



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for Special
City Council
Meeting

Wednesday, January
15, 2014
06:30 P.M.

- 1) 14-012. Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 14-013. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 14-014. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approve Minutes from the November 20, 2013; December 4, 2013; and January 8, 2014 City Council Meetings.
 - b) Acting as the Liquor Control Commission, City Council Members may now consider the following permit:
 - 1) Ratify the issuance of a new Liquor License to Belladonna LLC (a Montpelier LLC that also runs the Montpelier Discount Beverage Store on Main Street) for the Berlin Street Mobil which they recently purchased.
 - c) Approval of Payroll and Bills
- 4) 14-015. Presentation from representatives of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.
- 5) 14-016. Conduct the First Public Hearing (jointly with Barre) of the Final Charter for the Public Safety Authority.
- 6) 14-017. Conduct First Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2015 Municipal Budget.

- a) The City Manager presented a recommended budget on December 6, 2013.
 - b) The Council conducted "budget workshops" as part of their meetings held on December 11th, 2013, and January 8th, 2014.
 - c) The proposed budget requires a two cent increase in the municipal tax rate (two cents for Capital Projects and Equipment Purchases).
 - d) Recommendation: Present budget to public; conduct public hearing; provide direction to staff as necessary.
- 7) 14-018. Conduct the First Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the City's Charter.
- 8) 14-019. Conduct First Public Hearing on Warning for March 4, 2014 Annual City Meeting.
- a) A draft warning of ballot items for the Annual City Meeting has been prepared and is attached.
 - b) Recommendation: Conduct Public Hearing; provide direction to staff as necessary.
- 9) 14-020. Set date, time and location for Annual City Meeting.
- a) Recommendation: Set date for the Annual City Meeting on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Auditorium.
- 10) 14-021. Second Reading/Public Hearing regarding an ordinance that addresses dog waste. dog waste, Sec. 8-210. DEFECATION:
- (a) The person in control of a domestic pet which defecates in any public area or on private property of another person shall immediately remove the fecal material and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. [The person in control of any dog which defecates in a public park, walkway, sidewalk, street, public way,

playground, cemetery, school grounds, state property or on private property shall remove such material immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. This provision shall not apply to private property used without objection of the property owner or to off-trail, wooded areas of public parks.]

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any [dog] domestic pet to violate subsection (a) herein.

(c) A violation of this Section shall be subject to the general penalty provisions, and those penalty provisions of Section 8-205 herein. Additionally, and in lieu thereof, the City of Montpelier may elect to issue a City nuisance citation in connection with initial and subsequent offenses of this provision. In that event, a civil penalty of \$30 may be imposed for the initial violation. The penalty for a second offense within a six-month period of the initial offense shall be \$50. The penalty for a third and any subsequent offense within a six-month period of the initial offense shall be \$60.

(d) Any person who fails or declines to respond to a City nuisance citation issued pursuant to subsection (c) herein shall be subject to the general penalty provisions and the provisions of Sec. 8-205 herein in respect of the original offense.

(e) Recommendation: Conduct the second Public Hearing, provide direction to staff as necessary.

11) 14-022. Continued discussion with Council regarding the "public banking initiative".

a) This item was included on the January 8th City Council Agenda. As noted in the minutes from that meeting, "The consensus of the council was that the large volume of information on the topic precluded immediate, informed action by the council."

b) Recommendation: Further discussion; possible direction to staff.

12) 14-023. First Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments 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, as it relates to additional parking during the overnight winter parking ban; and Article 10-717, LIMITED PARKING, which will address the restriction of non-electric vehicles parking in the space adjacent to the (ev) charging station behind City Hall.

- 1) As noted in the attached memorandum from Public Works Director and Traffic Committee Chair Todd Law, the Committee's recommendations are as follows:
- 2) Sec. 10-713. NIGHT PARKING DURING WINTER. Parking of motor vehicles, teams, carts, or any other conveyance on the streets of the city of Montpelier between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. is hereby prohibited between November 15 and April 1 of each and every year, except as depicted on the winter parking map, which allows overnight parking in City parking lots and on Stone Cutters Way in the areas shown and on the nights shown on the map found on the City's website. Vehicles parked in violation to the areas depicted on the map will be subject to ticketing, and may be subject to removal per Section 10-715. The City Manager may, by executive order, prohibit night parking at any other times of the year if emergency road conditions exist as a result of ice or snow conditions. Attention to this Section will be brought to residences each year by issuing news releases to the local news media by the City Manager's Office, said news releases to commence the last week in October of each year.
- 3) Sec. 10-717. LIMITED PARKING. (add new sub-section) (kk) Blanchard Court. "Electric Vehicle Parking Only, 2-Hour Maximum" for the southern-most parking space on the eastern side of City Hall adjacent to the electric vehicle charging station.
- 4) Recommendation: Conduct the First Public Hearing, with or without further amendments; set the date of January 22nd for the Second Public Hearing.
- 13) 14-024. First Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances: Chapter 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VII. Parking and Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 10-716. PARKING PROHIBITED, as it relates to vehicles parking on National Life Drive north of the main entrance to the National Life Complex.
 - 1) As noted in the attached memorandum from Public Works Director and Traffic Committee Chair Todd Law, the Committee is recommending the following amendment:
 - 2) Sec. 10-716. PARKING PROHIBITED.
 - (c) National Life Drive. Deleted -- enacted April 24, 1991. Parking is

prohibited on the easterly side of National Life Drive beginning at the northerly edge of the main entrance to the National Life complex, thence extending northerly for a distance of one hundred ninety-five (195) feet.

- 3) Recommendation: Conduct the First Public Hearing, with or without further amendments; set the date of January 22nd for the Second Public Hearing.

14) 14-025. Council Reports

15) 14-026. Mayor's Report

16) 14-027. Report by the City Clerk

17) 14-028. Report by the City Manager

18) Adjournment