



**CITY OF
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Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
November 9, 2011
07:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order by the Mayor
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- 2) 11-270. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 11-271. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Consideration of Minutes from the October 26th, 2011 City Council Meeting (following the Community Dinner/Town Hall Meeting).
 - b) Ratification of 2011-2014 Police Union Contract.
 - c) Consideration of authorizing the purchase of an Automated emergency notification system to alert residents and business owners of emergency situations in Montpelier. Police, Fire/EMS, the Planning Department and "Montpelier Alive" were involved in the selection process. Recommendation: Based on the City's criteria, product demonstration and cost, staff believes Blackboard Connect is the best choice for this service. The annual cost of their services is \$6,687.13.
 - d) Approval and signing of a "Municipal Electronic Funds Transfer Agreement" with the Merchants Bank. The Merchants Bank Government Banking Department annually requests a review of their documents by Attorney Paul Giuliani. As part of the review, the

Electronics Fund Transfer (EFT) Agreement is included. The EFT document relates to their on-line banking product and more specifically, the capability of sending and receiving files by means of the Automated Clearing House (ACH). As ACH activity is an extension of credit, a recommendation has been made to have that reflected in the documents. As with traditional loan documents, the Merchants Bank is now requesting that the majority of the Council and the Treasurer of the municipality sign the agreement.

- e) Approval of a "Sales Order" from ACS to re-index the City's Land Records starting on December 31, 1992, and working back in time to bring these records onto the 20/20 system and making the index and images available on the computer. The City Clerk-Treasurer would like to use \$40,000 from the Records Restoration Fund to bring those land record documents online. Recommendation: Approval of the expenditure for this project and authorization for the City Manager to sign the Sales Order Agreement.

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

- 1) Application for a Special Event Permit from Mark Simakaski, d/b/a Artesano, LLC of Groton, for the "Touch of Vermont Holiday Gift Market" scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 10th, 2011 from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Auditorium. Their beverages will be served within a 10-foot space in the vending area of the market.

- g) Payroll and Bills

- 4) 11-272. "SETTING OF TIMES" by City Council for the evening ?

- 5) 11-273. Update from The Basement Teen Center.

- a) Teen Center staff member Casey Willard contacted the City Manager's Office in October, asking if they could provide an update to the Council at one of their upcoming meetings.

- b) As part of their presentation, Casey said they will be showing a short documentary; this is something that the teens have put together which focuses on teens having an active part in the community.

- c) Recommendation: Receive the update and presentation of the documentary; opportunity for discussion.

6) 11-274. Housing Barriers Committee Report.

- a) Four Council "Summer Study Committees" were formed in the spring; the Housing Barriers Committee was one of the four. Their charge was to "identify barriers to new housing in the city; select a date to convene a 'housing summit' to identify barriers and develop options for what the City can do to foster new housing.

- b) Recommendation: Receive report.

7) 11-275. Update from the City's rep to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

- a) Mia Moore, the City's rep to the CVSWMD has asked for time on this evening's agenda to report to Council the activities of the CVSWMD during the past year.

- b) Recommendation: Receive update; discussion; possible direction to Ms. Moore.

7) 11-275. Update from the City's rep to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

8) 11-276. Receive and discuss the Taser Committee's Final Report to the City Council.

- a) This committee has met regularly since the Council appointed them in May; two public hearings were held and now the Council has received their final report.

- b) Recommendation: Review and discuss the report with committee members; Council will make their decision on November 16th.

8) 11-276. Receive and discuss the Taser Committee's Final Report to the City Council.

9) 11-277. Regional Services Meeting Follow-up

- a) The governing bodies from Barre, Barre Town, Berlin and Montpelier met on Thursday, November 3rd, at the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce Office.
- b) Report #2 of the Public Safety Committee was presented. This Committee was formed to "Create a public safety authority that provides the four communities of Barre, Barre Town, Berlin and Montpelier with an affordable, integrated, efficient system of public safety services (fire, police, ambulance, dispatch) that protects public welfare and provides rapid responses with highly qualified personnel when emergency situations arise."
- c) As outlined in the report, the next steps the Committee's looking at are:
 - 1) Member towns commit to a non-binding ballot item in their respective communities which solicits preliminary support for a combined public safety authority.
 - 2) Each community includes \$15,000 in their respective 2012-2013 budgets for further work of the committee.
 - 3) The committee would continue to refine the preliminary cost sharing formula, as well as the governance model for the authority.
 - 4) The committee would continue an educational and outreach role in each community leading to the town meeting vote.
 - 5) If successful, the committee will facilitate the hiring of a consultant to work with the committee on the next steps needed including potential charter changes, legal review, cost sharing models, asset and liability review, and governance and transition planning.
- d) Recommendation: Discussion; possible direction to staff.

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10) 11-278. Department Reports

- a) As outlined in the City of Montpelier's FY ?13 Budget Schedule (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013), Reports from City Departments are scheduled to be heard this evening.
- b) Those departments presenting at this meeting will be Police, Fire and Public Works.
- c) Recommendation: Receive reports; possible direction to staff.

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11) 11-279. Reports by City Council

12) 11-280. Mayor's Report

13) 11-281. Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer

14) 11-282. Status Reports by the City Manager

15) 11-283. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

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