CITY OF MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER, VERMONT

Agenda for City Council Meeting
Wednesday,
December 21, 2011
06:30 P.M.

1) Call to Order by the Mayor

2) 11-320. General Business and Appearances

3) 11-321. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

   a) Summary Budget Reports 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 for a 4-month period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending October 31, 2011.

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

      1. None as of "press time"

   c) Payroll and Bills

4) 11-322. Setting of "approximate times" for the following agenda items.

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5) 11-323. Update from representatives of the Wood Art Gallery on the Gallery's collection as it was bequeathed by Thomas W. Wood.

6) 11-324. Complete review of Operating Budgets for Administration, Fire and

Police Departments.

7) 11-325. Consideration of amendments to the City's Charter which would change the percentage of registered voters needed from 5% to 10% for petitions requesting that articles be placed on City Meeting Warnings (§5-501); for a Special City Meeting to be called or rescinded (§5-503); and for the reconsideration or rescission of action taken on a warned article at an Annual or Special Meeting (§5-513).

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8) 11-326. Consideration of two amendments to the City's Charter to allow for the collection of a local options tax.

a) A rooms/meals/alcohol tax which would be dedicated to infrastructure improvements.

b) A sales tax, a portion of which would go to property tax reduction and a portion to supporting economic development.

a) Recommendation: Review and discuss information; vote as to whether or not Council wishes to pursue.

9) 11-327. Consideration of the oversight of the Recreation Department.

a) Council Member Tom Golonka asked that this be included on this evening's agenda; he is concerned about the finance piece in the short term.

b) Based on the MATRIX Report, the current desire of the City Council to explore potential synergies between multiple city departments, the aging demographics of the town as well as our fiduciary responsibility as the legislative body of the community, the following motion is proposed:

1) In accordance with Title VIII, Section 7, of the Montpelier City

Charter, we hereby request the City Manager to resume oversight and control, in concert with this body, of the Recreation Department effective July 1, 2012.

c) Recommendation: Discussion; possible direction to staff.

9) 11-327. Consideration of the oversight of the Recreation Department.

10) 11-328. Update on District Heat with possible voting on agreements with the State.

a) City officials have been negotiating an energy purchase agreement and a procurement agreement with the State Department of Buildings and General Services for the District Heat Project.

b) Manager will update Council on status of negotiations.

c) If tentative agreements have been reached in advance, possible draft agreements will be presented to the Council for consideration.

d) Recommendation: Receive update; review documents, if available; take action as necessary.

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11) 11-329. Reports by City Council

12) 11-330. Mayor's Report

13) 11-331. Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer

14) 11-332. Status Reports by the City Manager

15) 11-333. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

Adjournment

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