

Mon., Sept. 16	Public Art Commission	5:30 PM	VCFA College Hall 103
	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers
	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	City Council Chambers
Tues., Sept. 17	ADA Committee	10:00 AM	City Manager's Conference Room
	Parks Commission	6:00 PM	Police Dept. Community Room
	Energy Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	Memorial Room
Weds., Sept. 18	Transportation Forum	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers
Thurs., Sept. 19	Housing Task Force	5:15 PM	City Council Chambers

[Click here to view the Press Release announcing our new hires.](#)



Community Prosperity

Water/Sewer Bill Payments Due Monday, September 16th

Your water/sewer bill shows payments are due on September 15th. However, since September 15th is a Sunday, the payment due date is extended to Monday, September 16th. Payments may be made via mail, in person in the City Clerk's office, [online using Official Payments at this link](#), or by using the drop box to the left of the rear entrance to City Hall. Please be sure to make your payment by the due date to avoid penalties. You may also enroll in automatic payments by submitting a completed enrollment form which [you can access by clicking this link](#). Reasons to consider enrolling in automatic payments:

- Payments are automatically withdrawn from the account you designate on the actual due date, no need to pay days in advance or risk a payment being late or lost in the mail.
- Electronic payments are more secure. Checks contain your financial institution's routing number and your account number, information that is susceptible to fraudulent transactions and misuse.
- Electronic payments significantly reduce processing time. Checks and cash must be manually processed by staff and take a considerable amount of time to enter, especially during high volume payment periods.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

Shared Use Path Project: (Granite St – Gallison Hill Road)

Retaining wall #1 is being completed in the next couple of days. Also work in the parking lot at the corner of Granite Street and Barre Street is being completed this week. The work taking place next week will consist of the construction of the bio-retention basin on Barre Street, the placement of fine graded subbase material over the path above wall #1, and construction of the parking area on Old Country Club Road. The project is scheduled to be completed in the beginning of November.

1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

Punch list items are being addressed on floors 4, 3, and 2 and the siding is being installed on the exterior of the building. The paving of the parking lot and the bike path are scheduled for next week. Also light poles for the parking lot and the bike path will be installed next week. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of September and a ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for October 9th.

Sidewalk Reconstruction

Sidewalk work on Main Street between Jay Street and Loomis Street and on Hubbard Street from Wilder Street to Barre Street has been completed.

Elm Street Sidewalk Extension

The sidewalk on Elm Street will be extended from the City Pool to #659 Elm St. The contractor has completed the excavation for the new sidewalk and has started to place subbase material. The concrete placement for the sidewalk will begin next week and continue into the following week. The work is scheduled to be completed in mid-October.



Sustainable Infrastructure

Water Resource Recovery Facility

A second pour was completed on the new sludge storage tank on Thursday. Final plumbing was completed in the new shop space and City staff has begun moving tools into the space. On Tuesday the manufacturer of the primary clarifier equipment will be onsite for startup of the new chain and flight system. This week several new pumps and the new high strength waste screening unit arrived on site.

Next week work will continue on the new sludge storage tank. Additionally, the new waste piping will be installed between the digesters and the dewatering building.

Cummings Street Bridge Project

The abutments are now complete and the new steel beams were set on Wednesday. Over the next few weeks the contractor will be installing bracing and preparing to pour the concrete deck on the new bridge. Due to delays associated with unanticipated contaminated soils, the final completion of the project is not expected until spring. However, the contract does plan to put the new bridge in service and remove the

temporary bridge prior to winter.

Water Treatment Facility

Exterior surface cleaning of the million gallon water storage tank has been completely cleaned. Our facility is researching alternatives and pricing to recoat the surface that was just cleaned. All monthly water quality sampling has been completed for the month of September. Our team at the Water Treatment Facility has also completed training for PFAS sampling.

Clarendon Avenue Reconstruction

Hebert Excavation will continue work on the 4" water main between Jordan St. and Redstone Ave Monday. This water main is going down the center line of the road. Once this section of water main is complete the contractor will switch to the 12" main starting at the Terrace St. and Bailey Ave. Intersection, which is anticipated to begin on Tuesday. The new water main will be running along the east side of Bailey Ave all the way up to the Clarendon intersection. During construction hours trucks will be loaded in the street but thru traffic will be allowed. Traffic may be stopped up to ten minutes and we encourage residents to seek an alternate route. Clarendon Ave is scheduled to be completed on October 28th.

Please see Detour Plans for Monday and then the rest of the week by following the links below:

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/6284/Clarendon-Detour-91619>

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DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions

Our Streets Division addressed several trip hazards on the East State Street sidewalk by grinding high points and filling in cracks. Our crew installed parking restriction signs, painted cross walks and a handicap symbol on Park Avenue as requested by the school. Pot hole patching was performed on Terrace Street and Westwood Drive. Additional project completed included the following:

- Pave Winter Street from water leak repair.
- Completed hauling winter sand
- Roadside mowing

Next week our street division will continue evaluating and repairing sidewalks with trip hazards, construct new barricades, repair more drainage structures and address the shoulder on River Street between adjacent to Moonlight Terrace to prevent erosion.

Our water/sewer division excavated to cut and cap an old 4 inch water main at the intersection of Sibley Avenue and College Street but encountered an unknown line. Our crew spent the day performing exploratory excavation to locate correct line due to the unavailability of record information in this area. A water service line was replaced on Winter Street and a water service valve was repaired on East State Street.

Our crews repaired a small leak in the water main on Corse Street on Thursday, and continued meter repairs, digsafes and pump station maintenance throughout the week.

Next week our water/sewer crew will be continuing work on Sibley Avenue. The schedule for Sibley Ave. is as follows:

- Monday Prepare the new water main piping for installation.
- Tuesday Cut and cap the existing main at the intersection of Sibley Ave. and College Street. This will require a closure of the intersection and a water shutdown for Sibley Ave and College Street from Sibley Ave. to Liberty Street.
- Weds. – Fri. New water main will be installed along Sibley.

We anticipate the project on Sibley will be completed and ready for paving by Mid October.



Environmental Stewardship

Natural Burials

On Saturday Sept 14 at 9:00 AM, Green Mount Cemetery Commissioners and Director Patrick Healy will be conducting a public meeting to receive input in regards to designing a ‘Natural’ burial section. Everyone is welcome. Natural burials will be Green Mount’s version of Green Burials. Please attend the meeting to learn more. This meeting will occur in the new section on the western end. Follow the orange cones that say “Funeral.” For more information please email Patrick Healy at patrickh468@gmail.com or call 802-279-6957.

Public Transportation Forum

On Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 PM, City Council Join and representatives from Green Mountain Transit, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, All Earth Rail, the Sustainable Montpelier Coalition and the Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee to discuss the future of public transportation in Montpelier. The meeting will be televised on channel 17 and available via live stream on our website and www.orcamedia.net.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Hiring Processes

I’m happy to announce that we have reached final decisions on some key positions in city government.

Our new Assistant City Manager is Cameron Niedermayer. Cameron comes to us from Charlotte, North Carolina. She is currently Senior Assistant to the County Manager for Mecklenburg County, NC and has strong relevant experience and education. Her start date isn’t set yet as she arranges for her move to Montpelier. It will be no later than October 28th and, hopefully, sooner.

Effective today, Donna Barlow Casey is our new Public Works Director. She has been serving as interim director since August 18th.

Other changes in DPW are happening as well. Assistant Director Kurt Motyka is being promoted to Deputy Director/City Engineer and Engineer Zach Blodgett is being promoted to Operations Manager/Engineer.

These four people add a solid blend of talents to the city’s leadership and will be instrumental as we move

our organization into the future. We welcome Cameron and offer congratulations to Donna, Kurt and Zach.

Climate Protests

Residents and businesses should be aware of anticipated protests starting on September 20th. We do not know the size and scope of these but our understanding is that the goal is to disrupt the normal flow of traffic and business in order to call attention to the climate change issue. We urge people to be aware that this is happening and to prepare accordingly. The City will use its resources to maintain order and safety but that will not prevent all inconvenience, business and wage losses, vehicle idling, delays and other impacts.

Follow Up from Council Meeting

Response to issues raised during the recent meeting:

- Parking meters have an electronic display which indicates payment required M-F 8-5. We are looking into options for holiday notice.
- Construction at the former Mowatt site has been delayed due to a request from DEC for additional environmental testing. We are working with DEC to complete the testing and determine when work can resume.
- A report of potential nuisance property was investigated. A determination was made that building issues did not rise to the level of a public nuisance.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Homelessness Task Force

The newly formed Task Force will hold its first meeting on Monday, September 23rd at 4:30 PM in the Memorial Room at City Hall. CJC Director Yvonne Byrd will facilitate the first meeting to help the group get organized. We look forward to their work on this important issue.

William Fraser
City Manager

CONTINUE ON FOR TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS, REPORTS AND BUDGET ITEMS

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

9/25	Grant for Net Zero plan P&CD Revolving Loan Fund CD Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 4 th PH ATCM Strategic Plan update CM Zoning, 2 nd Public Hearing – P&D Confluence Park/Waterfront Tax Stabilization Policy CM	10/9	CSO Financials DPW/Finance Responsible Employer Ordinance Complete Streets Committee update Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 1 st PH CM/HR Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM
10/23	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Housing Authority Appt. ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 nd PH CM/HR Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM	11/13	Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 nd PH CM/HR IRC Codes Planning Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Recreation Building ACM
11/20	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM WiFi feasibility Finance/Tech Strategic Plan update CM Economic Development Strategic Plan P&CD	12/11	Budget Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Complete Streets Appts. ATCM
12/18	Sabin's Pasture CM Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM	1/8	Hazard Mitigation Plan update Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM
1/22	Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM	2/12	

Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

Sept.	Stormwater update	Oct.	Police Department Social Worker
Nov.	WiFi feasibility	Jan.	Rental properties survey
?	Downtown Master Plan Process for adding new projects/funding		

Budget

ADA projects
Combined Sewer Overflow projects
Equity consultant
Downtown Master Plan Implementation
Emergency Management Operations
Fuel
Parking Garage Operations
Housing Trust Fund
Infrastructure
Downtown LED light conversion
Personnel Plan matters
Police Dept. Social Worker
Body cameras
Recreation Center
Confluence Park/Riverfront efforts
Sabin's Pasture (purchase?)
WiFi