



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
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Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
November 12, 2014
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 14-256. Review and Approve Agenda
- 3) 14-257. General Business and Appearances
- 5) 14-259. Updates from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and appointment of a City Council liaison
 - a) Committee reps will provide brief updates on "We Walk Week" events and feedback on the "Walk Friendly Communities".
 - b) Recommendation: Receive updates; opportunity for discussion; appointment of a City Council liaison; and possible direction to Committee members/staff.
- 6) 14-260. Update from the Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee (MEAC) and possible authorization from Council to proceed on certain projects
 - a) Members of the Committee will update Council on the NetZero Montpelier initiative, the Solar RFP, and the Georgetown University Energy Prize.
 - b) NetZero is about transforming the city's energy systems to ensure that our community has a secure, affordable, sustainable and reliable energy future; it is achieved by producing or offsetting the energy needs of electrical, thermal, and transportation with renewable energy sources.

- c) The solar RFP proposal was sent out a few months ago; the attached spreadsheet includes two tabs: 1) the Evaluation Summary which tabulates the Review Committee's individual reviews of the proposals and scores them according to the evaluation rubric established in the RFP; and 2) the Proposal Comparison tab which provides a side-by-side comparison of the key components of each proposal. The Committee is looking for Council approval to proceed with GroSolar. This will offset about 70% of the City municipal load with this one megawatt photovoltaic system. The Review Committee's memo to the full Energy Advisory Committee is also attached which details how the Committee reached its recommendation.
 - d) Lastly, a State 2 Application was recently submitted for the Georgetown University Energy Prize. This grant would bring resources and financial support to the Net Zero Montpelier initiative. The Committee is hopeful in its prospects to continue towards this prize but is up against many national entities.
 - e) Recommendation: Receive updates; discussion; direction to the Committee regarding whether or not to proceed with GroSolar.
- 7) 14-261. Presentation from Cassandra Hemenway, Zero Waste Outreach Coordinator for the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, regarding Act 148, Vermont's new Universal Recycling Law, and how it affects the City
- a) Ms. Hemenway will explain what the CVSWMD is doing to meet the mandates of the new law and outline some requirements for municipalities to ensure that the City is aware of what it has to do to be in compliance.
 - b) Recommendation: Receive presentation; opportunity for discussion; possible direction to staff.
- 8) 14-262. First Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VII, Parking and Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 10-713, NIGHT PARKING DURING WINTER.
- a) The City's Parking Committee would like to move forward with a recommendation to adjust the Winter Parking Ban; Community

Development Specialist Kevin Casey has drafted some proposed language which is attached.

- b) Recommendation: Conduct the First Public Hearing, with or without further amendments; set November 19th for the Second Public Hearing.

9) 14-263. Discussion of a Transportation Committee

- a) The Council requested that staff put together a plan for a Transportation Committee that would facilitate coordination between the Bike, Pedestrian, Parking and Energy Committees.
- b) Staff will be available to answer questions about the plan.
- c) Recommendation: Receive information; provide direction to staff.

10) 14-264. FY '16 Budget Presentations from the Planning Department, the Fire Department, and the Police Department

11) 14-265. Other Business

12) 14-266. Reports by City Council

13) 14-267. Mayor's Report

14) 14-268. Report by the City Clerk

15) 14-269. Reports by the City Manager

Adjournment

4) 14-258. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

- a) Consideration of Minutes from the October 22nd, 2014 City Council Meeting.
- 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 three-month period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2014.

- c) Approve an amended Public Safety Authority (PSA) Memorandum of Understanding. City Councilor Tom Golonka requested this action as a result of the November 4th vote when Barre Town citizens opted not to be a part of the PSA. An amended version will be circulated for Council signatures.
- d) Payroll and Bills