

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report –8/13/10

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- ❖ **Development Review Board:** Monday, August 16th, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- ❖ **Energy Committee:** Tuesday, August 17th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Memorial Room.
- ❖ **Board of Civil Authority:** Thursday, August 19th, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

STATUS REPORTS ...

Reappraisal:

As you know from the last council meeting, the reappraisal is essentially completed. All grievance hearings have been held, decisions rendered, grand list filed and tax rate set. The last remaining piece will be the appeals to the Board of Civil Authority. I think that the Reappraisal Committee will hold a final wrap up meeting to debrief about the project and potentially offer recommendations for the future.

Flood Mitigation Study:

This is now officially underway. The structures survey is in full swing.

Police Negotiations:

We are scheduled to meet with the union again on Thursday, August 19th. Hopefully this will lead to final agreement.

Rail Lease near Montpelier Beverage:

VTrans has agreed to extend the date of lease cancellation until October 29th which we greatly appreciate. This will give us sufficient time to review all the deeds and make alternate arrangements. In connection with this (and the Carr Lot project), I have sent a letter to the owners of the lot between the Drawing Board and Montpelier Beverage.

Carr Lot Project:

Following up on the July 28th meeting, we are still waiting for a decision from FEMA about the floodway. In the meantime, we are preparing the amended EA application for the bike path and bridge and property acquisition. We will also need to get updated appraisals on all the involved properties. As a bit of good news, the ever resourceful Tom McArdle remembered that the city had a 1994 lease with the state and railroad for the existing pedestrian crossing (where we want to place the bike path). I reviewed this with the state today and they concurred that this provided us with all that we needed for a bike path crossing. As you know, this was a key element in the project.

Charter Changes:

Based on your direction at the last Council meeting, we will have draft charter change language on the September 8th agenda. Since that is near the deadline for filing the language with the Clerk, I'll try to get the language to you early so that you have plenty of time to review and offer comments to me.

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Turntable Park:

Bids were opened and the apparent low bidder was within budget. It's looking like this project will be completed this year.

Nolen Court Action:

Please find enclosed the City Attorney's response to the court action filed by Mr. Nolen.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 24	Primary Election
August 25	Master Plan – 1 st Public Hearing Appoint Planning Commission members
September 8	Master Plan – 2 nd Public Hearing Finalize charter changes, ballot items Water/sewer ordinance resolution changes
September 22	Events Policy Committee Structure Budget Schedule

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