



**CITY OF
MONTPELIER
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Agenda for City
Council Meeting
Wednesday,
November 10, 2010
07:00 P.M.

- 1) 10-276. Call to Order by the Mayor
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- 2) 10-277. General Business and Appearances
- 3) 10-278. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:
 - a) Summary Budget Report 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 Fund for a three-month period beginning July 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2010.
 - 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 10 Gems, LLC, d/b/a The Black Door Bar & Bistro, for a Fundraiser to benefit the Montpelier Senior Center scheduled to be held on Friday, November 12th, from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. in the City Hall Auditorium.
 - 2) Request from Crystal Maderia, d/b/a Kismet, for the transfer of their Liquor License from 207 Barre Street to their new location at 52 State Street.

- 3) Application for a Special Event Permit from Saxtons River Distillery in order to participate in the "Touch of Vermont Holiday Gift Market" in the Montpelier City Hall Auditorium on Saturday, December 11th, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; they will be set up in a controlled 9' x 9' booth.
- c) Approval of Payroll and Bills
- 4) 10-279. Introduction of the newly-appointed Executive Director of "Montpelier Alive".
 - a) Chuck D'Aprix was hired in September to serve as the City's new Executive Director.
 - b) "Montpelier Alive" President Shawn Bryan and Chuck requested a few minutes on tonight's agenda for a formal introduction.
 - c) Recommendation: Introduction; opportunity to visit with Mr. D'Aprix.
- 5) 10-280. Appointment to Montpelier's Design Review Committee.
 - a) Staff advertised to fill Steven Burkholder's unexpired term; one letter of interest was received from Zachary Brock.
 - b) Recommendation: Opportunity to meet Mr. Brock; appointment to fill the 3-year term which will expire in September, 2012.
- 6) 10-281. Presentation by Bev Allen re: banning the use of plastic bags by Montpelier merchants.
 - a) Ms. Allen addressed the Council, under General Business and Appearances, at one of their October meetings; since then, she has also discussed this issue with the City Manager.
 - b) As a result, she will plan on filing a petition with the City Clerk to request that this item be placed on the March Meeting ballot.
 - c) In the meantime, she wanted an opportunity to outline her proposal and

to answer any questions that the Council, or members of the audience, may have. She has provided a copy of the "Bag Reduction Ordinance" adopted by the City of Berkeley as a sample.

- d) Recommendation: Receive Ms. Allen's proposal; opportunity for discussion.

7) 10-282. Discussion regarding Alternative Revenues.

- a) Mayor Hooper requested this item to discuss:
 - 1) Trends on property taxes;
 - 2) What could be raised in rooms, meals, alcohol, and sales taxes; and
 - 3) Weighing the options of the personal property tax.
- b) Recommendation: Discussion; possible direction to staff.

7) 10-282. Discussion regarding Alternative Revenues.

8) 10-283. Rail Update

- a) Mayor Hooper has requested that Council receive regular updates on the rail situation.
- b) Recommendation: Receive update; opportunity for discussion; and possible direction to staff.

8) 10-283. Rail Update

13) 10-288. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

- a) Discussion regarding the court decision on the Sheil appeal.
 - 1) Since receiving the court's decision, City Councilors have not had the opportunity to discuss and decide what the City's next step(s)

should be.

- 2) City Council may choose to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Title I, Section 313, Subsection (a) for the purpose of discussing this litigation.

- 3) Recommendation: Direction to staff.

13) 10-288. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

9) 10-284. Council Reports

10) 10-285. Mayor's Report

11) 10-286. Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer

12) 10-287. Status Reports by the City Manager

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