

# CITY OF PITTSFIELD REGULAR MEETING PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL November 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Pittsfield City Hall, City Council Chambers

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# **AGENDA**

1. Open microphone

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 2. A communication from Mayor Tyer reappointing Patricia Begrowicz and Thomas J. Sakshaug to the Airport Commission
- 3. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Kathleen Amuso and Rev. Charles E. Pratt, Jr. to the Berkshire Athenaeum Board of Trustees
- 4. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Melissa O'Dell to the Airport Commission
- 5. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Dr. Evan Dobelle to the Sister Cities Commission

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

- 6. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a communication appointing Justin Brady and Jesse Shulman as Permanent Firefighters with the Pittsfield Fire Department
- 7. A communication from Mayor Tyer with a certificate presentation to the graduates of the Citizens Academy Program
- 8. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$28,719.00 from the United States Department of Justice
- A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$650.00 from the MED-Project Drug Stewardship Program
- 10. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$15,500.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
- 11. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- 12. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept an additional grant of funds in the amount of \$12,047.00 from the Corporation for National and Community Service
- 13. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept an additional grant of funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the Corporation for National and Community Service

- 14. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to adopt the City of Pittsfield's 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- 15. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$2,000 from the Wal-Mart Foundation
- 16. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$26,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation and Recreation
- 17. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$113,316.12 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
- 18. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order appropriating an additional \$500,000 in Free Cash to further reduce the fiscal year 2020 tax rate
- 19. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a communication requesting the City Council to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiation

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

20. Public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Rate

# COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

- 21. A communication from Ellen Maxon, Chairperson for the Police Advisory and Review Board with observations and recommendations on the needs of a new police station
- 22. A petition from Councilor Persip with an amendment to the Code of the City of Pittsfield, Chapter 23, Zoning

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### Report from the Public Works Committee

23. A petition from the residents of Roxbury Avenue requesting the City of Pittsfield, Department of Public Services undertake repairs of Roxbury Avenue, recommending to file the petition, 3/0

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

25. A petition from the Alex Blumin asking the Pittsfield Councilors to support coming Resolution in House of Representatives to recognize Armenian Genocide done by Turkey in WW1