

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 01/19/2018

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, January 22	Planning Commission Meeting, 5:30 P.M., City Council Chambers
Wednesday, January 24	City Council Meeting, 6:00 P.M., City Council Chambers

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

This has been a very difficult week for our community. I have confidence that the officer involved shooting at the high school will be investigated thoroughly, reviewed fairly and resolved appropriately. I need to express my appreciation to our police department – officers and dispatchers – for doing the job that we ask them to do on behalf of our collective public safety. I am sorry that the family of the deceased is suffering with their loss. I am equally sorry that our officers, and state police officers, were placed in this situation which required such a painful decision and aftermath. We are providing them with support and resources needed to get through this time.

One Taylor Street/Mowatt Project

Remains on schedule; still planning for a mid-May groundbreaking.

Berlin Pond

We have sent a letter to the state Secretary of Natural Resources asking to create an isolation zone around the City's water intake system. We will keep Council updated.

Fire Fighters Union Negotiations

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday.

TIF

City Manager's office met with White and Burke on Thursday to focus on next-steps. We will be talking to Montpelier developers about additional potential projects and mapping out infrastructure projects required to support economic growth.

Water Resource Recovery Facility Project

We are providing a written update this week but it will not be for the purpose of you choosing whether to move forward.

City Manager's Review

Reminder that this process must be completed by the end of February. We've developed the process and forms. I've added this to the February 14th agenda date. We had talked about a completely separate day but, as of now anyway, the 14th does not look too lengthy. We would still have a couple more weeks in February if needed.

Also a reminder that my ICMA required multi rater assessment went out this week. Please take the

few minutes to complete it.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Finance

The proposed budget detail has been updated and uploaded to the city website to reflect changes discussed at the January 10th meeting. These changes resulted in increased spending of \$35,245 with \$28,200 of that amount attributable to the CVPSA request. The City Manager's budget presentation that is included in the proposed budget remains as originally presented on December 13, 2017. The documents can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/4762>

Police

It has been a busy week for an under-staffed Montpelier Police Department (MPD). Starting last Thursday evening, MPD was called to a shooting (an untimely death investigation/suicide was conducted.) On Friday, MPD participated in the execution of multiple arrest and search warrants in the Barre area as part of a complex multi-state organized crime and drug trafficking investigation. This case is being handled by the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts (Boston). Lead agency is the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Springfield, MA office). A more detailed and inclusive press release from the MA US Attorney will be released in the coming days. From late Friday night into the early morning hours, MPD, Montpelier Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works dealt with some minor ice jam related flooding issues. Emergency notifications to residents and property owners were communicated using VT Alert through the Vermont Department of Emergency Management. As a result of last week's weather, a large ice jam on the Winooski has frozen in place in Middlesex—from the area of the Settlement Farm near RT 2 to the confluence of the Dog River. The Montpelier public safety team is monitoring this situation closely—especially given the warming trend for this weekend.

Tuesday morning, MPD responded to multiple 911 calls reporting an armed robbery at the Vermont State Employees Credit Union. The MPD School Resource Officer observed the suspect fleeing the area on foot along the bike path. The robbery suspect was quickly contained to the area of the track and bleachers of the Montpelier High School (MHS) and established negotiations with the suspect. The MHS staff initiated emergency procedures that put the school in a lock-down mode, where all students and faculty were moved from the west side of the building (track and parking lot side). The Vermont State Police Crisis Negotiations and Tactical Services Units were called-in to assist MPD with the negotiations and to provide the tactical resources needed for this armed stand-off. This incident resulted in police using deadly force in response to the suspect's actions. Following established protocol, the Vermont State Police's (VSP) Major Crimes Unit is handling the officer involved shooting. The results of their investigation will be turned over to both Washington County State's Attorney Rory Thibault and Attorney General TJ Donovan for review. Because of the officer involved shooting investigation, all media releases have been coming from VSP.

At this time Chief Facos would like to thank and acknowledge all of the positive support from the community for the police officers, troopers, dispatchers, and medics involved with this extremely difficult and tragic situation.

On Wednesday evening, a masked person entered the Mobile deli on 3 Berlin Street, tore out the cash register and fled on foot with it. That incident is under investigation.

MPD has made staffing arrangements and plans for the March for Our Future that will take place on Saturday (January 20).

Lastly, lab results from a recent MPD narcotics arrest revealed that the heroin analyzed contained fentanyl, a very dangerous drug for both the user and the law enforcement personnel who encounter it in the course of their duties.

Community Services

Recreation Department

The skating rink on the Capital Lawn is open for use and looks really good. A busy week for pickle ball in the gym. The gym has been very busy this winter with gym rentals, youth basketball, and open gym. Winter programs for youth and adults are underway and some programs still have space available. Snow plowing, sanding and walkway maintenance has been very busy this week as well with all the weather changes.

End of Life Choice: Options & Autonomy

Save the Date of Saturday, February 17, 9-3 for a free educational symposium at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center. Highlights will include stories from family members, the history of autonomy at end of life in VT and information from medical and other experts. Learn and ask questions about hospice care, medical aid in dying (VT Act 39), voluntary cessation of eating and drinking, and palliative sedation. Dive deeper into understanding advance directives, Act 39, palliative and comfort care. Co-presented by Patient Choices Vermont. Free and open to the public. Afternoon optional; lunch available for purchase. To learn more, call us at 223-2518.

AARP Tax Clinic: Call for Appointments

Volunteers from the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program will prepare free federal and Vermont income tax returns for older adults on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2/5-4/11. We are now taking appointments. Call us at 223-2518 or stop by the office at 58 Barre Street to sign up.

Parent-Child Valentines Dance

Monday, February 12, 6:30-8:30pm | Capitol Plaza |

Tickets at the Recreation Office, 58 Barre Street, Before Friday, February 9 at 4pm: \$20/couple plus \$5 per additional guest

At the door: \$25/couple plus \$7 per additional guest

500 tickets available. First-come, first-served. All are welcome for this special annual tradition. Thank you to Vermont Mutual Insurance Group and Union Mutual for sponsoring this event.

Ice on Fire, the Central Vermont Winter Festival

Sunday, February 4, 2-5pm

North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm Street

Come one, come all to this wonderful festival, celebrating the warmth of community in the depths of winter. Dance, theater, music, storytelling and poetry performed by local artists and community members, winter games, kids activities and hot food and drink to warm the soul. Co-presented by AllTogether Now and Montpelier Parks. Opening parade starts at 2pm, and the closing ceremony and bonfire is at 4:30pm. Suggested donation: \$1 kids, \$3 adults, \$5 family.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

Jan. 24	Green Mountain Transit Dog Ordinance, 2 nd Reading Sprinkler Ordinance, 1 st Reading Farmers Market – State St. Montpelier Community Fund Board Grant Recommendations CVI membership Annual City Meeting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Public Hearing • Warning Public Hearing • Charter Public Hearing • Bond Public Hearing • Bond Necessity Resolution • Consider petitions • Approve Warning 	Feb. 14	Parklet Ordinance, 2 nd Reading Sprinkler Ordinance, 2 nd Reading Review of Council goals City Manager's Review Conservation Commission Appts. Planning Commission Appts. Crosswalk Safety
Feb. 28	Pump Track Taylor Street Art Annual City Meeting Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Information meeting • Warning Information meeting • Charter Information meeting 	Mar 6	Annual City Meeting Election
Mar. 14	Elect Officials Ethics Policy Rules of Procedure Goals process & schedule	Mar. 28	Apartment inspections Army Corps update Project Development Plan WRRF workshop



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 City Manager