



**CITY OF PITTSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
PITTSFIELD CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

2022 FEB -4 AM 8:15

February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Open microphone
2. COVID update
3. Approval of the January 11, 2022 minutes

APPOINTMENTS

4. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Michael Obasohan as the Chief Diversity Officer
5. A communication from Mayor Tyer appointing Justine Dodds as the Community Development Director
6. A communication from Mayor Tyer reappointing Clifford J. Nilan and Paula Albro to the Parks Commission

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR THE MAYOR

7. A communication from Mayor Tyer notifying the Council of the appointment of Shawn Leary as Permanent Fire Lieutenant with the Pittsfield Fire Department
8. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a presentation from the Administration with an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
9. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$41,400.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council
10. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a grant of funds in the amount of \$8,410.00 from the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth for the Veteran's Heritage grant
11. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting an Order to accept a donation of one automated external defibrillator unit from the Keys Foundation to be installed in a city park
12. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a Traffic Order for the implementation of bus stops throughout the City
13. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a Traffic Order to establish parking regulations on a portion of Bay State Road
14. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting a Traffic Order to establish parking regulations on a portion of Pomeroy Avenue

15. A communication from Mayor Tyer submitting four Orders establishing the water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023, requesting to refer to the Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

16. A communication from Commissioner Morales on a petition requesting proper drainage for properties located on Churchill Street
17. A communication from Commissioner Morales on a petition requesting an investigation concerning drainage relative to the resurfacing of Paul Avenue
18. A communication from Commissioner Morales on a petition requesting a timeline for the work at the Dan Casey Memorial Drive culvert replacement project
19. A communication from Attorney Pagnotta on a petition requesting a legal opinion as to all the steps necessary to create a new position
20. A communication from Attorney Pagnotta on a petition requesting an opinion on the "legality of the City's current committee entitled 'Charter Review Study Committee'"
21. A communication from Attorney Pagnotta on a petition requesting the abolishment of the Planning Board and substitute the Department of Community Development as its replacement
22. A communication from Attorney Pagnotta and Commissioner Morales on a petition to render an opinion to see if the Traffic Commission must approve all changes to the traffic pattern on North Street and throughout the city

NEW BUSINESS

23. A petition from Councilor Conant requesting to refer to Ordinances and Rules to change abutter notification process with proposed new projects

MATTERS TENTATIVELY REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27

Referred to the Health Department

24. A petition from Councilor Persip requesting to explore ways to improve snow removal on city sidewalks and hold residents and businesses accountable for clearing

Referred to the Traffic Commission

25. A petition from Councilors Conant and Sherman requesting to exclude heavy commercial vehicles on Deming and East Housatonic Street

Referred to the Commissioner of Public Services

26. A petition from Councilors Warren and Kronick requesting to install signage indicating "right turn on red" is allowed in the merge lane at the intersection of Crane Avenue and Dalton Avenue in front of Tractor Supply

Referred to the Building Commissioner

27. A petition from Councilor Maffuccio requesting to investigate claims by the residents in the Ridge Avenue neighborhood concerning Airbnb's and a renovation at Proprietor's Lodge without a building permit