



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
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Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
September 9, 2015
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 15-226. Review and Approve Agenda
- 3) 15-227. General Business and Appearances
- 4) 15-228. Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the August 26th, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting.
 - b) Early, Pre-Audit Detailed Budget Status Reports for General, Water, Sewer, District Heat, Cemetery, Parks, Senior Center and Parkig Funds for a twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
 - c) Approve and sign Resolution to accept the terms and conditions for Grant Agreement 07110-IG-2013 Montpelier City-0006 offered by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The grant funds (\$560,000) will be used by Downstreet Housing and Community Development to complete activities defined in the Grant Agreement under Attachment A, Section (B), Subsection (1) Public Facilities: The Barre Street Apartments are located at 39, 39½ and 40 Barre Street and include 19 units of affordable housing, a small professional office and a childcare center. The rehabilitation of the properties include ADA accessibility improvements, energy upgrades and some reconfiguration of apartment layout to better accommodate residents.

d) Approve request from Montpelier Alive for the following parking lot/street closures:

- 1) Saturday, October 3rd, ArtsFest: Partial parking lot closure in the back of Heney Lot (from 1:00 to 10:00 PM) for staging, crafters and beer garden hosted by Julio's Cantina. There will be a loss of 15 (or less) parking spaces.
- 2) Saturday, October 31st, Halloween: Closure of State Street between Main and Elm Streets (from 2:00 to 6:00 PM) for a costume party/parade and Halloween games and trick-or-treating.

e) Payroll and Bills

5) 15-229. Appointment to the City's Development Review Board

- a) The vacancy is a one-year Alternate term which is set to expire on September 11th.
- b) Staff advertised and as of the deadline, current Alternate Kate McCarthy is the only one who responded; she is seeking reappointment.
- c) Recommendation: Kate will be in attendance if Council has any questions; reappoint her to another one-year term as Alternate.

6) 15-230. Conduct the Second Public Hearing to consider amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Article VII, Parking & Parking Meter Zones, to prohibit parking on National Life Drive in order to establish on street bicycle and pedestrian amenities.

- a) The location of the proposed parking ordinance amendments are identified as:
 - 1) South side of National Life Drive from Montpelier State Highway to Mountainview Street
 - 2) North side of National Life Drive from Montpelier State Highway to the Hopkins House

- 3) North side of National Life Drive from Mountainview Street to the entrance to the National Life complex
- b) Members of the Bike Advisory Committee, Energy Advisory Committee, Parking Advisory Committee, Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and representatives from the National Life complex have been presented the proposed striping plan.
 - c) DPW staff will be in attendance at the City Council meeting to answer any questions that Council, or members of the public, might have.
 - d) Recommendation: Open public hearing for discussion; approve, with or without any further amendments.
- 7) 15-231. First Public Hearing for adoption of the City Master Plan
 - a) This will be the first of two required public hearings to readopt the Montpelier Master Plan. This plan is being readopted with only minor amendments which are necessary to meet recent changes to state law.
 - b) Recommendation: Conduct the First Public Hearing; set the date for the second hearing to be held on September 23, 2015.
- 9) 15-233. Receive and discuss an "Ice Rink Proposal Summary"
 - a) Attached is a summary submitted by committee members Nate Hausman, Kim McKee and Mariah Quinn, outlining their vision; what they are proposing and why; rink use; operation and maintenance; who the stakeholders are, etc.
 - b) Committee members are looking for Council approval to gain State approval; this would involve a signed letter of support outlining resources the City of Mntpelier would commit to the rink should approval be granted.
 - c) Recommendation: Receive the Proposal Summary for an ice rink on the State House lawn; discussion; and possible direction to committee members and City staff.

8) 15-232. Montpelier Alive representatives will present a wrap-up report of the FY'15 Downtown Improvement District (DID); they will also present a projected budget for use of FY'16 funds for Council approval.

- a) Recommendation: Receive wrap-up report for FY'15, followed by a presentation of their projected budget for use of FY'16 funds; possible direction to staff.

10) 15-234. Organizational Development Review

- a) The City Manager attended the ICMA Senior Executives Institute in June where he was provided a lot of new ideas about how the City organization can function differently.
- b) One of the main teachers in the SEI Program, Craig Gerhart (a former County Executive for Prince William County, Virginia and Manager in other locations), will be in Montpelier and working with the City's management staff and employees on some of these high performance organization concepts during the week of September 8-11.
- c) This overview will be included in his visit so that Council can learn about the staff's work for improving the organization and possible ways the Council may engage with this process in the future.
- d) Recommendation: Introduction of Mr. Gerhart; receive his presentation; discussion.

11) 15-235. Other Business

12) 15-236. Council Reports

13) 15-237. City Clerk's Report

14) 15-238. City Manager's Report

15) 15-239. Mayor's Report

- a) Discussion of the procedure and legal issues re: the Mowatt

Property/Eminent Domain matter; City Councilors and Attorney Bernie Lambek will be the only participants.

- b) It is anticipated that the entire substance of this discussion will be conducted in Executive Session in accordance with Title I, VSA §313, Executive Sessions, (a)(1)(F) . (confidential attorney-client communications for the purpose of providing professional legal services).

16) Adjournment