



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, December
18, 2012
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 12-306. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 12-307. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approve Minutes from December 12, 2012 City Council Meeting.
 - b) Approve Corrections to the 2012 Grand List (Errors & Omissions) as provided by the Assessor's Office.
 - c) Approve a petition for a "Decision and Permit" submitted by Sovernet Fiber Corporation to obtain a license to attach aerial fiber-optic cable and associated appurtenances (including ground anchors) to utility poles located within municipal highway rights-of-ways.
 - 1) Sovernet is currently in the process of expanding throughout many areas of the state by attaching their systems to existing utility poles under the project name "Vermont Fiber Connect", a public-private partnership between the VT Telecommunications Authority and Sovernet Communications with funding in conjunction with the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.
 - 2) In some cases, the attachment of fiber-optic cables will require pole anchoring to support the added stresses. Many anchoring requirements will be accomplished through the use of existing

ground anchors while several will require new ground anchors. Of the 69 new ground anchors, 30 will be located on private property with the remaining to be placed within the municipal highway right-of-way.

- 3) DPW staff has inspected and photographed each of the anchor sites. The Sovernet agent mailed 284 informational letters to city residents in October. The site inspections revealed that existing anchors are in place at the majority of the locations and, therefore, it is felt that an additional anchor will have negligible impact. Where impacts are considered more significant, additional contact with the property owner is being initiated. The Public Works Department has reviewed the petition and is prepared to issue a "Construction & Access" Permit for the projects and will enforce applicable work zone construction activities and require payment of the permit fee upon approval of the utility petition.

- 4) Recommendation: Approval with the understanding that all affected property owners have been, or will be, notified prior to installation. If approved, a majority of the City Council must sign the petition in the space provided, and the City Clerk will record the document in the land records.

d) Payroll and Bills

- 4) 12-308. Receive update from representatives of GMTA on their FY '14 funding request of \$40,000 for the circulator bus.

- a) Attending from GMTA will be Meredith Birkett, Director of Planning and Marketing; Tawnya Kristen, Community Relations Manager; and David Armstrong, GMTA Planner.

- b) Recommendation: Following a brief presentation from GMTA staff, possible direction to staff.

- 5) 12-309. Continued discussion of the City's FY '14 Budget.

- 6) 12-310. Reports by City Council

- 7) 12-311. Mayor's Report

- 8) 12-312. Report by the City Clerk
- 9) 12-313. Status Reports by the City Manager
- 10) 12-314. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

Adjournment