



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
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VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
November 18, 2015
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 15-301. Review and Approve Agenda
- 3) 15-302. General Business and Appearances
- 4) 15-303. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the October 28th Regular Meeting and November 4th, 2015 Special City Council Meeting
 - b) Payroll and Bills
- 5) 15-304. Review and approve Montpelier Loan Fund Committee recommendation regarding the refinancing and reassignment of Heaton Woods Community Development Loan
 - a) The Loan Fund Committee voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the Living Well proposal. Community Development Specialist Kevin Casey will present the Committee recommendation.
 - b) Paul Kervick and John Sawyer from Living Well Group will be on hand to answer any questions.
 - c) Recommendation: Receive presentation; discussion; approve recommendation.

6) 15-305. City Council Goal D: Address Long-term Utility and Environmental Infrastructure Needs

- a) Two of the projects/steps included in this goal are:
 - 1) "Develop a Storm Water Management Master Plan to meet minimum requirements for the MS4"; and
 - 2) "Develop a Master Plan and funding plan to address City's water and waste water system needs".
- b) The Planning Director and Public Works Director, accompanied by Julia Moore of Stone Environmental, will present a status report of the Storm Water Master Plan and explain the VT Clean Water Act pertaining to municipalities. Funding discussion is deferred until plan is complete and more is known about permit requirements.
- c) The Public Works Director will explain the status of the water (distribution) system and waste water (collection and transmission) improvement plans, as well as state regulations regarding the water system. These reports include preliminary cost estimates to enable discussion about funding.
- d) Recommendation: Receive presentations; opportunity for discussion; possible direction to staff.

7) 15-306. City Council Goal D: Address Long-term Utility and Environmental Infrastructure Needs

- a) Another project/step included in this goal is:
 - 1) Seek control of Berlin Pond via Charter change.
- b) The following language was drafted by a legislative counsel staff member:
 - 1) §123. REGULATION OF WATER SUPPLY In order to protect it and prevent its corruption, the City shall have the authority to regulate the use of its water supply, including the use of the source

of the water supply. The City's water supply sources include Berlin Pond in the town of Berlin.

- c) Recommendation: Review and discuss this proposed amendment to the City's Charter; direction to staff.
- 6) 15-305. City Council Goal D: Address Long-term Utility and Environmental Infrastructure Needs
 - 8) 15-307. City Council Goal B: Balance and Control Municipal Budgeting, Taxes and Services Relative to Current Population and Grand List Tax Base
 - a) City Council, especially those who are newest members, have indicated that they would like to better understand how the Montpelier Foundation was set up, a little history, how it works in connection with other City fundraising, etc.
 - b) Members of the Montpelier Foundation will be in attendance.
 - c) Recommendation: Receive presentation; opportunity for discussion; possible direction to staff.
 - 9) 15-308. Follow-up discussion regarding budget priorities
 - a) At their November 4th meeting, Council received the Community Budget Forums: Data Report and a memo from Finance Director Sandy Gallup, Background Information for FY17 Budget.
 - b) Based on the November 4th discussion, the City Manager has prepared additional information about the budget and local options taxes.
 - c) Recommendation: Further discussion and focus on budget priorities; direction to staff.
 - 10) 15-309. Other Business
 - 11) 15-310. Council Reports

14) 15-313. Mayor's Report

- a) Council wishes to have a general discussion regarding real estate with the City Manager. 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).
- b) Council's 6-month evaluation of City Manager, to be conducted in Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, V.S.A. Section 313(a)(3).

13) 15-312. City Clerk's Report

12) 15-311. City Manager's Report

15) Adjournment