



**CITY OF
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Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
September 11, 2013
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 13-216. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 13-217. Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the August 14th, and August 28th, 2013 City Council Meetings.
 - b) Approve and sign the Grant Agreement with VTrans for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Alternatives Planning Grant. The State agrees to pay \$12,000 with a \$12,000 match from the City.
 - c) Consideration of a Request for Proposal for Group-Net-Metered Photovoltaic Electricity Generation on City Properties.
 - d) Payroll and Bills
- 4) 13-218. Reconvening of the Public Hearing that City Council held on June 5, 2013, "to hear testimony and consider the necessity, and possible compensation to be paid, for acquiring lands and rights in land for public purposes, namely a Multi-modal Transportation Center, pursuant to 24 V.S.A., §2801 et seq."
 - a) This Public Hearing is being reconvened to take testimony on the environmental testing, which has taken place since June 5th, and its impact on value.

- b) The lands being considered at this hearing are located on Taylor Street and are owned by the Allan R. Carr Revocable Trust. They are more particularly shown on a plan entitled "Montpelier STP MMTC(#) & EH07(15), Total Area Sketch" dated May 16, 2011. (This plan is available for review and inspection at the City Offices during the City's normal business hours.)
- c) Recommendation: Reconvene and conduct the Public Hearing; Council will recess into deliberative session for the purpose of preparing findings and issuing a decision at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

5) 13-219. Appointments to the Development Review Board

- a) Two Alternate seats have been vacant for some time. As a result of staff getting the word out about these vacancies, three individuals recently submitted letters of interest: John D. Fox, Kate McCarthy and Michael Sherman.
- b) Recommendation: Following an opportunity to meet the candidates, 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. Upon returning to public session, appoint two Alternates to the Development Review Board; both are one-year terms.

6) 13-220. Green Mountain Transit Agency representatives will update the Council on "Montpelier's Circulator".

- a) Council requested this presentation from GMTA reps.
- b) Recommendation: Receive presentation; opportunity for discussion; possible direction to GMTA reps/staff.

7) 13-221. Consideration of requests from the Montpelier Community Fund Board of Directors.

- a) Chair Bernie Lambek requested this agenda item, seeking direction from Council for the disbursement of FY '15 grants; the Board would also like to discuss moving up the deadline for applications.

- b) Recommendation: Following opening remarks from Board reps, opportunity for discussion; direction to Board/staff.

8) 13-222. First Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances, Article VII, PARKING AND PARKING METER ZONES, as it relates to parking on East State Street.

- a) There have been concerns raised since City Council passed a modification to Section 10-716, Parking Prohibited, of the City's Ordinances to add parking spaces along East State Street (from just above #54 East State Street to Hubbard Street intersection).

- b) The City's Traffic Committee has re-visited the situation and is recommending the following amendment:

- 1) Sec. 10-716. PARKING PROHIBITED.

- (u) East State Street. Parking is prohibited on the south side of East State Street from Main Street to No. 79 East State Street; and parking is prohibited on the north side of East State Street from the driveway serving #54 East State Street to a point sixty (60) feet easterly; and forty (40) feet westerly and fifty-one (51) feet easterly of the driveway serving #58 East State Street No. 54 East State and within forty-two(42) feet easterly of Hubbard Street; and on the north side of East State Street from 78 East State Street to College Street; and on the south side of East State from West Street westerly for a distance of ninety (90) feet, and from West Street easterly for a distance of sixty (60) feet; and on the south side of East State Street for a distance of forty (40) feet from the College Street intersection

- c) Recommendation: Conduct the First Public Hearing, with or without further amendments; set the date of the Second Public Hearing for September 18, 2013.

9) 13-223. Request for Council support which states that a new 6-unit housing development on Cedar Street meets the City Council's Goal: "To create a hospitable environment for residential growth."

- a) Jason Merrill, the applicant, and Community Development Specialist Kevin Casey will be presenting.

- b) Recommendation: Approval of a non-binding resolution stating that a new 6-unit housing complex on Cedar Street would have a clear and substantial community benefit.

10) 13-224. Council Reports

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11) 13-225. Mayor's Report

12) 13-226. Report by the City Clerk

13) 13-227. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

Adjournment