



**CITY OF
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Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday, March
27, 2013
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 13-085. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 13-086. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2013 Meeting.
 - b) Recognition, and signing, of a Proclamation for "Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service", April 9, 2013.
 - c) Approval of a "Declaration of Official Intent of the City of Montpelier to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from Proceeds of Indebtedness". City Attorney Paul Giuliani requests that this resolution be approved as part of the documents necessary for the public highway, sewer system and school building capital improvement bonds that will be issued this year.
 - d) Authorize permission for the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet Impala Police 4-door Sedan Model 1WS19 from Cody Chevrolet in the amount of \$22,393 (Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price with MPD specified options is \$29,350). The vehicle requested is within the budgetary amount specified, \$23,000.
 - e) Consideration of becoming the Liquor Control Commission for the purpose of acting on the following:
 1. Annual renewal of Liquor Licenses (City Clerk will distribute list of

applications at the meeting.)

2. Annual renewal of Tobacco Licenses (City Clerk will distribute the list of applications at the meeting.)

f) Payroll and Bills

4) 13-087. Appointment to Montpelier's Planning Commission

- a) John Bloch's 2-year term expires this month; staff advertised and only received one e-mail from John who is seeking reappointment.
- b) Recommendation: Appoint John Bloch to another 2-year term on the Planning Commission.

5) 13-088. First Public Hearing for a proposed amendment 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

- a) The following is an excerpt from a memo from Montpelier's Traffic Committee: "Beginning in the fall of 2012 and continuing into the winter months, motorists have been parking along the west side of Hubbard Street on the one-way section southerly of East State Street. Parking too close to the intersection on this narrow section of street is deemed to be unsafe due to the limited sight distance (restricted visibility) caused in part by the steep grade. Furthermore, a vehicle parked on the side of the street near the intersection results in a physically challenging maneuver for a motorist attempting to enter the street with a left or right turn and to negotiate between the parked vehicle on one side of the street and a guardrail on the opposite side. The situation worsened in the early winter months due to inclement weather and accumulation of snow banks further restricting the usable travel lane."
- b) Based on this information, the following amendment is proposed for Council consideration:
- c) (o) Hubbard Street. Parking is hereby prohibited on the east side of Hubbard Street from East State Street to Marvin Street, and on the west side of Hubbard Street from the Park Avenue curb line southerly for a distance of 50 feet; and also on the westerly side for a distance of one

hundred seventy-eight (178) feet northerly from the curb line intersection with East State Street, said point being sixty-six (66) feet northerly of the driveway to number 58 East State Street. Parking is also prohibited on the easterly side of Hubbard Street from its curb line intersection with Barre Street northerly for a distance of fifty (50) feet; and beginning at a point located two hundred twenty (220) feet from the curb line intersection of Barre Street and extending in a northeasterly direction for a distance of two hundred eighty (280) feet; and parking is prohibited on the westerly side of Hubbard Street from its curb line intersection with Barre Street northerly for a distance of ninety (90) feet; and on the westerly side from the curb line intersection of East State Street southerly for a distance of thirty three feet (33').

d) Recommendation: Conduct the First Public Hearing; possible direction to staff; set the date of the next Public Hearing for April 10, 2013.

6) 13-089. First Public Hearing for a proposed amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Building Regulations, Article 11, Codes - §201-4. AMENDMENTS

a) A recent review of this section of the Building Regulations has brought to question some concerns with residential additions, and renovations. Additionally, problems with water supply in some areas have made sprinkler installations difficult and costly. Based on this recent review, the Fire Chief would like to propose the following amendments:

1. Exception No. 4: Residential additions which do not exceed 50% of the square footage of the previously existing building or, in any case, 1,000 square feet. Residential additions which do exceed 50%, or 1,000 square feet, may however file an alternate Fire Safety Compliance Plan approved by the Fire Chief.

2. Add: Exception No. 7: In areas where insufficient water supply would cause an undue hardship, an alternate Fire Safety Compliance Plan can be submitted to the Fire Chief for approval.

b) Recommendation: Conduct the First Public Hearing; possible direction to staff; set the date of the next Public Hearing for April 10, 2013.

7) 13-090. Discussion of 58 Barre Street Senior Meals Program and proposed partnership with Just Basics, Inc. for providing Meals on Wheels.

- a) This item is included for consideration at the request of Janna Clar, Director of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center.
 - b) Recommendation: Discussion; possible direction to staff.
- 8) 13-091. Discussion of an RFP in which the City would solicit proposals for net-metered photovoltaic electricity generation on City property, at no cost to the City.
- a) This item is included at the request of City Councilor Anne Watson.
 - b) Recommendation: Receive further information from members of the Energy Committee; discussion; possible motion to issue an RFP.
- 9) 13-092. Further discussion re: Committee Assignments.
- a) At their March 13th meeting, Council reviewed the list of boards and commissions which City Councilors are liaisons to, or members of.
 - b) There were questions on the representation to the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier Alive and the T.W. Wood Art Gallery; Council chose to have a follow-up discussion at this meeting.
 - c) Recommendation: Receive any follow-up information or comments; decide whether or not these three organizations should have Council representation.
- 10) 13-093. Begin updating Council's Goals/Priorities for 2013-14.
- a) A list of the 2012-13 Goals is attached for review and status update.
 - b) Recommendation: Discussion.
- 11) 13-094. Council Reports
- 12) 13-095. Mayor's Report

13) 13-096. Report by the City Clerk

14) 13-097. Status Reports by the City Manager

15) 13-098. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

- a) Update on negotiations with the Carr Lot Project. It is anticipated that the entire substance of this update will be conducted in Executive Session under Title 1, V.S.A., §313, (a) (2) "The negotiating or securing of real estate purchase options."

16) Adjournment