



**CITY OF
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Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
October 10, 2012
06:30 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
- 2) 12-246. General Business and Appearances (Deborah Lamb, LCV Coordinating Producer for C-SPAN, will be attendance to introduce herself to the Council and briefly outline what they will be doing during their week-long visit to Montpelier; Press Release is attached.)
- 3) 12-247. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approve Minutes from the City Council's September 26th Meeting.
 - b) Approve Summary Budget Report by Department for General Fund and Detailed Budget Status Reports for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks Fund, Parking Fund and Senior Center Fund for a two-month period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending August 31, 2012.
 - c) Accept the price of \$61,022.18 (with no trade) submitted by Clark's Truck Center of Jericho, Vermont, for the replacement of Dump Truck #47 for the Public Works Department, and authorize the City Manager to sign all the necessary paperwork.
 - d) Approve the signing of a Proclamation, by the Mayor, for the "Extra Mile America Foundation".
 - e) Approval of Payroll and Bills

- 4) 12-248. Appointment to the Montpelier Housing Authority Board.
 - a) Each year, one board member's term expires in October; this year, it is Christine Zern's.
 - b) Staff advertised and received a request for reappointment from Christine and a request for appointment from Warren V. Vail, III.
 - c) Portions of the discussion related to this appointment may be eligible for Executive Session under 1 V.S.A., §313, (a)(3).
 - d) Recommendation: Appointment to fill the 5-year term.
- 5) 12-249. Appointment of Youth Member(s) to Montpelier's Conservation Commission .
 - a) On December 3rd, 2008, Council adopted an Amendment Resolution to create the Montpelier Conservation Commission which would include two (2) youth (age 15-18) members to the Commission for renewable one-year terms.
 - b) Staff advertised and received a letter of interest from Montpelier High School student Meghan Wingate.
 - c) Recommendation: Appoint Meghan Wingate as a Youth Member to Montpelier's Conservation Commission for another one-year term.
- 6) 12-250. Appointment of Youth Member(s) to Montpelier's Planning Commission .
 - a) On February 20th, 2008, Council voted to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow two ex-officio youth members (15-18) to the Planning Commission for renewable one-year terms. A Resolution (showing this amendment to the original Resolution Re-creating the Planning Commission in September of 2002) was approved and signed as well.
 - b) Staff advertised and received a letter of interest from Montpelier High School student Thomas Nowlan.

- c) Recommendation: Appoint Thomas Nowlan as a Youth Member to Montpelier's Planning Commission for a one-year term.

7) 12-251. Presentation from Tree Board representatives.

- a) Co-chair John Snell requested time on this agenda to briefly update City Council about the work the Board has done over the past year.
- b) Recommendation: Receive presentation and opportunity to ask questions; no voting action is requested.

8) 12-252. Budget Committee Report.

- a) On June 13th, 2012, Council appointed 19 citizens to form this committee and adopted the following official charge for them: "The committee will be charged with comparing the costs and effectiveness of Montpelier's municipal services with those provided by comparable communities. The committee is authorized to make any recommendations it believes are appropriate related to its charge. The committee is requested to supply a report to the City Council by September 17, 2012." (A few weeks ago, the committee asked for an extension of time.)
- b) Recommendation: Receive report; discussion; and direction to staff.

9) 12-253. Receive update on City Hall Sign Project.

- a) Paul Carnahan requested time on this agenda to address this issue. He will not have a specific proposal for the Council to adopt or reject; rather, he would like to get the sense of the Council as to whether or not they should continue to try and find a building sign that people like; should they can use all of the money allocated by the Council for the other half of the project (i.e. an information/events sign); or should the project be dropped all together.
- b) Recommendation: Discussion; provide direction to Montpelier Alive's Design Committee.

10) 12-254. Consideration of Policy for the Montpelier Community Fund Board.

- a) At their September 26th meeting, Bernie Lambek of the Board asked that this item be added to the agenda, stating in an e-mail to staff that "the Community Fund Board wishes to propose revisions to the Policy Statement."
- b) Following a discussion, Council chose to not take action that evening but to put the item back on this agenda, giving staff an opportunity to post the proposed amendment(s) so that Council and the public have more time to review their proposal.
- c) Recommendation: Adopt policy, following any further comments from the MCF Board and questions from Council.

11) 12-255. Hebert Road Transmission

- a) Some Hebert Road residents have raised concerns about radiation from the sewer pump station transmission system in their neighborhood.
- b) Public Works Director Todd Law, Fire Chief/Health Officer Bob Gowans and Council Members Timpone, Weiss and Golonka have been meeting with the residents.
- c) The Vermont Department of Health provided their expert on these matters to meet with the residents and to test the transmitter. The report and the City Manager's letter to residents have been provided to the Council. Staff has asked for cost estimates for alternative ways of transferring this data if necessary.
- d) This item was tabled from the June 13th agenda, and again on July 18th, in order to give the committee additional time to review the report. City Councilor Golonka requested this item be added to this agenda for further discussion "as a way to come to some sort of conclusion or direction from the whole Council."
- e) Recommendation: Review the committee's report and recommendation; discussion with committee members and residents; direction to staff.

4) 12-248. Appointment to the Montpelier Housing Authority Board.

12) 12-256. Council Reports

13) 12-257. Mayor's Report

14) 12-258. Report by the City Clerk

15) 12-259. Status Reports by the City Manager

16) 12-260. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

Adjournment

13) 12-257. Mayor's Report