



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER,
VERMONT**

Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Thursday, January
26, 2012
07:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
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- 2) 12-024. Meeting with Attorney Robert Fletcher, regarding a mediation session for National Life's property value appeal.
 - a) 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. 7:00 P.M. **TELEVISED PORTION OF MEETING BEGINS ?**
- 3) 12-025. General Business and Appearances
- 4) 12-026. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of the minutes from the December 21st, 2011 (evening) City Council Meeting.
 - b) Acting as the Liquor Control Commission, City Council Members may now consider the following permits:
 - 1) Ratification of the issuance of a Catering Permit to Yebba, Inc., d/b/a The Abbey Pub & Restaurant, for an afternoon Reception

that was held from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 11th, 2012 in the State House Food Court.

- c) Approval of Payroll and Bills
- 5) 12-027. Setting of "approximate times" for the following agenda items.
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- 6) 12-028. Appointments to Montpelier's Business Loan Fund Committee.
 - a) Both Kim Phalen's and Stephan Klein's terms expire this month. Staff advertised and received the following responses: Kim and Steve are seeking reappointment; Kimberly Cheney also submitted a letter of interest.
 - b) Recommendation: Discuss the committee's membership; appointments.
- 7) 12-029. Conduct Second Public Hearing on Proposed FY13 Municipal Budget.
 - a) The City Manager presented a series of budget alternatives on December 7th, 2011.
 - b) The Council conducted budget workshops on December 7th, December 14th, December 21st, 2011; and January 4th, 2012.
 - c) The First Public Hearing was held on January 11th.
 - d) The proposed FY13 General Fund budget is \$10,929,853 which is 0.6% increase from FY12. When combined with the proposed Recreation Budget, the budget requires 0.8 cent (0.84%) increase in the municipal tax rate and includes a bond for infrastructure improvements and equipment purchase. The budget also contemplates ballot items in the amount of \$140,175 which would require an additional 1.7 cents on the tax rate.
 - e) Recommendation: Conduct Second Public Hearing. Adopt final city Council budget for presentation to voters on March 6th.

- 7) 12-029. Conduct Second Public Hearing on Proposed FY13 Municipal Budget.
- 10) 12-032. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the City's Charter.
 - a) The following articles are being considered for inclusion on the Warning for the City Meeting scheduled to be held on March 6, 2012:
 - b) ARTICLE 10. Shall the city amend Title XII - Section 2 of the city charter to allow for the assessment of a 1% local sales tax as per amendment language filed with the City Clerk on January 4, 2012? 20% of revenues received will be dedicated for business development and/or business promotion. 80% of all revenues received will be dedicated to offset property tax revenue. (Requested by the City Council)
 - c) ARTICLE 11. Shall the city amend Title XII - Section 2 of the city charter to allow for the assessment of 1% local rooms, meals and alcohol taxes as per amendment language filed with the City Clerk on January 4, 2012? 100% of revenues received will be dedicated for infrastructure improvements and maintenance. (Requested by the City Council)
 - d) ARTICLE 12. Shall the city amend Title V - Sections 1 and 3 and adding a new section 4 of the city charter (and renumber remaining sections accordingly) to change the signature requirement for legally binding petitions from 5% of registered voters to 10% of registered voters as per amendment language filed with the City Clerk on January 4, 2012? (Requested by the City Council)
 - e) Recommendation: Conduct the Public Hearing; choose whether to include these items on the March 6th ballot.
- 8) 12-030. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following Article and its inclusion on the Warning for the City's March 6th Annual Meeting.
 - a) ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters authorize the City Council to borrow a sum not to exceed \$870,000 for infrastructure improvements and equipment purchase? If approved, bonds for these capital items would be issued for a term of 20 years. With a 20 year bond, approximately \$23,500 would be required for the first year interest payment and approximately \$74,300 for the second year principal and interest payment and future payments declining each year as the principal is repaid. (Requested by the City

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- b) Recommendation: Conduct the Public Hearing; direction to staff.
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- 9) 12-031. Consideration of a Necessity Resolution for Agenda Item #12-029 which reads: "RESOLVED, that the public interest and necessity demand that certain infrastructure improvements be made, viz. street improvements including retaining walls, storm drains, culverts and street rehabilitation, fire truck purchase, facilities repairs, and ADA renovations at an estimated aggregate cost of Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$870,000) ?"
 - 11) 12-033. Receive, review and approve any Petitions filed for inclusion on the March 6th, 2012 Annual City Meeting Warning.
 - 12) 12-034. Conduct Second Public Hearing on Warning for the March 6, 2012 Annual City Meeting.
 - a) Council conducted the First Public Hearing on January 11th, 2012; this hearing is the deadline for all petitioned ballot items.
 - b) Recommendation: Conduct the Public Hearing; approve final warning for presentation to voters.
 - 13) 12-035. Status Review of Major Projects.
 - a) Council has requested regular progress reports regarding major projects.
 - b) Reports have been prepared indicating project budgets, sources of funding, expenses to date, and anticipated project schedules. These will be updated quarterly.
 - c) Recommendation: Discussion, accept reports.
 - 14) 12-036. Reports by City Council
 - 15) 12-037. Mayor's Report
 - 16) 12-038. Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer

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17) 12-039. Status Reports by the City Manager

18) 12-040. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

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