



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday, March
11, 2015
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 15-065. Opportunity for the three re-elected City Council Members to be sworn in by the City Clerk
- 3) 15-066. Review and Approve Agenda
- 4) 15-067. General Business and Appearances
- 6) 15-069. Election of President, Vice President and Parliamentarian of City Council
- 5) 15-068. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the February 18th and March 2nd Special City Council Meetings.
 - b) 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 seven-month period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending January 31, 2015.
 - c) Consideration of becoming the Liquor Control Commission for the purpose of acting on the following:
 - 1) Annual renewal of Liquor Licenses (City Clerk will distribute list of

applications at the meeting.)

d) Payroll and Bills

16) 15-079. Opportunity to hear concerns from a few of Montpelier's dog owners

a) Richard Sheir requested a time on this agenda for dog owners to express their concerns to Council regarding the proposed rate increase on dog licenses. Cindra Conison from the Quirky Pet will be one of the individuals addressing the Council.

b) Recommendation: Discussion

7) 15-070. Re-adoption of City Council's Ethics Policy

a) Note City Manager's proposed amendments (underlined).

8) 15-071. Re-adoption of City Council's Rules of Procedure

11) 15-074. Appointment to the Montpelier Planning Commission

a) Staff recently received a letter of resignation from John Bloch; his term is set to expire this month.

b) The vacancy was advertised, and one response was received from Barbara Conrey, Liberty Street.

c) Recommendation: Following an opportunity for Council to meet the candidate, appoint Ms. Conrey to fill this 2-year term.

12) 15-075. Appointment to the City's Design Review Committee

a) One of the Alternates on the DRC recently notified staff that she would be stepping down; this is a three-year term which will expire in September of 2017.

b) The vacancy was advertised, and two responses were received from Lori

Cohen, Greenfield Terrace; and Ben Cheney, North Franklin Street.

- c) Recommendation: Following an opportunity to meet the candidates, it is anticipated that Council Members will continue their discussion in Executive Session in accordance with Title I, §313, Executive Sessions, (3) The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Council will return to public session and announce their choice to fill this 3-year Alternate term.

13) 15-076. Appointment to Montpelier's Investment Committee

- a) In December of 2014, staff placed an ad that read: "The Montpelier City Council is establishing a new Investment Committee to review and provide guidance to the Council on how best to invest and manage funds that are donated or bequeathed to the City of Montpelier. Currently the Council seeks three individuals interested in serving on this Committee. Qualified individuals will have experience in investing, managing funds, or working with donated dollars."
- b) Council appointed two individuals at their January 7th, 2015 meeting. Staff re-advertised to fill the third seat and has received a letter of interest from Peter Mancauskas, Main Street.
- c) Recommendation: Following an opportunity for Council to meet the candidate, appoint Mr. Mancauskas to fill the third seat on this newly-formed Investment Committee.

14) 15-077. Public Hearing to consider CarShare Vermont's request to dedicate two city parking spots to CarShare Vermont fuel-efficient vehicles for a two-year pilot.

- a) CarShare Vermont is requesting that the metered parking spot on Blanchard Court next to the handicapped space closest to Main Street and the parking spot on School Street adjacent to the handicapped space closest to Main Street be designated for car-sharing use. They are also asking that these spots be tow-away zones.
- b) The Library has indicated that the loading zone on School Street near the Children's Library can be made a metered spot.

- c) These actions require an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances; should Council endorse this program, staff chose to warn the entire discussion as a First Public Hearing in order to expedite the process.
 - d) Recommendation: Consider the request from CarShare Vermont; conduct the First Public Hearing; provide direction to staff. If Council wishes to move forward, set the Second Public Hearing for March 25th, with or without further changes to the proposed Ordinance amendment.
- 15) 15-078. Constituent discussion on H33. "An act relating to authorizing municipalities to regulate the surface water use of public waters used as drinking water supplies."
- a) Page and Jed Guertin have requested time on the Council agenda to discuss this House bill.
- 16) 15-079. Opportunity to hear concerns from a few of Montpelier's dog owners
- 9) 15-072. Committee Assignments
- a) Included with these assignments is the request from the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District for a City representative and alternate.
- 10) 15-073. Discussion as to what kind of process the Council wishes to pursue in conducting its Goal-setting Session for 2015-16.
- 15-079 A. Discussion of Town Meeting results and how they relate to the 2015 City Council goals
- 17) 15-080. Other Business
- 15-079 A. Discussion of Town Meeting results and how they relate to the 2015 City Council goals
- 18) 15-081. Council Reports
- 19) 15-082. Mayor's Report

20) 15-083. City Clerk's Report

21) 15-084. City Manager's Report

- a) Follow-up discussion of the City Manager's annual review and contract renewal. (City Council ratified the Manager's Contract at a televised Special "Call-in" Meeting held on March 2, 2015). (It is anticipated that this discussion will be held in Executive Session in accordance with Title I, VSA §313, Executive Sessions, (a) (1) "Contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration, mediation, grievances, civil actions, or prosecutions by the State, where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the State, municipality, other public body, or person involved at a substantial disadvantage" and (3) "The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee.)

22) Adjournment