



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
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Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
February 8, 2012
7:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
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- 2) 12-041. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 12-042. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the Minutes from the January 4th, January 11th, and January 26th, 2012 City Council Meetings.
 - b) Consideration of making application to the U. S. Forest Service for a grant that would provide evaluation and design services to potential customers to the district heat system.
 - 1) The U. S. Forest Service has a grant solicitation for greater use of forest resource for using low-value woody biomass material to create renewable energy.
 - 2) Grant funds would be used to further the planning of such facilities by funding the engineering services necessary for final design and cost analysis for the connection of customers to the district heat system. There is a 20% match requirement. This would be met by requesting a contribution from the entities receiving the service and an in-kind contribution by the city.
 - c) 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 six-month period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011.

d) Consideration of the becoming the Liquor Control Commission for the purpose of acting on the following:

1. Ratification of the issuance of Catering Permits to Yebba, Inc., d/b/a The Abbey Pub & Restaurant, for ?

A. Two Wine Receptions scheduled to be held from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the State House. One scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th; the other on Thursday, January 26th.

B. Two more Wine Receptions at the State House from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. One scheduled for January 31st; the second held on February 1st.

2. Ratification of the issuance of Catering Permits to Valley Bowl, Inc., from Randolph. One for a Graduation held on Friday, February 3rd, from 8:00 P.M. to 1:30 A.M. at Noble Hall; the other for a Legislative Reception on Tuesday, February 7th, from 3:30 to 7:00 P.M. at the Vermont State Employees Association Office, 155 State Street.

3. Ratification of the issuance of a Catering Permit to The Skinny Pancake for a Legislative Reception (beer and wine) held on Thursday, February 2nd, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at City Center, 89 Main Street.

e) Payroll and Bills

4) 12-043. Setting of "approximate times" for the following agenda items.

5) 12-044. Presentation of the City's Audit Report for fiscal year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011.

a) Steve Love of Love, Cody & Company, CPA's, will present the Audit Report to the Council.

- b) Recommendation: Receive report; opportunity for discussion; acceptance of the City's FY 11 Audit Report.

6) 12-045. Carr Lot Update

- a) Jeff Tucker from DuBois & King will provide this update to the City Council.
- b) Recommendation: Receive update; opportunity for discussion.

7) 12-046. Flood Mitigation Update

- a) Jeff Tucker will also be providing this update.
- b) Recommendation: Receive update; opportunity for discussion.

9) 12-048. Receive Rec Department Report

- a) Following the Recreation Department Review Committee's meeting on February 2nd, City Councilor Angela Timpone requested that this item be place on this evening' agenda.
- b) Recommendation: Receive report; discussion.

8) 12-047. Consideration of an "Our Town Grant" from the National Endowment of the Arts.

- a) Planning and Community Development staff drafted a concept paper and convened a meeting of stakeholders last week to discuss the grant application.
- b) A draft of the application, which is due March 1st, will be available for the City Council's review.
- c) The grant program encourages communities to "create livable, sustainable neighborhoods with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, distinct identities, a sense of place, and vibrant local economies that capitalize on existing local assets." Details can be found at:

<http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>.

- d) Recommendation: Planning staff will further explain this application; opportunity for discussion; direction to staff.

10) 12-049. Council Reports

11) 12-050. Mayor's Report

12) 12-051. Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer

13) 12-052. Status Reports by the City Manager

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14) 12-053. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

- a) Staff would like to provide Council with an update on water discussions with the Town of Berlin.
- b) Possible Executive Session in accordance with Title I, VSA §313, Executive Sessions, (a) (1) "Contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration, mediation, grievances, civil actions, or prosecutions by the state, where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the state, municipality or other public body, or person involved at a substantial disadvantage."

Adjournment