



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 22,
2013
7:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 13-134. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 13-135. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approve Minutes from the May 8th, 2013 City Council Meeting.
 - b) Accept the quote submitted by Cowan Electrical Contracting, Inc., of Berlin, Vermont, for all necessary electrical work at the Generator Building at the Public Works Facility, and authorize the City Manager to make this purchase in the amount of \$42,800.
 - c) Accept the bid submitted by Evergreen Enterprises, Inc., of Barre, Vermont, for Roadside Mowing services for FY 2014, in the amount of \$4,900.00 flat rate/\$75.00 per hour, and to authorize the City Manager to sign all contracts and other documents.
 - o) Payroll and Bills
- 6) 13-138. Presentation, by owners of The Quirky Pet, of a scanner acquired through a fund drive (attached to this year's dog license renewals) that will be used to identify stray dogs.
 - a) In collaboration with the City Clerk, and the generous help of the Green Mountain Animal Hospital, the scanner was acquired with a remaining surplus of \$221.00 in the donation fund.

- b) By being able to identify ownership, costly kenneling charges can be avoided.
- c) Recommendation: Watch demonstration; opportunity for questions; possibly provide suggestions for the extra funds.

7) 13-139. Downtown Improvement District - 2nd Reading

- a) On March 5, 2013, voters approved "ARTICLE 12. Shall the City raise \$75,00 by levying a special assessment on properties within Montpelier's Designated Downtown not used entirely for residential purposes? The assessment shall be apportioned according to the listed value of such properties except that the assessment for any property also used for residential purposes shall be reduced by the proportion that heated residential floor space bears to heated floor space for such property. Funds raised by the assessment shall be administered by a Downtown Improvement District Committee, appointed by the City Council, and will be used to improve the downtown streetscape and to market the downtown. (Requested by the City Council and Montpelier Alive)"
- b) Attached is a copy of the proposed Ordinance amendment that would incorporate the Downtown Improvement District.
- c) Recommendation: Conduct the Second Public Hearing, approve with or without further changes.

8) 13-140. Appointment of a representative and alternate to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

- a) According to CVRPC's Bylaws, town representatives and alternates serving on the Commission are to be appointed annually, or re-appointed if that's the municipality's preference. CVRPC staff realizes that it is ideally better to have an alternate, as well as a Commissioner, but they recognize that it is not always possible to find two willing volunteers.
- b) Staff contacted the City's current representative and alternate, Tina Ruth and Kimberly Cheney. Tina would like to continue serving as the City's rep; Kim feels that it's time to let someone else serve as alternate.

- c) Recommendation: Reappoint Tina Ruth as the City's representative to the CVRPC; direct staff as to how the alternate seat should be filled.

4) 13-136. Discussion of City Council Goals and Priorities.

- a) The Council has been working on goals since March and held a work session on May 8th.
- b) The City Manager has prepared a draft of the goals based on the workshop discussion.
- c) Recommendation: Review draft goals; identify key items; make changes as desired; approve goals.

4) 13-136. Discussion of City Council Goals and Priorities.

5) 13-137. Carr Lot: Receive update on upper floor development of the multi-modal transit center and provide direction on the City's next step proposals.

- a) City Manager Bill Fraser provided an outline of ideas, decision points, and next steps related to upper floor development at the multi-modal transit center to be located on the Carr lot.
- b) Recommendation: Review and discuss the outline of what the City is seeking; approve the proposed steps, with or without amendments.

9) 13-141. Reports by City Council

10) 13-142. Mayor's Report

11) 13-143. Report by the City Clerk

12) 13-144. Status Reports by the City Manager

13) 13-145. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

- a) None as of "press time".

14) Adjournment