



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
(with Budget
Workshop)
Wednesday,
December 9, 2015
06:00 P.M.

- 1) 5:30 P.M. Budget Workshop
- 2) 7:00 P.M. Call Regular Portion of Meeting to Order by the Mayor
- 3) 15-316. Review and Approve Agenda
- 4) 15-317. General Business and Appearances
- 5) 15-318. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the Council's November 18th Regular Meeting and their December 2nd, 2015 Special Meeting.
 - b) Authorize the City Manager to sign Procurement Agreement Amendment #2 and Thermal Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement Amendment #2 for the District Heat - Montpelier with the State of Vermont.
 - c) Approve Letter of Intent acknowledging support for City of Montpelier's application to Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) for Strong Communities Better Connections (SCBC) Grant Program to develop Complete Street Design Guidelines. The City of Montpelier will provide 10% local match required by the grant program; grant deadline is January 15, 2016.

d) Acting as the Liquor Control Commission, City Council Members may now consider the following:

- 1) Issuance of a new Second Class Liquor License to Bradley Perry, d/b/a Perry's Gas & Service Station, 152 State Street (new ownership).

e) Payroll and Bills

6) 15-319. Discussion of the Local Options Tax

a) This is a topic that Councilors have periodically mentioned.

b) Recommendation: Discussion; possible direction to staff.

7) 15-320. Kellogg-Hubbard Library Update

a) Library Director Tom McKone requested this time to provide Council with a brief update on library activity; one or two board members will be joining Tom as well.

b) Recommendation: Receive update; opportunity for questions.

8) 15-321. Infrastructure Discussion with Richard Sheir

a) Mr. Sheir requested this opportunity to discuss the City's infrastructure and budget timeline for improvements.

b) Recommendation: Receive Mr. Sheir's presentation; discussion.

9) 15-322. Adoption of Charter language related to the control of Berlin Pond.

a) One of the City Council's Goals is: "Address Long-term Utility and Environmental Infrastructure Needs."

b) "Seek Control of Berlin Pond via Charter Change" is one of the steps

included in this Goal.

- c) The following language was drafted by a legislative counsel staff member:
 - 1) §123. REGULATION OF WATER SUPPLY The City shall have the authority to regulate its public water supply in order to protect the water supply and prevent its corruption, including regulating the use of the source of the public water supply. The City's water supply sources include Berlin Pond in the town of Berlin
 - d) Recommendation: Conduct any further discussion; adopt proposed Charter language.
- 10) 15-323. Consideration of approving the Investment Committee's recommended Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Policy and Procedure addendum to the City's Investment Policy
- a) At the October 14th City Council Meeting, Councilor Watson requested that the Committee come up with a "road map" for possible ESG restrictions on investments and how to deal with them.
 - b) In response to this request, the Investment Committee is recommending an ESG Policy and Procedure addendum to the City's Investment Policy (approved October 14th). See attached ESG Policy.
 - c) This addendum outlines the process for consideration of ESG proposals. Investment Committee Members will be present to discuss this proposed addendum.
 - d) Recommendation: Approve the Investment Committee's proposed addendum to the Investment Policy for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues for investments of Montpelier (City) funds.
- 11) 15-324. Consideration of approving a Resolution to apply for a Disaster Recovery Grant, pursuant to the Council's Goal to "Maintain the Current Timeline and Budget for the 1 Taylor Street Redevelopment Project".
- a) The City is applying for a Disaster Recovery Grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. If awarded, these funds would address the project's current funding gap. The attached Resolution needs

to be approved by the Council for this grant application.

- b) Staff will be present to answer questions about the status of the project and this grant application.
- c) Recommendation: Approve and sign the Resolution.

12) 15-325. Council Reports

13) 15-326. Mayor's Report

14) 15-327. City Clerk's Report

15) 15-328. City Manager's Report

a) Executive Session re: Real Estate

- 1) 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).

16) Adjournment