

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 12/11/2015

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

Monday, December 14th Montpelier Community Fund Board, 3:30 P.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room

MOWATT HEARING POSTPONED

Planning Commission, 5:30 P.M. at Montpelier High School Library

Tuesday, December 15th Transportation Advisory Committee, 5:00 P.M. at Police Department Community Room

Design Review Committee, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

Montpelier Energy Committee, 7:00 P.M. in the Memorial Room

Wednesday, December 16th Special City Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

Thursday, December 17th Housing Task Force, 5:15 P.M. at the Police Department Community Room

"Friends of the Winooski", 6:00 P.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room

FOR YOUR CALENDARS ...

✓ Thursday, January 28, 2016 Welcome Legislators Reception, Capitol Plaza (Governor's Ballroom), 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

ATTACHMENTS ...

 *None*

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Recreation and Montpelier Senior Activity Center Partnership

The Recreation Department, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, and the Manager's Office met this week to continue conversations about the transition of Recreation to City management and the potential for staff from the two departments to coordinate work to find efficiencies. The teams discussed the need to come up with a vision for what a merged department might look like in the future and the potential of sharing/better coordinating administrative and facilities support. The work of moving toward integration will continue over the next six months to a year.

Economic Development Strategic Plan

The Economic Development Strategic Plan Steering Committee met this week with Peter Fairweather, the consultant writing the Plan. Peter has pulled together Montpelier specific data and is using it, along with feedback he is hearing through stakeholder meetings, to develop recommendations for consideration. It is anticipated that public forums will be held in February to share this data, as well as potential economic tools, with the public. The Steering Committee will set the timeline for these meetings in early January.

Legal

VCFA vs. City, Tax Appeal. – Motions for Summary Judgment were filed by both parties on June 15. Represented by Robert Fletcher.

Illuzzi vs. City, Law, Motyka, Renaud Bros. – Motions have been filed; going into mediation. Represented by Constance Tryon Bell through VLCT.

Hallsmith Grievance Hearing wrapped up on November 18, 2015; each party has to submit their briefs and findings to the neutral hearing officer, Michael Marks, by the 9th of December. Although there is no set period of time in which Attorney Marks is required to provide his findings, City's counsel has indicated that Attorney Marks *might* possibly issue his findings within 30 days.

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

None

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TOPICS FOR UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

December 14

Continuation of Mowatt Hearing Postponed

December 16

Budget
Conservation Commission Update
Mountaineers Lease
CVRPC – Wrightsville Beach
Conservation Commission

January 6, 2016

Budget

January 13

1st Public Hearing on Budget
1st Public Hearing on Warning
Public Hearing on Charter Change
Necessity Resolution for Bond
Bond Public Hearing
Kiosks – Smart Meters

January 21 (Thursday)

2nd Public Hearing on Budget & Adoption
2nd Public Hearing on Warning & Adoption
Deadline for Petitioned Items
Bond Public Hearing



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City Manager