

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report –7/16/10

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- ❖ **Development Review Board:** Monday, July 19th, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

STATUS REPORTS ...

Reappraisal:

About 250 formal grievances were filed, hearings are in full swing and are scheduled to be completed next Friday the 23rd. Adjustments will be made and a grand list set in time to set the tax rate at the August 11th meeting with tax bills to go out by the end of August. With the changes made during the preliminary process, the estimated tax rate is still pretty close to our early guess of 2.28. It's now probably closer to 2.30 or 2.31 but still in the same range. Barring any massive adjustments in the formal grievances it should hold pretty steady in this area.

Summer Schedule:

You decided to keep the regular schedule for now with the August 25 meeting to be dedicated to the Master Plan only.

Berlin Pond Ordinances:

Attorney Giuliani has provided revised drafts of the Berlin Pond Ordinance and Health Order. A copy is included in the packet and will be warned for hearings on the 28th.

Hubbard Street Slope:

Final documents are being completed. The bid date will be August 3rd. At the July 28th meeting we will seek authorization to award the bid on the 3rd pending available funds and a proper bid submissions. We will, of course, report the results and numbers to you before making a final award. However, waiting until the August 11 meeting is a problem because a lot of the work needs to be done prior to the opening of school on August 26th.

Master Plan:

You chose to hold public hearings on August 25th and September 8th.

Goals & Priorities:

Copies of the final adopted goals are included in the packet.

Police Negotiations:

We are still trying to set a meeting up between July 21 and 28 but nothing is set yet.

Carr Lot/Transit Center:

We'll plan on a full discussion of this on July 28th. I am preparing a separate memo about this which will either be in the packet or sent separately.

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Charter Changes:

I will schedule time on the July 28 and August 11 meetings for discussion about possible charter changes and ballot items for the November election. That will allow time for language to be adopted and filed with the Clerk on September 8th.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 28	Carr Lot/Transit Center Downtown re-designation Senior Center Berlin Pond – 2 nd reading of ordinance and health order Charter changes/ballot items September festival approval Montpelier Net asset dissolution Possible exec session on pending litigation
August 3	DOE Public Hearing on District Energy environmental assessment.
August 11	Set tax rate Cash Flow Events policy Discuss Economic Development Committee Structure
August 25	Master Plan – 1 st Public Hearing
September 8	Master Plan – 2 nd Public Hearing Finalize charter changes, ballot items Water/sewer ordinance resolution changes

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