CITY OF MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER, VERMONT

Agenda for City Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2011
07:00 P.M.

1) Call to Order by the Mayor

2) 11-081. General Business and Appearances

   a) Police Officer Kevin Moulton will take this opportunity to introduce the Department's newest employee ? Kevin's canine, Jake.

3) 11-082. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

   a) Consideration of the Minutes from the January 12th and January 24th, 2011, City Council Meetings.

   b) Consideration of the following requests from Anne-Marie Keppel, Coordinator for the 7th Annual Montpelier Fashion Show:

      1) permission to close State Street (from Main to Elm) on Saturday, June 4th, from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.;

      2) authorization to work under the City's insurance policy as in years past; and

      3) approval of waiving Vendors' fees for one day only (Saturday, June 4th).

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

1) Ratification of the issuance of a Catering Permit to 10 Gems, LLC, d/b/a The Black Door, for a Green Mountain Film Festival Reception held on Thursday, March 17th, from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. at the Wood Art Gallery.

2) Application for an Educational Sampling Event Permit from David E. Woinar/Distilled Spirits Council (from Washington, D.C.) for an Educational Sampling Event for Members of the Vermont Legislature scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 21st, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Capitol Plaza.

3) Annual renewal of Liquor Licenses (City Clerk will distribute list of applications at the meeting.)

4) Annual renewal of Tobacco Licenses (City Clerk will distribute the list of applications at the meeting.)

d) Payroll and Bills

4) 11-083. Opportunity for Richard Sheir to discuss (in his words), "the collective tax rate on the City's schools and the impact of a serious decline of the City's schools on the city as a whole in the longer term."

a) Mr. Sheir requested that he be placed on the agenda for this evening's meeting.

b) Recommendation: Receive Mr. Sheir's comments; discussion.

5) 11-084. GMTA Update

a) City Councilor Nancy Sherman requested time on this evening's agenda for Tawnya Kristen, Public Outreach Coordinator for GMTA, to discuss the formation of a Circulator Bus Committee to work with GMTA on designing this new service, as well as introduce proposed public hearing dates in April to receive citizen input ? possibly April 13th and 20th.

b) The vision of the committee is to have Council representation (two

members), along with any other major stakeholders such as the Senior Center; Beverlee Pembroke Hill has requested to be involved with the route development on behalf of the Senior Center.

c) Recommendation: Receive update; discuss; and appoint members to the Circulator Bus Committee.

6) 11-085. Workshop to discuss Department Heads' goals and concerns.

a) City Council Members have set the date of March 30th for their Goal-setting Workshop; instead of including the Department Heads on the 30th, Council chose to have their discussion with Department Heads at this meeting.

b) The Police, Fire, Public Works, Finance and Planning Departments will be represented; some of the smaller departments were encouraged to submit their lists, in writing, for distribution.

c) Recommendation: Receive reports from the Department Heads; with discussion following each.

7) 11-086. District Energy Project Update

8) 11-087. Mayor's Report

9) 11-088. Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer

10) 11-089. Status Reports by the City Manager

11) 11-090. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

a) Update on Union Negotiations (Council may vote to enter into an 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