



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday, April
16, 2014
05:00 P.M.

- 1) 5:00 P.M. Goal-Setting Session
- 2) 7:00 P.M. Call the Special City Council Meeting to Order by the Mayor
- 3) 14-103. General Business and Appearances
- 4) 14-104. Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approve the Minutes from the April 9th, City Council Meeting.
 - b) Approve extending the City's three year contract with Lincoln Financial Group for employee short term disability, long term disability and life insurance benefits for one year to May 1, 2016.
 - 1) Lincoln Financial Group is offering to hold our short term disability rates and long term disability/life insurance rates (no increases) through May 1, 2016. This is a one year extension of our three year contract with no increases in premiums over four years. This continues a \$34,000 annual savings from our previous provider of these benefits.
 - 2) Finance Director's Recommendation: Extend the City's employee short term disability, long term disability and life insurance contract with Lincoln Financial Group by one year to May 1, 2016 so that we may take advantage of their offer to hold premium rates over a four year period.

- c) Approve appropriating \$12,000 of the City's FY15 "Parking Fund - Alternative Transportation Reserve" as the local match needed for the State's bike and pedestrian master plan grant.
 - 1) The City was awarded \$12,000 for a Transportation Alternatives grant to produce a bicycle and pedestrian master plan for the city. This grant requires a \$12,000 local match.
 - 2) During the FY15 Budget process, the City Council established an alternative transportation reserve using 5% of gross parking revenues. This reserve is projected to be \$47,943 in FY15.
 - 3) The Bike Committee is requesting that the alternative transportation reserve funds be allocated for this grant's local match.
 - 4) Recommendation: Approve the appropriation of \$12,000 of the City's FY15 "Parking Fund - Alternative Transportation Reserve" as the local match needed for the State's bike and pedestrian master plan grant.
- d) Accept the bid proposal from Clark's Truck Center under the State's Contract for the 2015 Model 7400 SFA Dump Truck Chassis, for the price of \$49,373.40, and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase.
- e) Accept the quotation from Penn Valley Pump Company, Inc. of Warrington, PA, for a latest model double disc plunger pump for the price of \$22,440, and authorize the City Manager to executive all documents related to this purchase.
- f) Accept the quotation from Evoqua Water Technologies of Waukesha, WI, for a latest model waste gas burner for the price of \$20,583, and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase.
- g) Acting as the Liquor Control Commission, City Council Members may now consider the following:
 - 1) Annual renewal of Liquor Licenses (City Clerk will distribute list of applications at the meeting.)

h) Payroll and Bills

6) 14-106. Water/Sewer Rate Ordinance

- a) The Committee has been meeting for over a year to review rate structure revisions.
- b) Implementation of an "Equivalent Residential Unit" (ERU) system is being considered.
- c) An ERU system would serve to cover fixed costs and correct current inequities in the rate structure.
- d) Actual rates will be adopted in June.
- e) Recommendation: Receive report; provide direction to staff whether to proceed with the ERU system for June rate resolution.

7) 14-107. Update on State Street Reconstruction Project

- a) The State of Vermont will be reconstructing State Street within the next two years.
- b) The State and City have been working together on various design issues.
- c) Items under consideration include bike lanes, sharrows, angle parking, bulbouts and other amenities.
- d) Recommendation: Receive report; provide direction on decision point items.

5) 14-105. Consideration of a request for City support of Citizens to Protect Berlin Pond's Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Petition

- a) This group is asking the City to write a letter to ANR in support of its petition for full protection.

- b) Recommendation: Brief presentation from Melissa Perley, President of Citizens to Protect Berlin Pond (which will help Council understand why they are asking for full pond protection); discussion; direction to Citizens Group/staff.

8) 14-108. Presentation of Montpelier Alive's Vision for Downtown Improvement District Funds, 2015-2020

- a) Montpelier Alive Board Members will be presenting; attached are the following documents for review:

- i. Montpelier Alive's FY13 Marketing Schedule
- ii. Holiday Decorations FY14 DID Grant Request
- iii. Website Quote from Siren Marketing and Design
- iv. Recent Bench Invoice

- b) Recommendation: Receive presentation; opportunity for discussion; provide input and approve their Vision Statement/Plan.

11) 14-111. Proposed Fireworks Ordinance - 1st Reading

- a) Background information is attached.
- b) Recommendation: Presentation by Fire Chief; opportunity for discussion; direction to staff, with or without amendments; set the date of the second Public Hearing for May 14, 2014.

9) 14-109. Carr Lot Public Process

- a) The City's development partner (Redstone) and architect (Gossens Bachman Architects) associated with the 1 Taylor Street Project have proposed a public participation process.
- b) Recommendation: Receive and provide feedback on the proposed public process. Provide direction to staff on the role of the Carr Lot Design

Committee.

10) 14-110. Conceptual Discussion for Possible Parking and/or Housing Project

- a) Duane Wells has suggested that the City partner with him to construct a parking lot in the rear of the Blanchard Lot.
- b) This would involve land owned by the City and by Mr. Wells.
- c) The proposed surface lot could add approximately 75 spaces.
- d) Council Member Guerlain suggests that the project could be expanded to include an additional parking level and housing units.
- e) Recommendation: Discuss the potential project; provide direction to staff whether to pursue these ideas.

12) 14-112. Council Reports

13) 14-113. Mayor's Report

14) 14-114. Report by the City Clerk

15) 14-115. Status Reports by the City Manager

16) Adjournment