



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
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VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
February 10, 2016
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 16-046. Review and Approve Agenda
- 3) 16-047. Continuation of discussion regarding the City Manager's Contract.
 - a) It is anticipated that this entire discussion will be held in Executive Session in accordance with Title I, VSA §313, Executive Sessions, (a) (3), The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. 6:30 P.M. .
- 4) 16-048. General Business and Appearances
- 5) 16-049. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the Council's January 21, February 1 and February 3, 2016 Special Meetings.
 - b) Approve Detailed Budget Status Reports for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks Fund, Parking Fund, Senior Center Fund and District Heat Fund for a Six-month Period Beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending December 31, 2015.
 - c) Approve and sign resolution authorizing Department of Planning and Community Development to submit grant application to Downtown Transportation Fund, administered by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. This grant, will provide \$100,000 in funding

for the Taylor Street Reconstruction Project. This grant requires a 50% match, the match is satisfied with other grant and capital improvement funds, and no additional funds will be required. The Taylor Street Reconstruction project will represent the first project to be implemented as envisioned in the Greening Americas Capitals Report.

- d) Approve the Right-of-Way, Finance, and Maintenance Agreement among the City of Montpelier, Washington County Railroad Company and the State of Vermont for the Montpelier Bike Path STP Bike (33) S project and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

- e) Payroll and Bills

6) 16-050. Appointments to the Montpelier Foundation

- a) Current members have served for many years and have indicated they would like to step down and allow new people to serve.
- b) Staff advertised in December and received one letter of interest from Jim Higgins who was appointed at the Council's January 13, 2016 meeting.
- c) With the holidays and people being away, Councilor Olson asked staff to advertise again. As of the deadline, February 3rd, staff received one more letter of interest from Karen Freeman, Maplewood Road.
- d) Recommendation: Opportunity to meet Ms. Freeman; appointment.

7) 16-051. Appointments to Montpelier's Tree Board

- a) Three terms expire this month: those of Sarah Hoffmeier, John Akieleszek and Jeff Schumann. John Snell's expires in April and even though staff did not advertise for his particular seat on the board, John has indicated that he would like to continue serving as well.
- b) Besides these four, letters of interest were also received from Jake Feldman, Mountainview Street; and Steve Bailey, Hillside Avenue.
- c) There are seven members currently serving but on January 22, 1997, the

Council voted to expand the membership of this board. In order to do that, an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinance was proposed and enacted on February 16, 1997 . effective March 12, 1997.

- d) Recommendation: Opportunity for applicants to introduce themselves; Council may choose to enter into an Executive Session in accordance with Title I, §313, Executive Sessions, (3) The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee; either way, announce appointments, possibly expanding the board to nine members.

8) 16-052. Zoning Overview

- a) The Planning Commission is in the final stages of drafting updated Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
- b) Michael Miller, Planning Director, will provide a status update on the draft.
- c) Recommendation: Receive presentation; discussion; possible direction to staff and the Planning Commission.

9) 16-053. Recreation Building Discussion

- a) Related to the Council goal of "explore and encourage intra-municipal efforts with the goal of maintaining service levels and reducing costs" the City is working toward transiting the Recreation Department to City management effective July 1, 2016.
- b) As part of this effort, a full assessment of the Recreation building at 55 Barre Street has been done. Staff will present findings to the Council and outline options for the future of the building: (1) maintain current building and identify funds for capital improvements needed. (2) Explore the possible sale of the building at 55 Barre Street and dedicate the proceeds to a future Multi-generational Community Services Department.
- c) Recommendation: Receive presentation; discussion; direct staff to explore option 2: Issue an RFP to understand markets interest in purchasing the building at 55 Barre Street.

- 10) 16-054. Update on Act 148, Vermont's new Universal Recycling Law, and how it affects the city
 - a) Cassandra Hemenway, Zero Waste Outreach Coordinator for the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, requested time to provide this update to Council.
 - b) Recommendation: Receive presentation; discussion; direction to staff as necessary.
- 11) 16-055. Langdon Street Presentation by Ward Joyce
 - a) Ward Joyce is working on a "Langdon Street Alive" initiative. Information is available at www.langdonstreetalive.org.
 - b) Ward Joyce requested time to provide an update to the Council.
 - c) Recommendation: Receive presentation; discussion; possible direction to staff.
- 12) 16-056. Appointment of Council Rep to the Montpelier Alive Board
 - a) Councilor Bate has stepped down as the Council representative to the Montpelier Alive Board.
 - b) Recommendation: Appoint a new Council representative to the Montpelier Alive Board.
- 13) 16-057. Council Reports
- 14) 16-058. Mayor's Report
- 15) 16-059. City Clerk's Report
- 16) 16-060. City Manager's Report
- 17) 16-061. Discussion of Real Estate acquisitions related to the 1 Taylor Street

Redevelopment Project.

- a) It is anticipated that the entire substance of this discussion will be conducted in Executive Session in accordance with Title I, §313, Executive Sessions, (a)(2).

18) Adjournment