the interior renovations at this historic city building. | |
| Springside Pond Restoration | \$650,000 |
| Complete environmental restoration of the Springside Pond | |
| Taconic High School Track Upgrades | \$1,000,000 |
| The Taconic High School track needs complete renovation. Many stakeholder meetings were held to develop the master plan for improvements. | |
| Total: \$4,000,000 | |

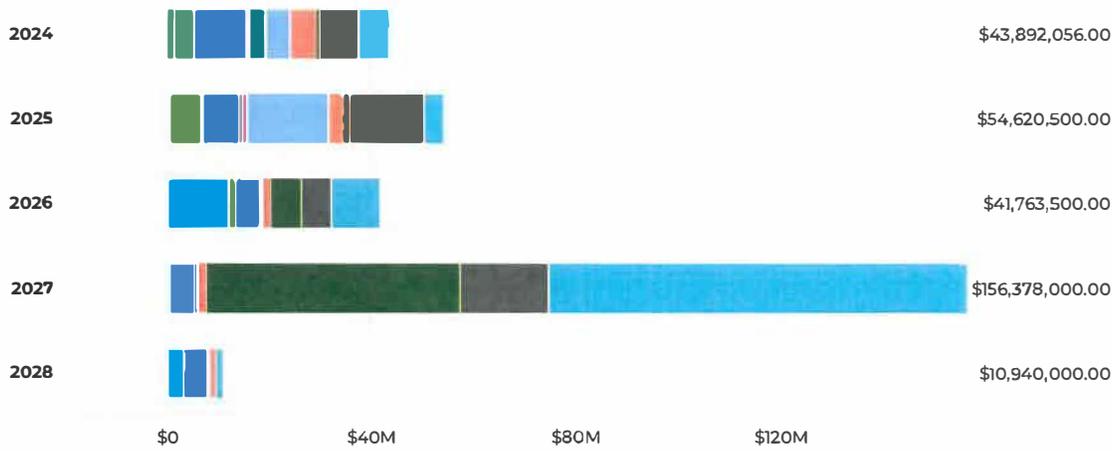
Capital Improvements: Multi-Year Plan

This section provides more detail about the capital projects that are currently programmed for the later years of the plan: FY2024-FY2028. Annually, City staff reassess the capital needs of all departments, extending the outlook to include the next year. This yearly process allows for the reassessment of the scope, timing, and cost of projects that are included in the current CIP. In addition, the City finance team may update the assumptions and targets in the Capital Investment Strategy in order to determine the resources available for the plan's time period. These assumptions and targets reflect other components of the City's comprehensive financial plan, such as a five-year financial forecast, operating budget priorities, and financial policies.

Total Capital Requested \$307,594,056

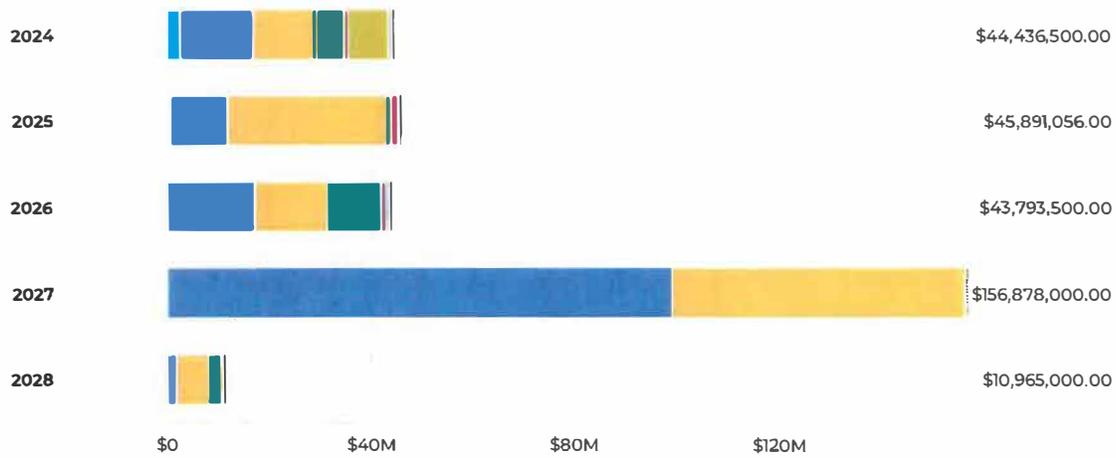
129 Capital Improvement Projects

Total Funding Requested by Department



- Airport Commission
- Community Development
- Conservation Board A
- Dps - Public Service
- Dpu Waste Water
- Dpu Water Treatment
- Education
- Fire - Uniformed
- IT
- Maintenance - City
- Maintenance - School
- Police - Uniformed
- Rsvp
- Sewer
- Water

Total Funding Requested by Source



- ARPA
 - CPA
 - GF Debt
 - Grant(Federal)
 - Other
 - Pay GO
- Bond Premiums
 - EF Debt
 - GF debt
 - Grant(State)
 - Pay Go
 - Public Works Stabilization

Maintenance - City Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1 Ton Utility Body Truck | \$480,000 |
| Purchase 6 current model year 1 Ton Utility Body Trucks with or without plow 1 in FY24 and 1 in each of the following fiscal years. These vehicles are in the 10 year replacement category. The unit being replaced in FY24 is a 2013 Chevrolet... | |
| BMD City - Airport Terminal Renovations | \$200,000 |
| This project will require the hiring of an architect for design. The main objective of this project is to renovate all of the office area and hallways from the front counter back. All carpeting and floor tiles have to be removed... | |
| BMD City - Carpet Replacement Assessor's Office | \$75,000 |
| Replace carpet in the entryway to the Assessor's Office at City Hall. This will include abatement of the floor before installing new floor. | |
| BMD City - Demolition of Old Bathroom at Clapp Park | \$100,000 |
| The old bathroom building at the back corner of the newly renovated Clapp Park should be removed from the property. | |
| BMD City - Wahconah Park Renovations | \$15,000,000 |
| Skanska has been hired as the Project Management Team. Currently there is a bidding process to hire a design company for the project. This fund request is for the projected cost of renovations, subject to change. | |
| E2 MECHANICS BAY FLOOR | \$50,000 |
| MECHANICS BAY FLOOR IS SLANTED AND IS UNSAFE WHEN HAVE TO PUT TRUCKS ON LIFT NON OSHA COMPLIANT | |
| generator replacement for three stations | \$100,000 |
| Replace existing generators at three fire stations. | |
| KITCHEN UPGRADES ALL FIRE STATIONS | \$155,000 |
| COMPLETE KITCHEN UPGRADES TO ALL STATIONS TO INCLUDE FLOORS | |
| One Ton Van | \$110,000 |
| Purchase 2 current model year One Ton Vans in FY24. The units being replaced are both Chevrolet's model years 2011 and 2012. These units are in the 10 year replacement category. They are being replaced because of body and undercarriage... | |
| Repave front ramp at engine 2 | \$7,000 |
| The front ramp at Engine 2, 9 Summerset Ave. needs to have the pavement replaced where the truck pulls out of the station. The truck bounces everytime it pulls out and backs in the station. THis wears on the suspenstion. | |
| TRAINING TOWER REPLACEMENT | \$4,000,000 |
| Construction of a new Fire Training Tower | |
| Total: \$20,277,000 | |

Maintenance - School Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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|--|--------------------|
| BMD Schools - Boiler Replacement PHS (Critical) | \$1,000,000 |
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The boilers (3) at PHS are the originals from 1930. We are requesting \$50K for required study to determine how to remove the existing boilers from the basement of the school and where to install the replacements in the first year and then unknown...

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| BMD Schools - Boiler Replacements | \$3,250,000 |
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Replacement of 2 boilers within our schools each year. We have many boilers that are well over 30 years old and require constant attention and repairs and lack efficiency. This request does not include PHS or THS. FY23 Egremont is out to bid...

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| BMD Schools - Dome Renovations (PHS) | \$400,000 |
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The dome was repaired and painted 11 years ago and is in need of continued maintenance from the weather and elements.

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| BMD Schools - Doors Upgrade Per Fire Code | \$175,000 |
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Per the City's Director of Inspections, all doors in our school buildings need to be evaluated and brought up to fire code

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| BMD Schools - PHS Oil Tanks Removal | \$125,000 |
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There are 2 underground storage tanks at PHS which are under the courtyard. Estimates are that they contain 2,000 gallons total. We have been reporting this to the State every year per our emissions requirements. There has been a brief...

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| BMD Schools - Roof Repairs | \$7,250,000 |
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We have quite a few schools whose roofing systems are past their life and in critical need of replacing. For FY22 we submitted our 5-year plan to begin the process of repairing/replacing these roofs. In FY22, we were approved \$750K to...

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| BMD Schools - Sidewalk Repairs | \$200,000 |
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The school buildings are in desperate need of sidewalk repairs, especially because of liability and storm drainage issues. Conte & Reid are 2 important examples to start this project with.

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| BMD Schools - Sprinkler Systems Upgraded | \$400,000 |
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In this year's annual sprinkler inspections, it was noted that in some of our buildings, our sprinkler heads are outdated and need replacing. We are planning on meeting with the sprinkler company to determine projected costs and the number of...

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| BMD Schools - Upgrade Stage Rigging at PHS | \$100,000 |
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Upgrade stage rigging at PHS

Total: \$12,900,000

Fire - Uniformed Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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| Pumper/ Fire Engine | \$750,000 |
| Following the vehicle replacement plan. Replace the 2005 Sparten pumper/engine. | |
| Replace 8 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units | \$70,000 |
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| RESCUE BOAT | \$45,000 |
| RESCUE BOAT W/TRAILER | |
| Turnout Gear Replacement Program | \$112,000 |
| On going replacement of outdated, noncompliant turnout gear. | |
| Upgrade Plymovent to all five fire stations | \$96,000 |
| Upgrade existing plymovent system installed in 2006. Several upgrades have been created which is a nessesity to be up to code. | |
| Total: \$1,073,000 | |

Dps - Public Service Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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| 1 Ton Hook Lift DPS Highway | \$1,080,000 |
| Purchase 2 current model year 1 Ton Hook Lift all season trucks (dump plow sand)with attachments in FY24 and one in each of the following 4 fiscal years.The unit being replaced in FY24 has already been taken off the road and auctioned. the second... | |
| 1 Ton Pickup Truck | \$650,000 |
| Purchase 2 current model year 1 ton pickups with or without plows in each of the next 5 fiscal years. The units being replaced in FY24 are both on the 10-year replacement schedule but have lasted considerably longer. Unit 2002 is a 2008 Toyota... | |
| 4 Door Dump Truck Parks Dept | \$130,000 |
| Purchase one current model year 4 door dump truck for the parks dept. this will be an addition to their fleet. This truck will be used to transport parks personnel and materials for parks maintenance. | |
| 5 Ton Hook Lift all season truck (snow fighter)with attachments | \$1,600,000 |
| Purchase one 5 Ton Hook Lift all season truck (snow fighter)with attachments in each of the next 5 fiscal years..For FY24 we will be replacing unit 1121 a 2011 international with 8700 hours. This unit is in the 10 year replacement category... | |
| ADA and other improvements in city and school playgrounds | \$400,000 |
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| Articulating tractors | \$400,000 |
| Purchase 2 current model year Articulating tractors, one each in FY25 and 27. These units are in the 10 year replacement category. | |
| Asphalt Recycler | \$200,000 |
| Purchase 1 current model year Asphalt Recycler. This will be an addition to our fleet and will bolster our pothole patching process. | |
| AWD SUV | \$240,000 |
| Purchase 6 all wheel drive SUV's in three in FY 24, 2 in FY25 and one in FY26. We intend to replace units 1247 a 2012 Chevrolet with 55000 miles and 2404 a 2011 ford with 47000 miles. Unit 1247 is being replaced due to body and undercarriage.. | |
| BMC Area Intersection Improvements - ROW | \$200,000 |
| Right of Way Acquisition for the construction of the Improvements to the following Intersections: - North St and Springside Ave. - North St and Charles St. - Firts St, North St and Stoddard Ave. - First St and Tyler St. - First St and Burbank... | |
| Brush Chipper | \$60,000 |
| Purchase a current model year brush chipper to replace the same. | |
| DPS HIGHWAY 4 DOOR PATCH TRUCK | \$130,000 |
| Purchase a current model year four door patch (dump) truck to replace the same in FY25. | |
| Electric Vehicle | \$80,000 |
| Purchase 2 Electric Vehicles one in FY25 and one in FY26 to replace same. | |

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| FUEL STATION | \$600,000 |
| Build a fueling island with new tanks and equipment in FY25. Our current fuel system is 30 years old. We used to have a fuel site at street level but had to take it out of service when the garage burned down. This left us with no storage capacity.... | |
| Multi Purpose Compact Utility Tractor | \$55,000 |
| Purchase one current model year Multi Purpose Compact Utility Tractor in FY25. This will be an addition to the fleet and will be used to maintain the growing number of trails under the Parks Departments purview, Further this unit could be... | |
| Multipurpose Tractor with attachments | \$320,000 |
| Purchase 1 Multipurpose Tractor with attachments each year for the next 4 fiscal years. The unit being replaced in FY24 is a 2001 John Deere with 5500 hours on it. This unit is in the 10 year replacement category and we have gone well beyond that.... | |
| Newell Street Drainage Improvements | \$450,000 |
| Project Description: The channel from the outfall on Newell Street to Day Street has not been conveying stormwater properly, causing frequent local flooding conditions at the 20-inch outfall in the backyard of 5 Newell Street. It is likely that... | |
| Paver | \$300,000 |
| Purchase current model year paver in FY25 | |
| Pecks Road Drainage Improvements | \$300,000 |
| Project Description: The City has been planning the improvement to the existing stormwater drainage outlet pipes that run from Pecks Road to Onota Lake between #453 and #467 Pecks Road. The plan includes replacement of 300 feet of existing piping... | |
| Portable stage | \$150,000 |
| Purchase a current model year portable stage in FY25 to replace same. | |
| ROLLER | \$50,000 |
| Purchase a current model year roller to replace the same. | |
| Sidewalk Improvements | \$450,000 |
| Sidewalk Improvements throught the city. | |
| Stormwater Management | \$4,000,000 |
| Stormwater management, including bridges, culverts and drainage system improvements. | |
| Street Re-Surfacing | \$18,500,000 |
| Improvements to existing transportation network. | |
| Street Sweeper | \$500,000 |
| Purchase current model year street sweeper to replace same. 1 unit in FY25 and 1 in FY26 | |
| Tandem dump truck (dump plow sand) | \$380,000 |
| Purchase 1 current model year Tandem Dump Truck to replace the same. This unit is in the 10-year replacement category. unit 1174 a 2012 International with 7500 hours. The reason for replacement is cab and body rot. | |
| Tandem hook loader | \$760,000 |
| Purchase one current model year Tandem hook loader in FY24 and FY26 | |

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| Wheel Loader | \$220,000 |
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Purchase a current model year wheel loader to replace the same.

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| XUV Crossover Utility Vehicle | \$27,000 |
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Purchase one current model year Crossover Utility Vehicle in FY25. This will be an addition to the fleet and will be used to maintain the growing number of trails under the Parks Departments purview, Further this unit could be utilized for a...

Total: \$32,232,000

Dpu Waste Water Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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| 1 Ton Pickup Truck DPU Waste Water | \$195,000 |
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Purchase 3 current model year 1 Ton Pickups with plow to replace the same in each of the next 3 fiscal years. The unit being replaced in FY24 is a 2013 Ford F250 with 60000 miles on it. These units are all in the 10 year replacement schedule...

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| 1 Ton Utility Body Truck DPU Waste Water | \$320,000 |
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Purchase 4 current model year 1 Ton Utility Body Trucks with or without plow in FY25 26 27 and 28

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| Telescoping boom forklift DPU Waste Water | \$130,000 |
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Purchase one current model year Telescoping boom forklift in FY25

Total: \$645,000

Dpu Water Treatment Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

1 Ton Hook Lift DPU Water

\$180,000

Purchase 1 current model year 1 Ton Hook Lift all season truck (dump plow sand)with attachments in FY24. The unit being replaced is a 2008 Ford F550 with 98000 miles. This unit is in the 10 year replacement category and is one of the most utilized...

1 Ton Pickup Truck DPU Water

\$65,000

Purchase 1 current model year 1 ton pickups with or without plows to replace same in FY26. This unit is in the 10 year replacement catagory.

1 Ton Utility Body Truck DPU Water

\$80,000

Purchase 1 current model year 1 ton utility body truck with plow to replace a 2013 Chevrolet pickup with 110000 miles. the reason for replacement is body rot and high mileage

1 ton van DPU Water

\$55,000

Purchase a current model year 1 ton van in FY25 to replace same

AWD SUV DPU Water

\$40,000

Purchase a current model year all wheel drive SUV to replace same in FY24. the unit being replaced is a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox with 90000 miles. This unit is used for meter reading and I would like to trade it in while its still viable

Backhoe DPU Water

\$180,000

Purchase one current model year Backhoe to replace the same in FY25.

GATE BOX EXERCISER

\$120,000

Purchase one current model year Gate Box Exerciser to replace the same. The unit being replaced is a 2005 Wachs. This type of equipment is in the 10 year replacement category and we are well past that point. This unit has reached the end of its...

Jet rodder DPU Water

\$720,000

Purchase 2 current model year Jet Rodders one in FY24 and one in FY27. The unit being replaced in FY24 is a 2004 International with 8600 hours. This unit is in the 10 year replacement category and it has gone well beyond that point. The reason for...

Total: \$1,440,000

Education Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

Replacement of Bus Fleet

\$3,000,000

Replacement of Bus Fleet

Total: \$3,000,000

Police - Uniformed Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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| New Police HQ Design and Planning (Phase I - Site) | \$500,000 |
| New Police HQ Design and Planning (Phase I - Site) | |
| New Police HQ Design and Planning (Phase II) | \$5,000,000 |
| New Police HQ Design and Planning (Phase II) | |
| New Police HQ Facility and Campus - Construction | \$50,000,000 |
| New Police HQ Facility and Campus - Construction | |
| PD Technology/Software Implementation Program | \$150,000 |
| PD Technology/Software Implementation Program | |
| Replace Chiefs cruiser | \$60,000 |
| Replace Chief's cruiser | |
| Replace frontline cruisers | \$845,000 |
| Replace 4 frontline cruisers | |
| Replace mobile data terminals (MDTs) | \$144,000 |
| Replace mobile data terminals (MDTs) | |
| Replace Police communications equipment | \$700,000 |
| Replace Police communications equipment | |
| Replace Police Computers | \$150,000 |
| Replace Police Computers | |
| Replace special purpose and support vehicles | \$700,000 |
| Replace special purpose and support vehicles | |
| | Total: \$58,249,000 |

IT Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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| City Website Modernization | \$20,000 |
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Modernize the City website including ADA compliance, branding, domain migration (.gov), and bringing all City-owned websites under the same umbrella.

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| Desktop PC Refresh | \$75,000 |
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Regular lifecycle refresh of desktop computers.

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| Laptop Replacement | \$125,000 |
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Replacement of city laptops to conform with new multi-factor authentication requirements.

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| Munis Migration | \$165,000 |
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Migration of MUNIS from on-premises to Software as a Service.

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| Permit Eyes Cloud Migration | \$130,000 |
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This capital request is for the migration of Permit Eyes 20/20 to the cloud version.

Total: \$515,000

Sewer Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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| Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (IWRMP) | \$1,300,000 |
| Project Description: The purpose of the Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (IWRMP) is to develop an updated, comprehensive plan to manage the City's water, wastewater, and stormwater needs in a holistic and balanced manner. The... | |
| Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) – Phase 2 | \$1,000,000 |
| Project Description: The City's wastewater collection system is subject to increased flows due to Infiltration and Inflow (I/I). Infiltration is extraneous groundwater entering the sewer through defective pipes, joints, connections, and... | |
| Second Street Sewer Relocation | \$2,500,000 |
| Project Description: In 2013 CSX Transportation lowered the rail line through the City to accommodate double-stacked rail transport. As part of this work, an existing sanitary sewer crossing underneath the rail line at Second Street was protected... | |
| Sewer Rehab: Inflow Phase 3, Infiltration Phases 5&6 | \$2,700,000 |
| Project Description: The City's wastewater collection system is subject to increased flows due to Infiltration and Inflow (I/I). Infiltration is extraneous groundwater entering the sewer through defective pipes, joints, connections, and... | |
| Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Ongoing Improvements | \$10,930,000 |
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| Water Resources Office/Maintenance Facility/Laboratory | \$3,700,000 |
| Water Resources Office/Maintenance Facility/Laboratory | |
| WW Treatment Plant Security Improvements | \$900,000 |
| Project Description: The 2016 WWTP Facilities Plan identified security improvements at the plant as a high priority. The security at the WWTP was investigated through a Vulnerability Assessment process previously. Applied Risk Management of... | |
| WWTP CHP Upgrades | \$3,000,000 |
| Project Description: The existing combined heat and power (CHP) system at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) was installed in 2010 as part of overall energy upgrades at the plant funded by state and federal grants. The existing CHP... | |
| WWTP New Laboratory Building | \$8,000,000 |
| The existing Laboratory Building was originally constructed in 1938 and converted into the plant laboratory in 1973, 50 years ago. A renovation of the Laboratory Building was included in the 2016 Facility Plan and approved by MassDEP as part of... | |
| WWTP Nitrogen Compliance Planning | \$9,570,000 |
| Project Description: The City's new NPDES wastewater discharge permit from EPA requires reduced limits for nitrogen compared to the previous permit. The recent WWTP Nutrient Upgrade project included nitrogen optimization improvements, but... | |
| WWTP Plant Water System Upgrades | \$1,900,000 |
| Project Description: The 2016 WWTP Facilities Plan identified upgrades to the plant water system as a medium-term priority. The existing plant water system in Chlorination Building is in need of replacement. The pumps do not provide adequate... | |
| Total: \$45,500,000 | |

Water Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

Clean and line West Street Water Main **\$1,000,000**

Clean and line West Street Water Main

CLEVELAND AND ASHLEY WATER TREATMENT PLANTS UPGRADE PRELIMINARY DESIGN **\$89,500,000**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Pittsfield owns and operates the Cleveland and Ashley Water Treatment Plants (WTP). The plants were constructed around 1985 and are in need of major upgrades so the City can continue to comply with current...

Improve Water Mains **\$7,500,000**

Improve Water Mains Investing in improvements to water mains in the city of Pittsfield is beneficial to the community in several ways: Improves water quality: Old and deteriorating water mains can leach contaminants into the drinking...

SANWASH RESERVOIR DAM UPGRADE DESIGN AND PERMITTING **\$600,000**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Pittsfield's Ashley Reservoir System consists of Farnham Reservoir, Sandwash Reservoir, Upper Sackett Reservoir, Ashley Lake, and Lower Ashley Reservoir. The Ashley Reservoir system feeds water to the Ashley...

VALENTINE ROAD WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT **\$4,000,000**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Pittsfield recently began construction of the new Tamarack Road Water Storage Tank at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport which will serve the City's western pressure zone. Construction of the new tank is...

Total: \$102,600,000

Rsvp Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

AWD Van **\$45,000**

Purchase one current model year all wheel drive van in to replace same. the unit being replaced is a 2012 Honda with 77000 miles. this unit is in the 10 year replacement category and is right on schedule.i would like to trade this vehicle while it...

Total: \$45,000

Airport Commission Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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| Access Control System Upgrade | \$10,000 |
| Upgrade access control system for employee and tenant/user access through security gates and doors. | |
| Apron Reconstruction | \$3,125,000 |
| Reconstruct aircraft apron area. | |
| Construct Helipad | \$85,000 |
| Construct helipad to designate landing/takeoff area to separate helicopters from fixed-wing aircraft. | |
| Construct Taxilane and Electrical Improvements | \$562,500 |
| Construct new taxilane and bury electrical. | |
| Crack, Seal Coating, and Pavement Markings | \$130,000 |
| Cracksealing, seal coating, and pavement markings of runways and paved surfaces | |
| Deicing Broom Attachment | \$55,556 |
| Runway deicing broom attachment, towable or loader-mounted. | |
| High Efficiency Snow Blower | \$160,000 |
| Utilize existing appropriation for purchase of wheeled loader-mounted, high efficiency snow blower attachment. | |
| Install Chain Link Fencing | \$337,500 |
| Install approximately 3,620 LF of chain link fencing around expanded airside development area. | |
| Obstruction Removal (Construction Phase) | \$260,000 |
| Construction phase to remove obstructions (i.e. trees and poles) in the approaches to Runways 8 and 14. Survey Runway 14-32. | |
| Permitting for Taxiway A and B Reconstructions and Runway 26 MALSR Construction | \$150,000 |
| Permitting for future reconstruction of Taxiways A and B and construction of Runway 26 MALSR approach lighting system. | |
| REILs and MALSR Construction | \$340,000 |
| Installation of REILs on Runways 8, 14, and 32 and MALSR on Runway 26. | |
| Taxiway 'A' Reconstruction | \$4,500,000 |
| Reconstruct Taxiway A. | |
| Taxiway 'B' Reconstruction | \$2,250,000 |
| Reconstruct Taxiway B | |
| Terminal Roadway and Apron | \$5,312,500 |
| Reconstruct terminal area roadway and expand terminal apron. | |
| Total: \$17,278,056 | |

Community Development Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

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| Bike Path Environmental Permitting & Engineering Design | \$1,000,000 |
| Bike Path Middle Section (Crane Ave to Merrill Rd) Environmental Permitting & Engineering Design | |
| Deming Park Parking Improvements | \$1,050,000 |
| Deming Park suffers from inadequate parking that at times can lead to dangerous encounters between park patrons and motorists. A master plan for improvements has been completed along with cost estimates. | |
| Develop downtown microgrid | \$1,100,000 |
| Develop downtown microgrid | |
| Improve Lebanon Park playground | \$75,000 |
| Improve Lebanon Park playground | |
| Lakewood Park Master Planning | \$45,000 |
| This capital request seeks funds to develop a master plan for the park, | |
| Lakewood Park Parking Improvements | \$100,000 |
| Lakewood Park Parking Improvements | |
| Lebanon Park Playground Improvements | \$850,000 |
| Lebanon Park playground improvements are needed to modernize the equipment and the interest in the park for neighbors. | |
| Onota Dam improvements | \$50,000 |
| Onota Dam improvements | |
| Osceola Park Master Planning | \$45,000 |
| Planning project for Osceola Park which will lead to a master vision for park improvements. | |
| Osceola Park Playground and Parking Improvements | \$400,000 |
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| Pickleball Courts | \$500,000 |
| Construction of an 8-court facility within Springside Park | |
| Pontoosuc Lake Park Improvements | \$250,000 |
| This capital project will see the implementation of the master vision for the park that was developed in 2021/2022 with community input and support. | |
| Riverway Park / Linden St. | \$350,000 |
| Design and construction of part 2 of the Westside Riverway Park, at the corner of Linden and Dewey. | |
| Springside House Renovations | \$3,500,000 |
| This capital project seeks funding support for the interior renovations at this historic city building. | |
| Springside Pond Restoration | \$650,000 |
| Complete environmental restoration of the Springside Pond | |

Taconic High School Track Upgrades**\$1,000,000**

The Taconic High School track needs complete renovation. Many stakeholder meetings were held to develop the master plan for improvements.

Wild Acres Dam Removal**\$750,000**

Wild Acres Conservation Area dam needs to be removed. There has been intensive investigation into best approach.

Total: \$11,715,000

Conservation Board A Requests

Itemized Requests for 2024-2028

Enhancements to Tierney Sr. Wildlife Refuge**\$125,000**

Enhancements to Tierney Sr. Wildlife Refuge

Total: \$125,000



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 6, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee ~~of~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING FOR YOUR APPROVAL AN ORDER RAISING AND APPROPRIATING \$205,634,497.00 TO FUND THE CITY'S OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BEGINNING IN JULY 1, 2023.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED AS AMENDED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$205,584,497.00. COUNCILORS WARREN, KALINOWSKY AND KRONICK IN OPPOSITION.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



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Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

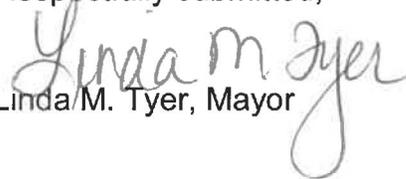
May 1, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order raising and appropriating \$205,634,497.00 to fund the City's operating budget for the Fiscal Year 2024 beginning July 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

AN ORDER RAISING AND APPROPRIATING \$205,584,497 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Ordered:

That the following amounts be, and hereby are, raised and appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 to be expended for the departmental purposes designated below:

FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Mayor | \$255,797 |
| City Council | \$109,262 |
| City Solicitor | \$267,626 |
| Health & Inspections | \$635,511 |
| Building Inspectors | \$652,049 |
| Veterans Services | \$872,692 |
| Emergency Management | \$29,402 |
| City Clerk | \$408,225 |
| Human Resources | \$258,211 |
| Finance & Administration | \$1,398,541 |
| Information Technology | \$1,267,093 |
| Airport Commission | \$311,215 |
| RSVP | \$117,017 |
| Council on Aging | \$392,042 |
| Maintenance-City | \$2,080,212 |
| Maintenance-School | \$900,000 |
| Fire | \$10,472,615 |
| Police | \$14,364,673 |
| Department of Public Services | \$11,095,563 |
| Cultural Development | \$135,950 |
| Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | \$181,854 |
| Berkshire Athenaeum | \$1,514,980 |
| Community Development | \$788,110 |
| Workers Compensation | \$700,000 |
| Unclassified | \$60,092,255 |

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| LINE ITEM BUDGET- TOTAL | \$109,300,895 |
| School Department | \$78,088,016 |
| LINE ITEMS & SCHOOL - TOTAL | \$187,388,911 |
| DPU Water Treatment- Enterprise | \$6,199,738 |
| Sewer-Enterprise | \$1,002,156 |
| DPU Wastewater-Enterprise | \$10,993,692 |
| Enterprise Total | \$18,195,586 |
| TOTAL | \$205,584,497 |



City of Pittsfield

June 6, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee ~~XX~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM CERTIFIED FREE CASH TO REDUCE THE FISCAL 2024 TAX RATE.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 6-3 WITH COUNCILORS WARREN, KRONICK AND KALINOWSKY IN OPPOSITION.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



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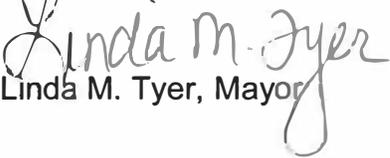
May 1, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from certified free cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

**AN ORDER APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM CERTIFIED
FREE CASH TO REDUCE THE FISCAL 2024 TAX RATE**

No. _____

Ordered:

That the sum of \$1,000,000.00 be transferred and appropriated from Certified Free Cash to reduce the fiscal year 2024 tax rate.



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 6, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield:—

The Committee ~~BY~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO BORROW UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L., CHAPTER 44, OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AN AGGREGATE SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$10,648,000.00 FOR GENERAL FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED 8-1 WITH COUNCILOR KRONICK IN OPPOSITION.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman.



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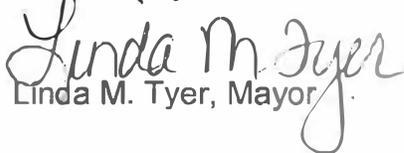
May 3, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order authorizing the City Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor to borrow, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, an aggregate sum not exceeding \$10,648,000.00 for General Fund Capital Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

No. _____

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR TO BORROW, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AN AGGREGATE SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$10,648,000 FOR GENERAL FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Ordered:

That the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred and Forty Eight Thousand Dollars be and hereby is appropriated to pay costs of conducting the following capital improvement projects and to pay costs of purchasing the various items of capital equipment described below, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto:

FY2024 Capital Budget

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| PC Replacement | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$75,000.00 |
| Laptop replacement | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$125,000.00 |

Public Services (Infrastructure)

| | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| BMC Area Improvements-ROW acquisitions | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$200,000.00 |
| Pecks Road Drainage improvements | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$300,000.00 |
| Newell Street Drainage Improvements | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$450,000.00 |

Vehicles and Equipment

| | | |
|--|---------------------|----------------|
| 3 AWD SUVs (Building Maintenance & Health) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$120,000.00 |
| 1 Ton Van (Building Maintenance) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$110,000.00 |
| 1 Ton Utility Truck (Building Maintenance) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$80,000.00 |
| One AWD Passenger Van (RSVP) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$45,000.00 |
| Replacement of School Bus Fleet | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$3,000,000.00 |

Building Maintenance-City

| | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| Repairs to Fire Department's Mechanic Bay | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$50,000.00 |
|---|---------------------|-------------|

Building Maintenance-School

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Sidewalk Repairs on school grounds | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$100,000.00 |
| Boiler Replacements | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$650,000.00 |
| Sprinkler Systems Upgrade | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$100,000.00 |
| Roof Repairs | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$3,000,000.00 |

Department of Community Development

| | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|
| Pontoosuc Lake Improvements (Design) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$250,000.00 |
| Taconic High School Track Upgrades (Construction) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Bike Path Environmental Permitting & Engineering Design | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$500,000.00 |

Fire Department

| | | |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Rescue Boat | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$45,000.00 |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|

Police Department

| | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| Replace Police communications equipment | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$200,000.00 |
| Replace mobile data terminals (MDTs) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(9) | \$48,000.00 |
| Replace special purpose and support vehicles | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$200,000.00 |

| | | |
|--------------|--|------------------------|
| Total | | \$10,648,000.00 |
|--------------|--|------------------------|

And that to raise this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is hereby authorized to borrow not exceeding the sum of \$11,648,000 under and pursuant to the various portions of the General Laws described above, as amended and supplemented, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. The amount authorized for each item as described above shall be reduced to the extent of any grants, gifts or reimbursements received by the City on account of any of such projects prior to the issuance of any permanent bonds on account thereof.

AND FURTHER ORDERED:

That the City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds or notes of the City authorized by this vote or pursuant to any prior vote of the City, and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require.

AND FURTHER ORDERED:

That in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 9, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee ~~XXX~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR TO BORROW, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L., CHAPTER 44, OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AN AGGREGATE SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$14,445,000.00 FOR ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 10-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD

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Linda M. Tyer
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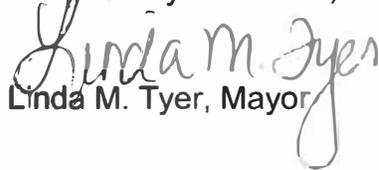
May 3, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order authorizing the City Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor to borrow, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, an aggregate sum not exceeding \$14,445,000.00 for Enterprise Fund Capital Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

No. _____

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR TO BORROW, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AN AGGREGATE SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$14,445,000 FOR ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Ordered:

That the sum of Fourteen Million Four Hundred and Forty Four Thousand Dollars be and hereby is appropriated to pay costs of conducting the following capital improvement projects and to pay costs of purchasing the various items of capital equipment described below, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto:

FY2024 Capital Budget

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Enabling Statute</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Water | | |
| Improve water mains | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$1,500,000.00 |
| Valentine Road Water Main | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$4,000,000.00 |
| Sandwash Reservoir Dam Upgrade Design & Permitting | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$600,000.00 |
| 1 Jet Rodder (Truck) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$360,000.00 |
| 1 Gate Box Exerciser | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$120,000.00 |
| Total | | \$6,580,000.00 |
| Sewer | | |
| Second Street Sewer Relocation (Construction) | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$2,500,000.00 |
| Integrated Water Resource Management Planning | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$1,300,000.00 |
| Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey-Phase II | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$1,000,000.00 |
| WWTP Combined Heat and Power Upgrades | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$3,000,000.00 |
| One 1 Ton Pickup Truck | Chapter 44 Sec 7(1) | \$65,000.00 |
| Total | | \$7,865,000.00 |
| | | \$14,445,000.00 |

And that to raise this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is hereby authorized to borrow not exceeding the sum of \$14,445,000 under and pursuant to the various portions of the General Laws described above, as amended and supplemented, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. The amount authorized for each item as described above shall be reduced to the extent of any grants, gifts or reimbursements received by the City on account of any of such projects prior to the issuance of any permanent bonds on account thereof.

AND FURTHER ORDERED:

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AND FURTHER ORDERED:

That in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 6, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee ~~is~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER TRANSFERRING AND APPROPRIATING \$280,000.00 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS STABILIZATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



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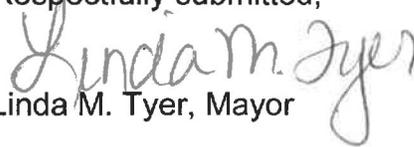
May 3, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order transferring and appropriating \$280,000.00 from the Public Works Stabilization Fund to the Department of Public Services.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

**AN ORDER APPROPRIATING \$280,000 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS
STABILIZATION FUND TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

No. _____

Ordered:

That the sum of \$280,000 be appropriated from the Public Works Stabilization Fund to fund the purchase of equipment for the Department of Public Services in the following manner:

\$200,000 for the purchase of an Asphalt Recycler

\$80,000 for the purchase of a Multipurpose Tractor with attachments



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 6, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee ~~on~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE USE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE CITY'S CURRENT REVOLVING FUNDS PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53 1/2 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



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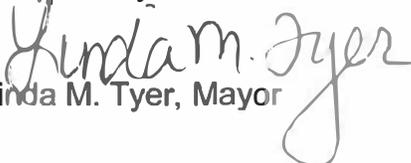
May 1, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order authorizing the use and expenditure of the City's current revolving funds pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the Fiscal Year 2024.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE USE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE CITY'S
CURRENT REVOLVING FUNDS PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 44,
SECTION 53E ½ FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024**

No. _____

Ordered:

That the City of Pittsfield be, and hereby is, authorized to use and expend the following Revolving Funds pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½:

FY2024 Appropriation

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| RSVP | \$ 7,000 |
| COA/Adult Day Care | \$ 60,000 |
| COA/ Van Receipts | \$ 60,000 |
| DARE Program | \$ 15,000 |
| Compost Bins | \$ 5,000 |



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 6, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield:—

The Committee ~~ON~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER APPROPRIATING \$220,500.00 FOR PARKING RELATED EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO M.G.L., CHAPTER 40, SECTIONS 21A-22C FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman.



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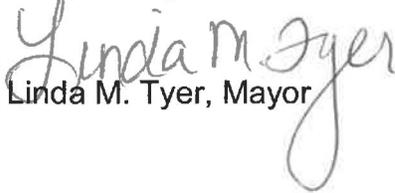
May 1, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order appropriating \$220,500.00 for parking related expenditures pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Sections 21A-22C for the Fiscal Year 2024 beginning July 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

**AN ORDER APPROPRIATING \$220,500 FOR PARKING RELATED
EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 40,
SECTIONS 21A-22C FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023**

Ordered:

That the following amounts be, and herby are, appropriated to be expended for parking related expenditures pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 21A-22C for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

| | Appropriation |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Contractual Services | \$ 48,750 |
| Garage & Lot Maintenance | \$ 55,000 |
| Supplies | \$ 20,000 |
| Bank Service Charges | \$ 30,000 |
| Equipment | \$ 20,000 |
| Debt Service | \$ 46,750 |
| | |
| Total: | \$ 220,500 |



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 9, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee ~~is~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH WATER RATES PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD, CHAPTER 22, WATER ARTICLE II, RATES, SECTIONS 22-26.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 6-4

THOSE IN FAVOR: COUNCILOR'S MARCHETTI, PERSIP, WHITE, SHERMAN, CONANT, LAMPIASI

THOSE IN OPPOSITION: COUNCILOR'S WARREN, KRONICK, KALINOWSKY, MAFFUCCIO.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 9, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee ~~ON~~ OF THE WHOLE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH SEWER RATES PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD, CHAPTER 19, SEWERS AND DRAINS ARTICLE VIII, SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, SECTION 19-44.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 6-4

THOSE IN FAVOR: COUNCILOR'S MARCHETTI, PERSIP, WHITE, SHERMAN, CONANT, LAMPIASI

THOSE IN OPPOSITION: COUNCILOR'S WARREN, KRONICK, KALINOWSKY, MAFFUCCIO

Respectfully submitted,

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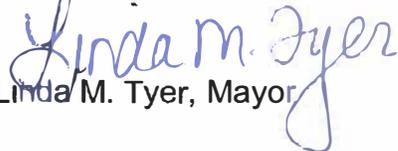
May 3, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration are two Orders establishing the water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2024. I respectfully request that these orders be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

ESTABLISHING WATER RATES

No. _____

Ordered:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the Code of the City of Pittsfield, Chapter 22. Water, Article II, Rates, Section 22-26. Establishment of Rates, rates for water service are hereby established:

Rates for Unmetered Water Service:

Toilet, per living unit:

| | |
|---|----------|
| First, per year..... | \$298.52 |
| Additional, each, per year..... | \$149.32 |
| Minimum charge, per quarter..... | \$ 10.00 |
| Swimming Pool, per each, per year | \$100.00 |

Rates for Metered Water Service:

| | |
|---|---------|
| For each 100 cubic feet, or fraction thereof, of water used | \$2.16 |
| Minimum charge, per quarter..... | \$10.00 |

Rate for Backflow Prevention Device Testing:

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Per test..... | \$100.00 |
|---------------|----------|

The foregoing rates shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) If any bill for unmetered water or metered water rates shall remain unpaid after the due date thereof, a sum equal to eight (8.0) percent of the bill shall be added thereto and paid by the person billed.
- (b) The rate charged for any unmetered fixture or device for which no special rate is established by this section shall be reasonable as may be determined by the Commissioner of Public Utilities of the City.

SECTION 2: That this order shall take effect upon adoption, for all billings made after July 1, 2023.

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

No. _____

ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES

Ordered:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the Code of the City of Pittsfield, Chapter 19, Sewers and Drains, Article VIII, Sewer Service Charges, Section 19-44. Establishment of Rates, rates for sewer service are hereby established:

Rates for Unmetered Sewer Service

Toilet, per living unit:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| First, per year..... | \$378.80 |
| Additional, each, per year..... | \$189.48 |
| Minimum charge, per quarter..... | \$ 10.00 |

Rates for Metered Sewer Service

| | |
|---|---------|
| For each 100 cubic feet, or fraction thereof, of water used | \$4.50 |
| Minimum charge, per quarter..... | \$10.00 |

Rates for Non-Pittsfield House Contract Service

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Per Living Unit, per year..... | \$362.34 |
|--------------------------------|----------|

The foregoing rates shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) If any bill for unmetered or metered sewer rates shall remain unpaid after the due date thereof, a sum equal to eight (8.0) percent of the bill shall be added thereto and paid by the person billed.
- (b) The rate charged for any unmetered fixture of device or discharge for which no special rate is established by this section shall be reasonable as may be determined by the Commissioner of Public Utilities of the City.

SECTION 2: That this order shall take effect upon adoption, for all billings made after July 1, 2023.



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES & UTILITIES, 100 NORTH ST, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201 413-499-9330

May 3, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Submitted herewith are orders required for the establishment of water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2024. These rates will be effective July 1, 2023. The rate changes proposed support the budget for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. This letter will cover the proposed rates, factors considered for the rate increase, comparative analysis with other municipalities, efforts to increase revenue outside of the rates, and the impact on residents, and providing assistance to low-income residents, seniors, veterans, and the blind.

Proposed Rates

Based on our analysis, the proposed rates for water and sewer services for FY24 are as follows:

FY24 Proposed Rates

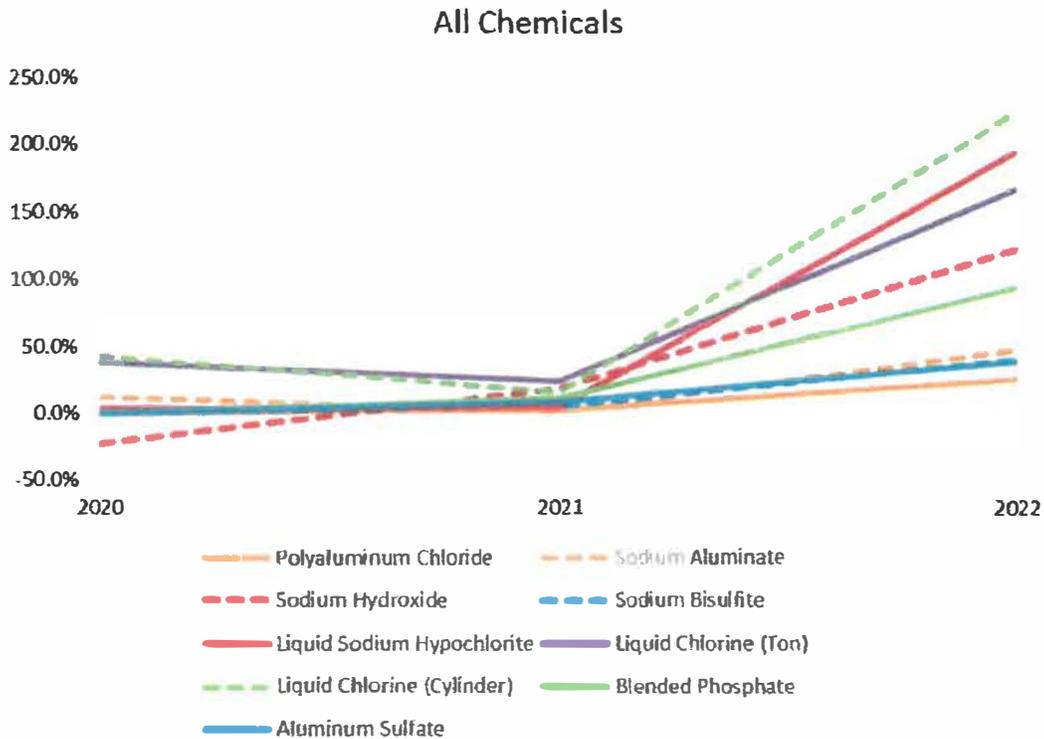
| SERVICE | WATER | | SEWER | | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Existing | Proposed | Existing | Proposed | |
| Toilet, 1 st , per year | \$271.36 | \$298.52 | \$303.04 | \$378.80 | \$677.32 |
| Toilet, additional/living unit/year | \$135.72 | \$149.32 | \$151.56 | \$189.48 | \$338.80 |
| Metered, per 100 cubic feet | \$1.96 | \$2.16 | \$3.60 | \$4.50 | \$6.66 |
| Minimum Charge, per quarter | \$10.00 | | \$10.00 | | \$20.00 |
| Swimming pool, per each, per year | \$100.00 | | | | \$100.00 |

Factors considered for the rate increase

The proposed rate increase is a result of several factors, including:

- Increased expenses in chemicals, sludge handling, and utilities. The costs associated with both water and waste water treatment chemicals, sludge handling, and utilities have significantly increased over the past few years. This is due to various factors such as rising costs of raw materials, increased energy prices, and changes in environmental regulations. These factors have led to higher expenses in purchasing and managing chemicals required for the treatment processes, with annual increases ranging from 23% to

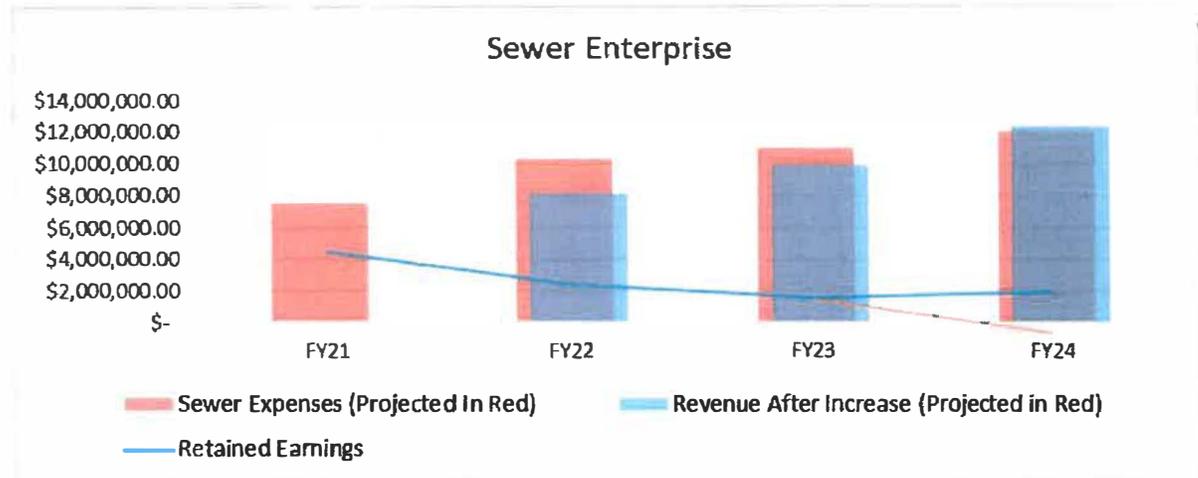
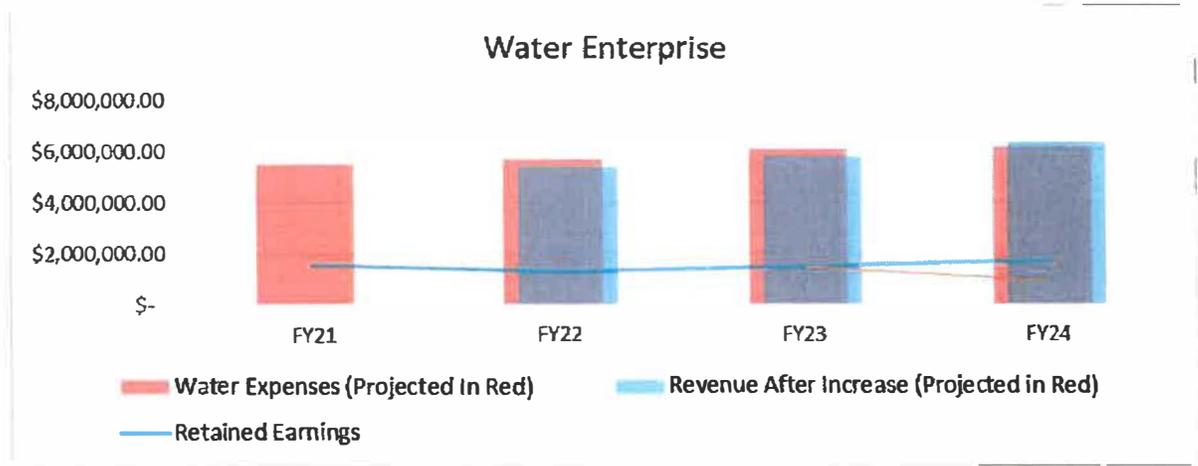
220% (see chart below). Managing and disposing of sludge in a safe and environmentally compliant manner, with an annual increase of 45%. and maintaining the operation of the facilities, with utility costs increases of 20%.



It is important to note that the procurement of chemicals and sludge handling services is subject to the competitive bidding process under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL). This process ensures that the city obtains the best possible prices and services for these critical components of water and sewer operations. Despite the competitive bidding process, the overall costs for chemicals and sludge handling have continued to rise.

- Depleted retained earnings in both water and sewer enterprise accounts. Over the past few years, the retained earnings in both water and sewer enterprise accounts have been steadily decreasing. This decline is a result of increased operational expenses and necessary infrastructure investments to maintain and improve the water and sewer systems. The continued reliance on retained earnings to cover these expenses is not sustainable in the long run, and it is essential to replenish these accounts through increased revenue from the proposed rate adjustments. The following charts map out the last 3 years and the next 1 year with a solid blue line representing the enterprise retained earnings with proposed rate adjustment for FY24 and a solid red line

representing the retained earnings without the rate adjustment. Blue bars represent the annual revenue and red bars represent the annual expenses.



- A request from the Mass Department of Revenue (DOR) for the revenue to match the expenses without reliance on retained earnings. DOR has requested that the City of Pittsfield ensure that revenues generated from water and sewer services cover the associated expenses without relying on retained earnings. This request is in line with the DOR's emphasis on financial sustainability and responsible management of public utilities. By ensuring that revenues match expenses, the city will be better positioned to address long-term financial obligations, maintain service levels, and invest in necessary infrastructure improvements. DOR letter included as an attachment to this letter.

Comparative Analysis with other Municipalities

Based on the available data, we can compare the average monthly water and sewer bills in Pittsfield with those in other municipalities. This comparison highlights that the proposed water and sewer rates in Pittsfield are among the lowest in the region.

It is essential to consider that even with the increase, the rates would remain competitive when compared to neighboring municipalities. The rate increase seeks to address the financial challenges facing the city's water and sewer services while maintaining and improving the quality of service for residents. By achieving a balance between affordability and financial sustainability, Pittsfield can ensure the long-term viability of its water and sewer infrastructure.

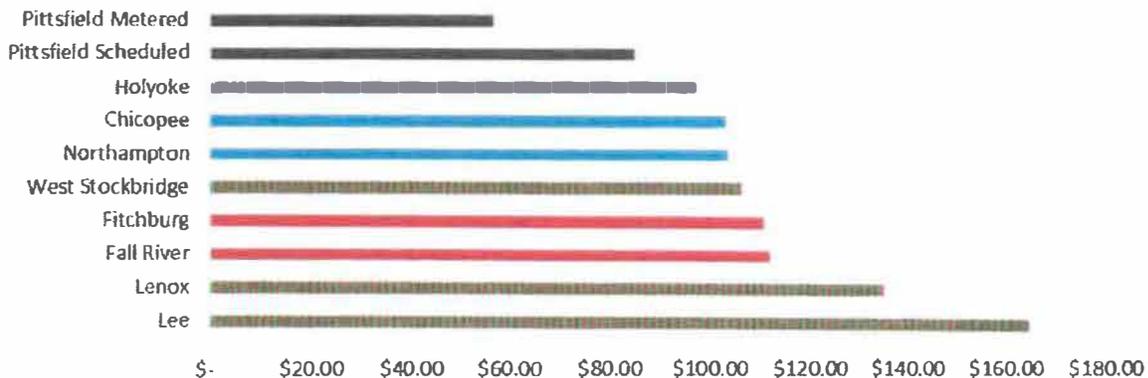
When comparing Pittsfield with a sample of cities in the same congressional district, as well as towns in the same county and other gateway cities, it becomes evident that despite the proposed increase, Pittsfield's rates are still \$21.76 lower than other gateway cities, \$50.35 lower than other towns in Berkshire County, and \$33.43 lower than other municipalities in the same congressional district.

Comparing a monthly cost of Water and Sewer

Red = Other Gateway Cities

Green = Other Berkshire Towns

Blue = Same Congressional District



Other Efforts to Increase Revenue

We have made efforts to increase revenue outside of the rate changes, including:

- Sewer Enterprise
Ongoing discussions to update the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Dalton, which will potentially increase revenue by an estimated \$1M.
- Water Enterprise
Legal review of the 1940's special act between the City of Pittsfield and the Town of Dalton to allow for billing water consumption above the monthly allotted volume.

Impact to the residents

The proposed rate increase will have the following impact on residents:

- For scheduled service, the average 2-bathroom household will see a \$12.87 increase per month. For metered service, the average 4-member household will see a \$9.33 increase per month.

| Scheduled: Typical 2 Bathroom House | | | Metered: Typical Meter Use for a 4-member Household (52 Gal/per Capita per Day) | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Now Pays | \$ 861.68 | <i>per Year</i> | Now Pays | \$ 568.27 | <i>per Year</i> |
| | \$ 215.42 | <i>per Quarter</i> | | \$ 142.07 | <i>per Quarter</i> |
| New Rate | \$ 1,016.12 | <i>per Year</i> | New Rate | \$ 680.28 | <i>per Year</i> |
| | \$ 254.03 | <i>per Quarter</i> | | \$ 170.07 | <i>per Quarter</i> |
| Increase | \$ 154.44 | <i>per Year</i> | Increase | \$ 112.02 | <i>per Year</i> |
| | \$ 38.61 | <i>per Quarter</i> | | \$ 28.00 | <i>per Quarter</i> |
| | \$ 12.87 | <i>per month</i> | | \$ 9.33 | <i>per month</i> |

To help mitigate the financial impact on residents, we will offer the following assistance programs:

- Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP):
This program aims to provide financial assistance to eligible low-income households for water and sewer services. The LIHWAP is designed to help qualifying families reduce their water and sewer bills. Eligibility for the program is determined by income, household size, and other factors. By offering support through the LIHWAP, we can ensure that essential water and sewer services remain accessible to all residents, regardless of their financial situation.

- **Meter Installation Program:**

This program targets seniors aged 65 and older who meet income and asset eligibility requirements established by the MA Department of Revenue, as well as veterans with at least a 10% disability certification and individuals who provide certification that they are blind. The meter installation program, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, aims to help these qualified individuals better manage their water consumption and reduce their water and sewer bills. Currently, there are 148 seniors receiving this tax exemption, and 209 individuals fall into the veteran and blind categories.

By offering these assistance programs, we can help alleviate the financial burden of the proposed rate increase on vulnerable residents while ensuring that everyone has access to essential water and sewer services. In addition, these programs demonstrate our commitment to addressing affordability concerns and maintaining equitable access to resources for all members of our community.

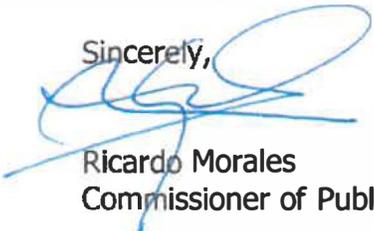
Conclusion

The implementation of this proposed rate increase lays a solid foundation for the future management of water and sewer infrastructure, ensuring that annual adjustments can be kept to a minimum. By addressing the current financial challenges and building a more sustainable revenue model, we can respond to increases in the costs of products, services, and equipment without resorting to drastic rate hikes. This measured approach to rate adjustments will help maintain affordability for residents while allowing the city to make necessary investments in infrastructure improvements and adapt to the changing landscape of utility costs. The proposed increase serves as a stepping stone towards a more fiscally responsible and stable future for the water and sewer services provided.

While the rate adjustments may result in increased costs for residents, the City of Pittsfield remains committed to maintaining affordable and equitable access to water and sewer services. The proposed rates are competitive when compared to other municipalities, and various assistance programs such as the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and the Meter Installation Program for qualified individuals will help mitigate the financial impact on vulnerable residents.

By striking a balance between financial sustainability and affordability, the City of Pittsfield can ensure the long-term viability of its water and sewer infrastructure, thus providing essential services to its residents and maintaining a high quality of life in the community.

Sincerely,



Ricardo Morales

Commissioner of Public Services & Utilities



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES & UTILITIES, 100 NORTH ST, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201 413-499-9330

[Date]

Subject: Water and Sewer Rate Increase Effective July 1, 2023, and Available Assistance Programs

Dear Resident,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you of an upcoming change in the water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2023. This rate increase is necessary to address rising operational costs, maintain and improve our water and sewer infrastructure, and ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the City of Pittsfield's Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds.

While we understand that any rate increase may be a concern for our residents, please know that we have made every effort to minimize the impact on households. The proposed rates have been carefully analyzed and are competitive when compared to neighboring municipalities. Additionally, we have implemented assistance programs to support eligible residents who may need help managing their water and sewer bills.

We are pleased to inform you of two assistance programs that will be available to help mitigate the financial impact of the rate increase on vulnerable members of our community:

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP): This program provides financial assistance to eligible low-income households for water and sewer services. LIHWAP is designed to help qualifying families reduce their water and sewer bills. Eligibility for the program is determined by income, household size, and other factors.

Meter Installation Program: This program is tailored for seniors aged 65 and older who meet income and asset eligibility requirements established by the MA Department of Revenue, as well as veterans with at least a 10% disability certification and individuals who provide certification that they are blind. The meter installation program, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, aims to help these qualified individuals better manage their water consumption and reduce their water and sewer bills.

By offering these assistance programs, we can help alleviate the financial burden of the proposed rate increase on vulnerable residents while ensuring that everyone has access to essential water and sewer services. We are committed to addressing affordability concerns and maintaining equitable access to resources for all members of our community.

For more information on the rate increase and assistance programs, please visit our website at cityofpittsfield.org or contact the Department of Public Services & Utilities by phone at 413-499-9330 or by email at dpw@cityofpittsfield.org.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to maintain a sustainable and high-quality water and sewer system for all residents of the City of Pittsfield.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Morales
Commissioner
Department of Public Services & Utilities



December 7, 2022

Matthew Kerwood
Director of Finance and Administration/Treasurer
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Mr. Kerwood:

During the Division of Local Services' (DLS) review of the revenue estimates on the FY2022 Sewer Enterprise Fund A-2 included as part of the tax rate recap, we expressed our concern that revenue estimates were increasing by more than \$4 million, or 55%. After a meeting with the City last year, it was agreed that rate increases, including retroactive increases, would have to be voted to ensure that those revenue estimates would be achievable. We also discussed that should the City not collect those revenues, DLS would not allow estimates in excess of actual collections in the future.

DLS has reviewed the FY2023 Sewer A-2 in the tax rate recap and we note that, despite only a voted rate increase of 12%, the City is estimating a 42% (\$2.8 million) increase in sewer revenues. The City is also using \$400,000 of sewer retained earnings to balance the sewer budget.

Additionally, DLS has reviewed the City's submission for the certification of free cash and retained earnings. Sewer retained earnings will be certified at approximately \$1.6 million, a decrease of almost \$2.9 million from the \$4,501,359 certified the prior year. This reduction is driven primarily by the \$3,513,036 shortfall in FY2022 actual sewer revenues.

Given the increase in FY2023 sewer revenue estimates and the actual results of the FY2022 sewer budget, in FY2024 DLS will not allow sewer revenue estimates in excess of actual FY2023 collections, unless there is rate increase that justifies an increase in revenue. If necessary, the City can vote a general fund subsidy. In addition, the balance sheet must be submitted prior to the FY2024 tax rate so that a review of the results of the FY2023 sewer budget can be undertaken. Any calculated retained earnings deficit must be provided for on the FY2024 recap.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your field representative, Jim Podolak at podolakj@dor.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Wagner
Director of Accounts

Cc: Linda Tyler, Mayor
Peter Marchetti, Council President



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 2, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee on FINANCE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER REQUESTING A TEN YEAR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) AGREEMENT TO ASSIST MILLTOWN CAPITAL IN THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BOUSQUET SPORT.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 4-1

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Marchetti

Chairman



THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

May 16, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

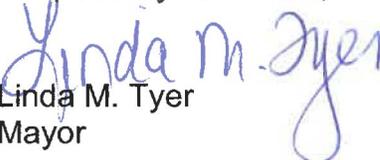
Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Order requesting a ten-year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement to assist Milltown Capital in the redevelopment of Bousquet Sport.

Bousquet Sport, located at 100 Dan Fox Drive in Pittsfield, will feature a multi-purpose sport facility that will include 6 pickleball courts, new locker rooms, cardio and fitness equipment. The facility will be fully renovated to be building, fire and ADA code compliance. Mill Town Capital is investing \$19,000,000 in improvements to the property and projecting the need for three full-time employees with an additional 15 part-time employees.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and your support for a local business and job growth in Pittsfield.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, RM 205, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Linda M. Tyer & Honorable Members of the City Council
cc: Michael Coakley, Laura Catalano
FROM: Justine Dodds, Director
DATE: May 15, 2023
SUBJECT: Proposed TIF; Sport Sod LLC
Redevelopment and Expansion of Bousquet Sport at 100 Dan Fox Drive

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Ten Year Tax Increment Financing Agreement for Real Estate Taxes at Bousquet Sport, 100 Dan Fox Drive.

Mill Town Capital's recent acquisition of Bousquet Ski Resort and Berkshire West creates an opportunity for these two significant community recreational assets to be redeveloped and expanded to meet a growing future demand for outdoor recreation and wellness. Having recently invested over \$11 million in the property to make the following improvements:

- Installed a new triple chair lift from the base to the summit and two new magic carpets in the tubing area and beginner area
- Completely revamped the snow making system on the mountain to include a rebuilt and up to code pump house; new pumps, valves and 25 new snow guns; new snowmaking pipe throughout the mountain
- Upgraded the electrical system throughout the mountain to improve safety, efficiency, and code compliance
- Revamped the parking lot for improved access, flow, water management, and better lighting
- Rebuilt the base lodge to include a new food and beverage operation and a multipurpose event and conference space

Mill Town Capital is now turning to the redevelopment of Bousquet Sport. Their actions since the acquisition demonstrate their commitment to the resort. The project features include:

- New 15,000sf multi-purpose sports facility, with 6 pickleball courts, 2 golf simulators, beverage center, pro shop, office space, and customer center
- Fully renovated 45,000sf existing facility including new locker rooms, new cardio and fitness equipment, new lighting, and bringing the entire facility up to code including building, fire, and ADA code compliance
- Fully renovated and accessible parking lot, with design approved by City Conservation Commission

- Landscaping of outdoor areas, including abutting the existing pond
- New roof and siding of existing building

This is in addition to investments made in the past year which established 8 new outdoor pickleball courts and 6 outdoor tennis courts. The proposed work at 100 Dan Fox Drive and the previous improvements at 101 Dan Fox Drive will result in significant water management and conservation activities for the site.

Mill Town Capital has projected a capital investment in Bousquet Sport of \$15,000,000 in hard costs and \$4,000,000 in soft costs for a total investment of \$19,000,000. In FY24 real estate taxes for Bousquet Sport total \$72,076.75. The projected real estate taxes are projected to average \$99,809 per year over the next ten years, even with the approval of the proposed Tax Increment Financing Agreement. Additional taxes will be collected for the two other properties Mill Town has acquired in the vicinity.

Mill Town Capital is projecting the need for three (3) full time employees for Bousquet, supplemented with 15 part time employees.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions about this proposed incentive.

City of Pittsfield

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

APPROVING THE CERTIFIED PROJECT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT OF SPORT SOD LLC

No. _____

Ordered:

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield has been in negotiation with SPORT SOD LLC regarding the location of a production facility at 100 Dan Fox Drive, and

WHEREAS, SPORT SOD LLC have applied for designation as a Certified Project under the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program created by Chapter 23A of Massachusetts General Laws;

WHEREAS, SPORT SOD LLC meets the minimum standards of the Economic Development Incentive Program and the local economic development goals and criteria established by the City of Pittsfield;

WHEREAS, the proposed certified project is located at 100 Dan Fox Drive, Pittsfield MA;

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield has agreed to offer SPORT SOD LLC a Tax Increment Financing Agreement. Said Agreement is hereby approved by the City Council;

WHEREAS, SPORT SOD LLC is going to invest \$19,000,000 in real estate and equipment and create three (3) permanent, full-time jobs and 15 part time jobs to be made available for residents of the Berkshire ETA, within five (5) years;

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield has determined that SPORT SOD LLC has the means to undertake and complete the proposed project;

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield has determined that the proposed certified project will have a reasonable chance of increasing employment opportunities as advanced in the certified project proposal;

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield has determined that the proposed certified project will not overburden the City's infrastructure and other supporting resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Pittsfield approves the Certified Project application of SPORT SOD LLC and forwards said application to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council for its approval and endorsement.

FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Pittsfield authorizes the Mayor to execute the Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City of Pittsfield and SPORT SOD LLC. Said agreement will provide for an exemption on real estate taxes based on the growth portion in assessed valuation of the personal property and real estate at 100% for the first year, 90% for the second year, 80% for the third year, 70% for the fourth year, 60% for the fifth year, 50% for the sixth year, 40% for the seventh year, 30% for the eighth year, 20% for the ninth year and 10% for the tenth year of a ten (10) year agreement according to the requirements and regulations established which govern the implementation of such Tax Increment Financing Agreements. The Agreement will be in effect as of FY 2025 (July 1, 2024) and will extend through FY 2034 (June 30, 2034).

**REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT
BY AND AMONG
THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD
AND
SPORT SOD LLC**

AGREEMENT is made this ___ day of ___ 2023 by and among the CITY OF PITTSFIELD ("CITY"), SPORT SOD LLC.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, SPORT SOD LLC is a Massachusetts corporation headquartered in Pittsfield, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 19, 2022 SPORT SOD LLC acquired the property known as Berkshire West Athletic Club, Pittsfield, Massachusetts (the "Project Property"); and

WHEREAS, SPORT SOD LLC intends to establish its business operations at the Project Property, as well as to make certain real estate and equipment improvements, upgrades and purchases thereto (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, SPORT SOD LLC anticipates that the Project will create three (3) permanent full-time jobs for residents of Pittsfield and the Berkshire Economic Target Area (as defined below). The Berkshire Economic Target Area (the "ETA") is the geographic area defined as the City of Pittsfield, the Town of Lenox, the Town of Lee, the Town of Great Barrington, the Town of Sheffield, and the Town of Dalton, all located in the County of Berkshire in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Project will result in \$19,000,000 in real estate investment over the next two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, SPORT SOD LLC is seeking a real estate Tax Increment Financing Exemption (as such term is defined below) from the CITY in connection with the Project, in accordance with the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program and M.G.L. c. 23A, §3E and M.G.L. c. 40, §59; and

WHEREAS, the CITY strongly supports increased economic development to provide additional jobs for residents of the ETA and the city, expand commercial and industrial activity

within the city, and develop a healthy economy and stronger tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located at 100 Dan Fox Drive, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, also identified as Assessor's Map G03, Block 10, Lot 3; and

WHEREAS, the Project furthers the economic development goals and the criteria established for the ETA.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual obligations of the parties hereto, each of them does hereby covenant and agree with the others as follows:

1. The CITY, as authorized by the City Council on _____, 2023, hereby enters into with SPORT SOD LLC a Tax Increment Financing Exemption with respect to the Real Estate and the Project.

The CITY is entering into this agreement for the benefit of SPORT SOD LLC. acknowledges and agrees that all benefits of this agreement will flow to SPORT SOD LLC. SPORT SOD LLC acknowledges that it is responsible for any real estate and personal property taxes on this property, its improvements, and equipment acquired for its operation in the City of Pittsfield. Consequently, SPORT SOD LLC will benefit from the Tax Increment Financing Exemption defined in this agreement.

2. The Tax Increment Financing Exemption granted herein shall be in effect for a term of ten (10) years, commencing on July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2034.

3. The Tax Increment Financing Exemption formula for the Personal Property will be calculated as prescribed by Massachusetts General Laws and regulated by the Department of Revenue, and shall apply to the incremental difference in the assessed real estate and personal property tax valuation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 (the "Base Year"), and the real estate valuation for each of the next ten (10) fiscal years.

The Tax Increment Financing Exemption shall be applied in decreasing amounts in accordance with the following schedule:

| | | |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Year 1: | July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 | 100% of the increment; |
| Year 2: | July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 | 90% of the increment; |
| Year 3: | July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 | 80% of the increment; |
| Year 4: | July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028 | 70% of the increment; |
| Year 5: | July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029 | 60% of the increment. |
| Year 6: | July 1, 2029 – June 30, 2030 | 50% of the increment; |
| Year 7: | July 1, 2030 – June 30, 2031 | 40% of the increment; |
| Year 8: | July 1, 2031 – June 30, 2032 | 30% of the increment; |
| Year 9: | July 1, 2032 – June 30, 2033 | 20% of the increment; |
| Year 10: | July 1, 2033 – June 30, 2034 | 10% of the increment. |

4. The CITY is granting the Tax Increment Financing Exemption in consideration of SPORT SOD LLC's commitment to

(a) create three (3) new, permanent full-time jobs within five (5) years, as follows:

| | <u>ANNUAL</u> | <u>CUMULATIVE</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 | 3 jobs | 3 jobs; |
| January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 | 0 job | 3 jobs; |
| January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 | 0 job | 3 jobs; |
| January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027 | 0 job | 3 jobs; |
| January 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028 | 0 job | 3 jobs. |

(c) invest \$19,000,000 in real estate improvements and equipment to be completed by December 31, 2024.

5. SPORT SOD LLC shall submit annual reports on job creation, retention and new investment at the Project Property to the Department of Community Development, City of Pittsfield, and Economic Assistance Coordinating Council by March 31st of each year for which the tax benefits granted herein are enjoyed. Reports shall be submitted for the year starting January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, and each subsequent year until December 31, 2034, for the duration of the Tax Increment Financing Exemption. The annual report shall include:

(a) the number of permanent full-time jobs created and the number of people hired for the annual time period and on a cumulative basis; and

(b) the value of equipment acquired and capital investments made by SPORT SOD LLC in the Project Property annually and on a cumulative basis.

6. If SPORT SOD LLC fails to meet the job creation and investment commitments specified in Paragraphs 4 (a) through (c) herein, or fails to comply with all reporting requirements specified in this Agreement, including but not limited to Paragraphs 5 (a) through (c) herein, the CITY, acting through its Mayor, may, at its sole discretion, take action to request decertification of the project by the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council. Upon decertification, the CITY shall discontinue the Tax Increment Financing Exemption benefits described in Paragraph 3 hereof, commencing with the fiscal year for which SPORT SOD LLC did not meet its commitments.

7. If SPORT SOD LLC, or any entity to which this Agreement has been assigned or transferred, ceases to conduct business operations at the Project Property during the term of this agreement, this Agreement shall be immediately null and void and the CITY shall seek decertification of the project as provided in Paragraph 6 herein.

8. SPORT SOD LLC and SPORT SOD LLC shall not assign any interest in this agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation),

without the prior written consent of the CITY. The foregoing notwithstanding, the rights and obligations of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any entity succeeding to the interests of SPORT SOD LLC by merger. This agreement shall be binding upon subsequent owners of the Project and/or Project Property.

9. SPORT SOD LLC shall use its best efforts to give the CITY ninety (90) days prior notice of any corporate decision to (i) change the nature and/or character of their business operations at the Project Property to one other than the production and packaging of herbal supplements and related products, or (ii) cease their business operations at the Project Property. No such decision shall be deemed taken unless an appropriate resolution shall have been passed by the SPORT SOD LLC Board of Directors, or, if such a resolution is not required, by an executive officer empowered to make such decision.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SPORT SOD LLC AND SPORT SOD LLC have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in its name and behalf and its seal affixed by its duly authorized representative, the CITY has caused this Agreement to be executed in its name and behalf and its seal duly affixed by its Mayor and the President of the City Council as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF PITTSFIELD

SPORT SOD LLC

Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

By: _____, President

Peter M. Marchetti
City Council President

SPORT SOD LLC
By: _____, President



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 2, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee on FINANCE

to whom was referred the A COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER AMENDING ORDER 55 OF THE SERIES OF 2022 APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$965,182.58 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Marchetti

Chairman



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 2, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee on FINANCE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER APPROPRIATING
THE AMOUNT OF \$648,523.00 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 4-1

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Marchetti

Chairman



City of Pittsfield

JUNE 2, 2023

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee on FINANCE

to whom was referred the COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR TYER SUBMITTING AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$848,659.58 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET.

having considered the same, report and recommend that IT BE APPROVED. 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Marchetti

Chairman



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Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

May 16, 2023

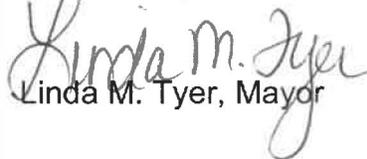
To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration are three (3) Orders related to the Community Preservation Fund

- An Order amending Order 55 of the Series of 2022, appropriating the amount of \$965,182.58 for the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Fund budget.
- An Order appropriating the amount of \$648,523.00 from the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Fund budget.
- An Order appropriating the amount of \$848,659.58 for the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Preservation Fund budget.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, RM 205, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

May 10, 2023

Honorable Linda M. Tyer
Mayor's Office
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Re: Community Preservation Fund –FY2023 Project Funding Recommendations

Dear Mayor Tyer,

Enclosed please find an order based on the Community Preservation Committee's recommended funding appropriations for projects from the FY2023 review cycle.

Also enclosed, please find a memorandum and spreadsheet prepared by staff providing further detail on the 8 projects recommended for funding.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danielle Steinman", is written over a horizontal line.

Danielle Steinman, Chair

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CITY OF PITTSFIELD

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, RM 205, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

TO: City Council
FROM: Jacinta Williams, City Planner
DATE: May 10, 2023
SUBJECT: Community Preservation Committee – FY2023 budget amendment, projects recommended for funding, and FY2024 budget
CC: Justine Dodds, Director

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Last June, the City Council adopted an overall budget of \$818,435.44 for the Fiscal Year 2023 administration of the Community Preservation Act (or “CPA”). This included an estimated local surcharge of \$450,000, an estimated state match of \$172,747.91, and a carry-over reserve from FY2022 of \$195,687.53. The actual match from the state raised the funds received to \$193,948. Locally, the City generated \$573,070.65, which was also higher than the original estimate. The enclosed document reflects these changes to each of the dedicated project categories and administrative budget. The budget document also included estimates of expenditures and encumbered funds based on the project recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee (or “CPC”).

Project Recommendations

In addition to budgets, the City Council is responsible for the final approval of the use of Community Preservation Act funding. In relation to funding projects, the City Council has the following options:

- 1) Approve the project at the recommended allocation from the CPC;
- 2) Approve the project with a reduced allocation from that of the CPC; or,
- 3) Reject the project.

The CPC began soliciting projects to be considered for Community Preservation Act funds in September 2022. In the first phase of the process the CPC received 10 eligibility applications: four related to historic resources, four categorized as open space and recreation, and two as community housing. The 10 projects requested a total of \$984,000. In December 2022, the CPC completed its review of the applications and deemed two of the applications ineligible for funding. Eligible applicants were invited to submit in-depth project funding applications by February 2023. All 8 applicants submitted refined applications seeking CPA funds. The overall funding request was \$648,523. The eight (8) applications were presented to the CPC at two public meetings on March 13, 2023 and March 20, 2023. Members of the CPC then scored the projects based on criteria developed as part of the preparation of the Community Preservation Plan.

On May 1, 2023, the CPC met, deliberated, and recommended that the City Council fund all 8 projects. The following is a brief synopsis of the projects and the recommended funding for each project:

- 1) City of Pittsfield Department of Community Development – Egremont Elementary School Playground Improvement
Overall Project Cost: \$86,161
Requested funds: \$46,161
CPC Recommended Funding Amount: \$46,161
Funding Category: Open Space & Recreation

The City requests funds for the replacement of the smaller of the two playground structures at the largest elementary school in the city, and in fact all of the county. In addition, two swing frames will be replaced. The school PTO has been actively fundraising and will be donating \$35,000 to the project, while the school's community partner (Berkshire Bank) will donate \$5,000 along with bank volunteers who will help to install the playground as part of a 'community build' weekend. The CPC recommends funding the project at the full requested amount.

- 2) City of Pittsfield – Department of Community Development – Onota Lake Boat Wash Station
Overall Project Cost: \$74,500
Requested Funds: \$74,500
CPC Recommended Funding Amount: \$74,500
Funding Category: Open Space & Recreation

The City requests funds for the installation of a boat wash station within Burbank Park near the public boat ramp to help thwart the spread of invasive species (zebra mussels) into Onota Lake. The CPC recommends funding the project at the full requested amount.

- 3) City of Pittsfield – Department of Community Development – Park Square Tree Plantings
Overall Project Cost: \$8,350
Requested funds: \$8,000
CPC Recommended Funding Amount: \$8,000
Funding Category: Open Space & Recreation

The City requests funds for the planting of approx. 5 new trees on Park Square to include a permanent Christmas tree. A recently commissioned arborist report concluded that a number of trees at the historic park need to be removed, a project the city will fund. This request is to support the planting of new native and site appropriate trees for the park. The CPC recommends funding the project at the full requested amount.

- 4) City of Pittsfield – Department of Community Development – Springside Park Historic Pedestrian Entrance Improvements
Overall Project Cost: \$7,500
Requested funds; \$7,500
CPC Recommended Funding Amount: \$7,500
Funding Category: Open Space & Recreation

The project proposes to restore two historic stone piers at the southwest pedestrian entrance to Springside Park, near the intersection of North St. and Weller Ave. These

piers are original to the property and flank the entrance of the former carriage drive. The CPC recommends funding this project in full.

- 5) BRPC on behalf of Pittsfield Housing Authority – Wilson Park Rehabilitation Phase 1
Overall Project Cost: \$37,212
Requested funds; \$37,212
CPC Recommended Funding Amount: \$37,212
Funding Category: Open Space & Recreation

This project seeks to update and add to the amenities in the central recreational space of Wilson Park Apartments for increased accessibility, enjoyment, and safety of the residents. Two phases are envisioned: resurfacing the basketball court and hiring a landscape architect to provide designs for community input and create a construction plan. The CPC recommends funding this project in full.

- 6) Roots & Dreams and Mustard Seeds Inc. – Resurge Building Rehab
Overall Project Cost: \$200,000
Requested Funds: \$200,000
CPC Recommended Funding Amount: \$200,000
Funding category: Historic Preservation

The non-profit is requesting funding to address the roof and building envelope of the historic structure which they own so that it may be better and more fully utilized by the organization and the community. The CPC recommends funding this project in full.

- 7) Berkshire Theatre Group – Rehabilitation of Colonial Theatre Garage Facade
Overall Project Cost: \$125,150
Requested funds: \$125,150
CPC Recommended Funding Amount: \$125,150
Funding Category: Historic Preservation

Berkshire Theatre Group is requesting funds to assist with structural exterior repairs, with primary focus on the North and South walls of the stage house and auditorium. The CPC recommends funding this project in full.

- 8) Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees – Supplementing ARPA funds to aid in easing the housing crisis
Overall Project Cost: \$TBD
Requested funds: \$150,000
CPC Recommended: \$150,000
Funding Category: Community Housing

The Affordable Housing Trust has a commitment of \$500,000 in ARPA funds set aside by Mayor Tyer. The Trust is pursuing options for supplementing those funds to ensure a robust overall amount of funds and overall programs offered by the City to assist in easing the ongoing housing crisis. The CPC recommends funding the project in full.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

The enclosed order for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is \$848,659.58. This budget is based on an estimated total of \$450,000 raised through the City surcharge and an estimate of \$132,000 through the state match, as well as a reserve carry over from FY2023 of \$266,659.58, with the latter based on the City Council approving projects as recommended by the CPC and anticipated reserves. Funds reserved specifically for each of the three project areas must be carried over for use in the same category, while reserve funds carry over to the reserve line. Based on the recommendation from the CPC, there would be no specific category to carry over to FY2023 – the \$266,659.58, is also classified as general use reserve. This budget remains consistent with the development of past budgets, using the required minimum thresholds of 10% for the three eligible project areas and a maximum threshold for administrative costs of 5%, with the balance left in a reserve line that can be utilized for any of the allowable project areas.

City of Pittsfield

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IN CITY COUNCIL

A N O R D E R

No. _____

AN ORDER AMENDING ORDER 55 OF THE SERIES OF 2022, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$965,182.58 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET

Ordered:

That the sum of \$965,182.58 is appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation fund as follows:

- a. To appropriate \$38,350.93 of FY2023 revenues for Administrative Expenses
- b. To reserve \$76,701.87 of FY2023 revenues for Historic Resources
- c. To reserve \$76,701.87 of FY2023 revenues for Community Housing
- d. To reserve \$76,701.87 of FY2023 revenues for Open Space and Recreation
- e. To reserve \$498,562.12 of FY2023 revenues and \$198,163.93 of FY2022 for Community Preservation Fund purposes

City of Pittsfield

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER

No. _____

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$648,523 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET

Ordered:

That the sum of \$648,523 is appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the following projects:

- 1) City of Pittsfield Department of Community Development – Springside Pier Park Entrance Improvements – Historic - \$7,500 from the Historic Resources fund balance
- 2) City of Pittsfield Department of Community Development – Wilson Park Restoration – Recreation - \$37,212 from the Open Space and Recreation fund balance
- 3) City of Pittsfield Department of Community Development – Park Square Trees - Recreation - \$8,000 from the Open Space and Recreation fund balance
- 4) City of Pittsfield School Department – Egremont Playground – Recreation - \$46,161 from the Open Space and Recreation fund balance
- 5) City of Pittsfield Affordable Housing Trust – Affordable Housing Purchase – Housing - \$150,000 from the Community Housing fund balance
- 6) Roots & Dreams – Resurge Building – Historic Preservation - \$200,000 from the Historic Resources fund balance
- 7) City of Pittsfield Department of Community Development – Onota Boat Wash – Recreation - \$74,500 from the Open Space and Recreation fund balance
- 8) Berkshire Theatre Group – Colonial Theatre Restoration – Historic Resources - \$125,150 from the Historic Resources fund balance

City of Pittsfield

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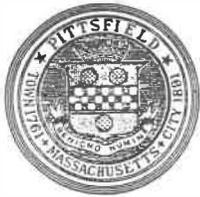
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AN ORDER APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$848,659.58 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
2024 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET

Ordered:

That the sum of \$848,659.58 is appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Preservation fund as follows:

- a. To appropriate \$29,100 of FY2024 revenues for Administrative Expenses
- b. To reserve \$58,200 of FY2024 revenues for Historic Resources
- c. To reserve \$58,200 of FY2024 revenues for Community Housing
- d. To reserve \$58,200 of FY2024 revenues for Open Space and Recreation
- e. To reserve \$378,300 of FY2024 revenues and \$266,659.58 of FY2023 for Community Preservation Fund purposes



City of Pittsfield

.....May 23, 2023.....

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee on Ordinances and Rules Committee

to whom was referred the

A communication from Mayor Tyer on an Ordinance amending
City Code, Chapter 11 Licenses, Registrations and Permits,
Article VII Special Liquor Licenses

having considered the same, report and recommend that

the Ordinance be approved 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Peter T. White

Chairman



THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD
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Linda M. Tyer
Mayor

May 2, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Pittsfield
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Dear Councilors,

Submitted herewith for your consideration is an Ordinance amending The City Code, Chapter 11 Licenses, Registrations and Permits, Article VII Special Liquor Licenses, Section 11-47 Definitions, amending the definition of a Qualified Downtown Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda M. Tyer, Mayor

LMT/MWC
Enclosure

No.



City of Pittsfield

In the Year Two Thousand

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD CHAPTER 11 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 47 AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF A QUALIFIED DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, as follows:

SECTION 1:

QUALIFIED DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT

- a. A qualified downtown restaurant (QDR) shall meet the following criteria. The Licensing Board shall revoke, (or not issue in the first instance, as the case may be) the special liquor license of any QDR that fails to meet these criteria.
 1. A QDR must be either a brew pub holding a Pub Brewery License or a bona fide restaurant having as its primary mission the provision of restaurant goods and services in the Downtown Development Zone. A QDR's primary mission shall not be barroom nor dancehall goods and services.
 2. A QDR, other than a brew pub, shall not provide direct bar service to patrons, except if they are waiting to be seated for a meal, or if the requirements of Subsection (a)(3) and (4), as applicable, have been fulfilled on the day in question.
 3. An all-alcohol special liquor licensee shall be deemed to meet the definitional requirements of Subsection (a)(1) if (i) it operates a full kitchen a minimum of eight hours per day, or (ii) if it is open for fewer than eight hours per day, it operates a full kitchen for the entire period that it is open.
 4. A special beer and malt licensee shall be deemed to meet the definitional requirements of Subsection (a)(1) if a) the licensee also hold a Pub Brewery License for the same premises or b) it operates an on-premises kitchen (i) for a minimum of eight hours per day or (ii) for the entire period it is open for business.
- b. The Pittsfield Licensing Board shall determine reasonably whether an applicant or licensee meets the aforementioned criteria to qualify as a QDR.



City of Pittsfield

.....May 23, 2023.....

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield: —

The Committee on Ordinances and Rules Committee

to whom was referred the

A petition from Councilor Kronick to accept MGL Chapter 41, Section 98C to require police officers on active duty to wear a badge, tag or label which identifies them by number

having considered the same, report and recommend that

the Petition be filed 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Peter T. White

Chairman

May 23, 2023



Ordinance and Rules Committee

To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield

The undersigned respectfully request that

A petition from Councilor Kronick to accept MGL Chapter 41, Section 98C to require police officers on active duty wear a badge, tag or label which identifies them by number (tabled 04/24/2023)

be filed.

Vote: Unanimous (3/0 Kavey, Lampiasi, White)

Respectfully submitted,

Peter T. White, Chair



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, SUITE 200, PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01201

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February 9, 2023

To the Honorable Members
Of the City Council
Of the City of Pittsfield

Dear Councilors:

On January 24, 2023, a petition from Councilor Kronick to accept MGL Chapter 41, Section 98C to require police officers on active duty wear a badge, tag or label which identifies him by number was referred to this office with a copy to Chief Wynn. Chief Wynn's review of the petition, MGL Chapter 41, Section 98C and the Department's Manual of Rules and Regulations is attached.

The department's currently issued uniforms and outer vests do include the officers' names. As a result, accepting MGL Chapter 41, Section 98C would be superfluous and could result in members of the public having less direct information about an officer – a number- rather than a name.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Pagnotta". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Stephen Pagnotta

SNP/hlg



CITY OF PITTSFIELD
POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: City Solicitor Steven Pagnotta

FROM: Michael Wynn
Chief of Police

C: Solicitor's Office
City Clerk's Office
Mayor Linda Tyer

RE: Council Petition Regarding MGL Chapter 41, § 98C

DATE: February 9, 2023

Attorney Pagnotta:

As we discussed by telephone, I have reviewed the petition submitted by Councilor Charles Kronick, requesting that the City adopt MGL Chapter 41, § 98C, requiring police officers to wear a badge or tag of numeric identification. Since Clerk Benjamin's e-mail indicated that the Council referred this petition to you, I am directing this response to you.

Councilor Kronick's petition misrepresents my statement at the cited November City Council meeting that our current policy adheres to MGL, § 98D. I stated that the law requires officer to carry an identification card and produce it upon request. I did not address any Department policy or directive.

The Department's Manual of Rules and Regulations, reissued in 2020, contains Rule 7.4:

RULE 7.4 - IDENTIFICATION Officers shall properly identify themselves to any person requesting this information, while they are on duty, except when the withholding of this information is necessary for the proper performance of police duty, when it might jeopardize the physical safety of a Department employee, or when authorized not to do so by proper

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CITY OF PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

authority. Under M.G.L. Chapter 41, section 98D, every full time police officer is required to carry an official identification card to be shown to the public upon lawful request.

This rule already required Department personnel to identify themselves verbally and by producing their Commonwealth issued identification card.

Additionally, Department Policy and Procedure 4.13: Police Identification was issued in 2011, mandating the carrying and display of these cards upon request. An examination of Department internal affairs records dating back to 2010 has found four instances where a complainant alleged that a department member failed to properly identify themselves. One of these complaints was filed, due to lack of cooperation by the complainant. In two cases, the officer was exonerated when it was shown that they did in fact identify themselves. In one case the allegation was sustained and the officer was disciplined.

Finally, it should be noted that the requested statute, MGL Chapter 41, § 98C, specifically applies to departments where the officers do not wear identification that identifies them by name. This does not apply to the Pittsfield Police Department. All of our currently issued uniforms are provided with permanently embroidered name tapes over the right breast pocket. Our outer vest carriers also have embroidered name tapes over the right breast pocket. We eliminated the last remaining legacy uniforms several years ago. The only times that an officer's name tapes would not be visible is when they are on a plainclothes assignment or when they have cold-weather gear or rain gear over their uniform. Those instances are covered by the above reference directives.



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To the City Council of the City of Pittsfield:-

The undersigned respectfully

Honorable members of the City Council.

We request that the City of Pittsfield accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 section 93C and add to the Pittsfield City Code Chapter 18-14 the following:

"Any uniformed police officer while on active duty shall wear a badge, tag or label which identifies him by number."

M.G.L. Chapter 41.98C states that if an officer does not bear a badge or identification that identifies by name, then he must wear a badge or tag of numeric identification. As the authors of 98C leave adoption up to the discretion of the City with the phrase, "any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section", we propose that the City Council adopts this provision.

Police Chief Wynn stated in November 2022, that current policy adheres to 41.98D. Officers shall display identification cards on lawful requests, and we agree it is reasonable to protect an officer's personal identification. The current policy requiring one to request identification, though generally acceptable, presumes both that the public has the confidence to make that request and is also informed of Chapter 41-93D. That assumption is tenuous and would be unnecessary with adopting this request. By accepting 41-93C, we both protect the privacy of our officers and secure the public's trust in them.

M.G.L. Chapter 41 Sections 93C-D:

Section 98C. In any city or town [adopting city council] which accepts the provisions of this section no uniformed police officer, and no other uniformed person empowered to make arrests, employed by such city or town shall be required to wear a badge, tag or label of any kind which identifies him by name, but any such officer or other person employed by such city or town who does not wear any such badge, tag or label shall wear a badge, tag or label which identifies him by number.

Section 98D. Each city or town sh. ordinance all issue to every full-time police officer employed by it an identification card bearing the officer's photograph and identifying information. The secretary of public safety and security may adopt regulations relative to the form, content and issuance of such identification cards and to the carrying thereof by municipal police officers. Such identification card shall be carried on the officer's person and shall be exhibited upon lawful request for purposes of identification.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter41/Section98d>

Signed: Charles Ivar Kronick
Charles Ivar Kronick
Councilor, Ward 2

Jacquelyn Sykes
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