CITY OF MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER, VERMONT

Agenda for City Council Meeting (Auto-Generated Trim Backup)
Wednesday, January 5, 2011
07:00 P.M.

1) 11-001. Call to Order by the Mayor

2) 11-002. General Business and Appearances

3) 11-003. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

a) Consideration of approving a VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans) grant reimbursement form (TA-65) certifying that work supported by a VTrans grant known as "Town Highway Structures Program" and awarded to the City through its Public Works Department has been completed in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The grant assisted project completed this summer was the reconstruction of a retaining wall located on North Street with a final cost of $184,784.75. Of this total, $161,100.00 is eligible for reimbursement at a rate of 90%. At this time, we may only seek partial reimbursement in the amount of $84,408.88 as indicated on the TA-65 form. This amount is the original approved grant funding based on the preliminary construction cost estimate prepared in 2008. The balance of the funds ($60,581.12) will be requested in the next State fiscal year as part of a grant amendment request submitted prior to beginning the project and approved by Agency officials. The amendment will be processed and funds committed in June, 2011. With the amendment, the revised total grant award will be $144,990.00 equaling the maximum of 90% of the eligible project cost. City Council members are asked to acknowledge their approval by signing the attached form.

b) Consideration of approving, by ratification, a land transfer between

Duane Wells and the City of Montpelier's Police Department regarding property located on Pitkin Court. A land transfer, with associated maintenance and parking agreements, was agreed upon as part of the development plans for the new Police Department with negotiations beginning in 1998 and finalized in 2000. The site plan and property line adjustments were approved by the Planning Commission in 2000 as part of site plan review. The land exchange effectively realigned the boundary line located between the parcels. However, recent research conducted in response to questions regarding the assignment of winter maintenance responsibilities caused staff to discover that the proper deeds were never recorded in the Montpelier land records (see memorandum to City Manager prepared by Tom McArdle, Public Works Department). Compensation for the land exchange was provided and the respective parties have conducted all affairs since the construction of the Police Department with the full understanding that the deeds had been properly executed and recorded.

Recommendation: Approval of the warranty deed from the City to Duane Wells; acceptance of the warranty deed from Duane Wells to the City; and assignment of the City Manager to sign the documents on behalf of the City Council as the City's duly authorized agent.

c) Consideration of becoming the Liquor Control Commission for the purpose of acting on the following: None as of "Press time."

d) Approval of Payroll and Bills

3) 11-003. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

4) 11-004. Convene the Second Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Montpelier Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

a) The proposed amendment relates to floodplain development and is required by the National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP) because the City of Montpelier participates in the program.

b) The proposed bylaw amendment allows the City of Montpelier to continue meeting the minimum requirements of the NFIP.

c) City Council conducted the First Public Hearing on December 15th; the specific changes, as well as any further amendments made on December

15th, are outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing (attached). A copy is also available and can be downloaded from the front page of the City of Montpelier's website: http://www.montpelier-vt.org

Recommendation: Conduct the Second Public Hearing; approve the proposed amendments, with or without further changes.

5) 11-005. District Heat Update

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6) 11-006. Finalize the city Council's Proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget

7) 11-007. Reports by City Council

8) 11-008. Mayor's Report

9) 11-009. Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer

10) 11-010. Status Reports by the City Manager

11) 11-011. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

Adjournment