



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
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VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 14,
2014
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 14-116. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 14-117. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approve Minutes from the April 9th, and April 16th, 2014, City Council Meetings.
 - b) Ratification of a poll vote taken on April 21st; Council approved a request from Carrie Baker Stahler (of Onion River Sports) to close Langdon Street on Saturday, May 3rd, from 7:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. for the Onion River Sports Bike Swap.
 - c) Approve a request for the closure of State Street (from Main to Elm) on Saturday, June 21st, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. for Montpelier's Park in the Street Event.
 - d) Approve the following street closures and parking restrictions for the City's July 3rd Celebration, as submitted by Ashley Witzenberger, Festivals Coordinator for Montpelier Alive:
 - 1) State Street: Street closed between Governor Davis and Bailey Avenue from 2 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. for vendors and parade. Parking along this stretch closed from 11 AM - 10:30 PM. Parking along State Street from Main Street to Governor Davis Avenue closed from 5 P.M. - end of the parade to accommodate parade viewing.

Street also closed from Taylor Street to Elm Street, as well as Taylor Street and Governor Davis Avenue after the parade passes until 11 P.M.

- 2) Main Street: Street closed from roundabout to State Street from 6:00 PM until approximately 7:45 P.M. for the Montpelier Mile Road Race followed by the parade. Parking closed from 5 P.M. - end of parade.
- 3) Taylor Street: After the parade until 11 P.M., traffic will only be allowed on Taylor Street from the parking lot entrances to the bridge.
- 4) Governor Aiken Avenue: Street closed from 5 P.M. until 11 P.M. Parking closed from 11 AM on.
- 5) Streets in the Meadow Area: All will be used as staging areas for the parade from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M, with parking restrictions starting in the morning.
- 6) School Street from Main to St. Paul Street: All three streets/areas will be closed during the parade.
- 7) 60 State Street Parking Lot: Lot will be closed from 2:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. for Julio's street dance (including set-up and take- down time).
- 8) Langdon Street: Closed from 3 P.M. to 1 A.M. for street party.
- 9) National Life Drive: Street closed at 9 P.M. (½ hour before the fireworks) at the entrance from Memorial Drive and at the entrance into National Life parking lot at the top of the hill. The main parking lot will be open for viewing the fireworks.
- 10) Parade Detours:
 - i. No vehicles will be allowed on the parade route
(Spring Street, Main Street from Spring to State Street, and State Street from Main Street to Bailey Avenue) during the parade,

approximately from 6 P.M.
P.M.

- 7:15

- ii. Upper Main Street: Vehicles will be routed onto College Street from Upper Main Street. From there, vehicles can get across town by taking Sibley Avenue to Barre Street.
- iii. Memorial Drive/Main Street: Vehicles turning onto Main Street from Memorial Drive will be directed onto Barre Street, up Sibley Avenue to College Street in order to cross town.

11) Post-Fireworks Detours:

- i. Memorial Drive: All traffic exiting from Bailey Avenue or Taylor Street onto Memorial Drive will have to turn right towards the interstate. No vehicles will be allowed to turn onto Bailey Avenue or Taylor Street from Memorial Drive.
- e) Summary Budget Report by Department for General Fund and Detailed Budget Status Report for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks Fund, Parking Fund and Senior Center Fund for a nine-month period beginning July 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014.
- f) Payroll and Bills

4) 14-118. Appointments to Montpelier's Energy Committee.

- a) Due to relocating, two members have recently resigned.
- b) Staff advertised and received responses from Barbara Conrey, AIA, Professor at VTC, who resides on Liberty Street; Geoffrey Fitzgerald, Esq., State Street; and Scott Muller, Woodrow Avenue.
- c) Recommendation: Following an opportunity to meet applicants, it is anticipated that Council will enter into Executive Session in accordance with Title I, §313, Executive Sessions, (3) The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee; return to public session and announce the two appointments.

- 5) 14-119. Polly Nichol, from the Vermont Housing Conservation Board (VHCB) and the City's Housing Task Force will present on Affordable Housing in Montpelier.
- 6) 14-120. Presentation by Jesse Jacobs of Montpelier Property Management, and representative from ArtsRIOT, regarding a Food Truck Stop Pilot for Montpelier.
 - a) Jesse is seeking Council permission to close the Jacobs Lot on Saturdays, 2:00 -11:00 P.M., July 12th through August 2nd.
 - b) Recommendation: Following Jesse's presentation and discussion, direction to Jesse and staff.
- 7) 14-121. First Reading/Public Hearing for amendments to the Downtown Improvement District (DID) Ordinance.
 - a) Staff prepared the attached proposed wording.
 - b) Recommendation: Conduct the First Public Hearing; possible direction to staff with further amendments; set the date of May 28th, 2014, for the Second Public Hearing.
- 8) 14-122. Second Reading/Public Hearing for a City Fireworks Ordinance, specifically for the use by private citizens.
 - a) Safety issues have become a concern for fireworks displays being set off by private citizens rather than a licensed professional company.
 - b) Fire Chief Bob Gowans drafted a new ordinance; City Attorney Paul Giuliani recommended a couple of changes, and a copy is attached for Council's review.
 - c) Recommendation: Conduct the Second Public Hearing; approve ordinance.
- 9) 14-123. Consideration of installation of public wi-fi in downtown area.

- a) Creating a vibrant downtown has been a longstanding City goal.
 - b) Opportunities are becoming available for grant funding for installation of public wi-fi systems.
 - c) Annual operating costs are estimated to be less than \$10,000.
 - d) Recommendation: Direct City Manager to pursue a public wi-fi system and provide a full report of costs and logistics for Council review and approval.
- 10) 14-124. Consideration of 2014-15 City Council Goals and action steps.
- a) The City Council annually adopts a set of goals and priorities.
 - b) On April 16th, the Council conducted a workshop to develop goals for the coming year.
 - c) The City Manager has prepared a draft goals document based on the April 16th discussion.
 - d) Recommendation: Review goals draft, approve 2014-15 Goals.
- 11) 14-125. Opportunity for Richard Sheir to discuss the City's website with City Council as per Mr. Sheir's request.
- 12) 14-126. Mayor's Report
- 13) 14-127. Report by the City Clerk
- 14) 14-128. Status Reports by the City Manager
- 15) 14-129. Brief review of a tentative agreement with the Department of Public Works Union.
- a) It is anticipated that the entire substance of this update/discussion will be conducted 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 or other public body, or person involved at a substantial disadvantage."

16) Adjournment