

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
MONTPELIER, VERMONT**

Agenda for Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Review of Vouchers

Call to Order by the Mayor

09-262. General Business and Appearances

(Reading of a Proclamation for Montpelier Housing Task Force 10th Anniversary Achievement and Awareness Week)

09-263. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

- Consideration of the minutes from the October 14th, 2009 City Council Meeting.
- Consideration of a request from Pinky Cark, contact person for the **Air Force Band Concert** being organized by **Montpelier Alive**, for a waiver of the City Hall Auditorium rental fee for this event being held on Sunday, November 1st.
- Consideration of awarding the five-year \$180,000 Ambulance Lease Purchase and the five-year \$180,000 Grader Lease Purchase to the low bidder, TD Equipment Finance, Inc., and to authorize the City Treasurer and City Manager to sign lease documents for the City of Montpelier.
- Consideration of the 58 Barre Street Planning Grant “Reapplication” in order to get a new Resolution in time for the application deadline of November 3rd.
- Consideration of becoming the Liquor Control Commission for the purpose of reviewing the following:
 - ❖ Ratification of the issuance of a Catering Permit to Vermont Hospitality Management, d/b/a New England Culinary Institute, for a Reception and Dinner on Monday, October 26th, from 4:30 to 10:00 P.M. at the National Life Hopkins House. (Because of the close timeline, the City Clerk polled City Councilors at their Work Session held on October 21st)
- Approval of payroll and bills:
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09-264. Appointment to Montpelier’s Design Review Committee.

- ❖ Jamie Duggan’s term expires this month; he has indicated that he would like to be reappointed to his position.
- ❖ Staff advertised for this vacancy, as well as one 3-year Alternate seat that is still vacant; as of the deadline, one letter of interest had been received from:

Muffie (Miriam) Conlon
61 Clarendon Avenue

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Recommendation: Reappointment of Jamie Duggan to his 3-year seat; opportunity to meet Ms. Conlon; appoint her to a 3-year Alternate seat.

09-265.

Second Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances, **Chapter 11, POLICE REGULATIONS AND OFFENSES, ARTICLE V. USE OF FIREARMS, BB GUNS, BOW AND ARROWS, AND SIMILAR WEAPONS.**

- ★ Parks Director Geoff Beyer would like to expand the area limiting the discharge of weapons within city limits. He is proposing the following amendment:

Sec. 11-502. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS OR WEAPONS IN [HUBBARD PARK] ANY CITY PARK.

The discharge of a revolver, pistol, rifle, shotgun, air rifle, BB gun, arrow from a bow, or a similar firearm or weapon within the limits of Hubbard Park, North Branch River Park or any city park is not permitted without written permission of the Police and Parks Departments.

- ★ City Council conducted the First Public Hearing on October 14th when it was noted that the Police Chief totally supports this amendment.

Recommendation: Conduct the Second Public Hearing; direction to staff if there are any further changes; and adoption.

09-266.

Consideration of a request from James Duke, Training and Employment Coordinator for VATD (Vermont Associates for Training and Development,) seeking some free parking for their staff.

- ❖ Council Members have received a copy of a letter from Mr. Duke which outlines what VATD does as a non-profit.
- ❖ This item was on the Council's October 14th agenda but because of a miscommunication, Mr. Duke was not in attendance that evening to discuss this item with Council; item was tabled.

Recommendation: Receive verbal request from Mr. Duke; discussion; possible direction to staff.

09-267.

Consideration of a request from The Pyralisk Arts Center that payback be forgiven by the City on a \$15,000 loan/grant that the Pyralisk has with the City.

- ★ The loan was approved by the City Council on July 26th, 2000; the Center had been denied a planning grant from the Vermont Community Development Program which cited the City of Montpelier's excess Community Development Block Grant funds as a preferred alternative source for the funds.
- ★ The Pyralisk proposes to place these funds in a trust for endowment of the arts.

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- ★ In a memo from Attorney Dot Helling, she states that, “The Pyralisk has worked so very hard, with the City’s assistance, for ten years to try and establish an art center on Stone Cutters Way. We hope to have something to show for the efforts and something the Pyralisk can use to give back to the cultural community that is Montpelier.”
- ★ Members of the Pyralisk Board will be in attendance to discuss this matter with the City Council.

Recommendation: Discuss this request with board members; possible direction to staff.

09-268. Report from the City Manager on the status of Council projects, priorities and staff expectations.

- ✓ Report on projects.
- ✓ Consideration of future projects.

Recommendation: Receive report.

09-269. Consideration of authorizing the issuance of the Request for Proposals and funds needed to hire a consultant to assist with the Tax Increment Financing District (TIF)

- ❖ Staff is asking Council to authorize the issuance of the RFP and the funds needed to hire a consultant; until the City gets the results of the RFP, the exact amount of the contract is not known (and is not in the budget at this point).
- ❖ The funds expended on the preparation of the application can be recovered as part of the TIF financing once the district is approved and the bonds are issued.

Recommendation: Presentation from Planning Director Gwen Hallsmith; discussion; direction to staff.

09-270. Discussion regarding City Council Budget Surveys.

09-271. Report by City Council.

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09-272. Mayor’s Report:

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Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer:

09-273. No further items as of “press time”.

09-274. Status Reports by the City Manager

- ✓ Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant situation
- ✓ Web-casting of City Council Meetings

Agenda Reports by the City Manager:

09-275. No further items as of “press time”.

Adjournment