

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 12/1/2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, December 4	Sprinkler Committee Meeting, 4:45 P.M., in the Police Department Community Room
Monday, December 4	Development Review Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers
Tuesday, December 5	ADA Committee Meeting, 10:00 A.M., in the City Council Chambers
Tuesday, December 5	MTIC Meeting, 6:00 P.M., in the Memorial Room
Wednesday, December 6	Project Site Inspection, 4:00 P.M., at the Cummings Street Bridge
Wednesday, December 6	Eminent Domain Hearing, 5:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers
Thursday, December 7	Tree Board Meeting, 5:30 P.M., in the Memorial Room

FOR YOUR CALENDARS...

Wednesday, December 13	Public Hearing: Unified Development Regulations, River Hazard Area Regulations, 6:15 P.M., in the City Council Chambers
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

One Taylor Street

With the approval of the Mowatt purchase and sale agreement, we are moving toward a closing – ideally in December. We need finalize lot line adjustments amongst other check list items. The state has approved us to proceed with final design and other work so none of that is contingent on the closing date. The Mayor has asked for council update on the 13th.

State House Ice Skating Rink

We continue to work with BGS to find a compromise acceptable to the Capitol Complex Commission that allows the rink to return to the State House lawn for the coming season. We appreciate that the Vermont College of Fine Arts has offered to host the rink, and we have also spoken with Montpelier High School.

TIF

For now, we are tentatively drawing a TIF district that includes the downtown, and extends down Barre Street to the VCFA and Sabins areas. That might change going forward. Next week Assessor Steve Twombly will use that initial map to start estimating post-development private project assessed values in that district; we are also gathering infrastructure estimates. Joe Evans is having conversations with local property owners to understand the barriers and ideas for future opportunities.

Montpellier Soccer Jerseys

The ceremony was held yesterday and was a very nice event. You have probably seen the news and social media accounts.



MPS Students



Watching from Montpellier, France

Budget

Our staff team has developed a proposal which meets the council's CPI (2%) goal. We are finalizing the proposal and documents for official presentation on the 13th. We will include a bond proposal to expedite road/sidewalk work, cover remaining bike path costs and possibly provide additional One Taylor funding if needed. There will also be a water/sewer bond consistent with the W/S master plan recently adopted. We also expect a bond for the upgrades to the Water Resource Recovery Facility. More details on all of this will be included in the budget package next week.

Master Plan & Zoning

The December 13th and 20th meetings will have public hearings for both the master plan, zoning and River Hazard Area regulations.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Planning & Community Development

Public Hearings for Zoning, River Hazard Area Regulation, and the Master Plan will take place on December 13th and December 20th. The Master Plan draft and River Hazard Area Regulation draft are available on line and ready for review. [Click here to view the Zoning and River Hazard Area Regulation drafts](#) and [click here to view the Master Plan draft](#). You can also stop by the City Manager's office to view the hard copies.

Public Works

A contractor hired by the City will begin the relocation of a vital water main at the site of future Caledonia Spirits facility next week. The water main relocation was part of the development agreement to support the project. With the relocation of the water main, the building foundation work can begin in the spring without delay.

Community Services

Winter Program Registration Open

The Community Services Department is offering more than 100 programs for people of all ages this winter. We know that winter in Vermont can be hard. That's why we are offering more than 100 programs for people of all ages to bring fun and activity to the season. This winter, you and your family can join us for skiing at Sugarbush, take a yoga class, play Pickleball, learn to cook, or create puppets for All Species Day. No matter your interest or age, we're confident that you'll find lots of affordable programs to enjoy this winter. Winter registration has begun in our office at 58 Barre Street and online at www.montpelier-vt.org/csregister.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

Dec. 6	Project Site Inspection and Eminent Domain Hearing for the Cummings Street Bridge	Dec. 13	Master Plan Public Hearing Zoning Public Hearing Budget WWRF Update Charter Changes MTIC Appointments Complete Streets Appointments Parklet Ordinance, 2 nd Reading Wayfinding signs
Dec. 20	Master Plan PH Zoning PH Budget Affordability Goal Public Safety goal Dog Ordinance, 2 nd reading Hubbard Park land	Jan. 3	Budget and/or Zoning Workshop – if needed
Jan. 10	Budget Workshop Infrastructure Goal	Jan. 17	Budget Public Hearing Warning Public Hearing Charter Public Hearing Bond Public Hearing Necessity Resolution
Jan. 24	Budget Public Hearing Warning Public Hearing Charter Public Hearing Bond Public Hearing	Feb. 14	Apartment Inspections Good Governance Goal



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 City Manager