



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
February 19, 2014
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 14-056. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 14-057. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the February 12, 2014 City Council Meeting.
 - b) Payroll and Bills
- 4) 14-058. Conduct Second Official Public Hearing for proposed Charter Amendments and Proposed Public Safety Authority Charter
 - a) 17 VSA 2645 (a) (3) requires that two public hearings be held for charter changes. One must be held within 30 days of the election with the final proposed language.
 - b) The City is proposing several changes to the City Charter
 - c) The cities of Barre and Montpelier have included the regional public safety charter on the ballot.
 - d) The City Council held the first public hearing on both Charters on January 15th and adopted the final language of both Charters on January 23rd.

e) Recommendation: Conduct public hearing.

5) 14-059. Consideration of a Public Parklet Proposal from Ward Joyce and Vermont Technical College.

a) Vermont Technical College architecture and landscape design students are hoping to build a parklet in downtown Montpelier this May, subject to approval by Montpelier Alive.

b) VTC seeks support to build a purely public parklet on the north side of the Rialto Bridge that will have multiple and dynamic community benefits.

c) VTC asks that the City waive the Parking Meter Replacement Fee. This will be public space, not one used by a private business, and is therefore a beneficial replacement of the meter income.

d) VTC asks that the City maintain the parklet as part of the City's existing downtown maintenance obligations.

e) VTC asks that the City put this extension of the sidewalk under its existing downtown insurance coverage, rather than insuring this space privately.

f) VTC's proposed process is as follows:

i. Our VTC design project will come to an end in 3 weeks

ii. Our class will submit all 4 designs to the formal RFP, with the commitment to build one should it be chosen

iii. With our students, we will design a student-led and community volunteer effort to build the parklet in May.

g) Recommendation: Receive report, discussion, direction to staff.

6) 14-060. Update on the District Heat Project.

- a) The City Manager will provide an update on construction funding, current operation of the "mini-system", anticipated schedule for full operation and financial projections for the full system.
 - b) Recommendation: Receive report, discussion, direction to staff, if needed.
- 7) 14-061. Council Reports
 - 8) 14-062. Mayor's Report
 - 9) 14-063. Report by the City Clerk
 - 10) 14-064. Status Reports by the City Manager
 - 11) 14-065. Agenda Reports by the City Manager
 - a) Discussion of Walker Motors suit with possible voting action.
 - b) Discussion of the City Manager's annual review and contract renewal. (It is anticipated that these two discussions 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.)

Adjournment