

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report –8/20/10

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- ❖ **Planning Commission:** Monday, August 23rd, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- ❖ **Primary Election:** Tuesday, August 24th 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 PM in the Memorial Room.
- ❖ **Design Review Committee:** Tuesday, August 24th, at 5:30 PM in the Police Dept. Community Room
- ❖ **City Council:** Wednesday, August 25th, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

STATUS REPORTS ...

Reappraisal & CLA:

We are studying the CLA issues and determining what our best recourse is, we almost certainly file an appeal next week. It appears, though, that the problem lies more with the CLA calculation system than with the calculation of our particular rate. A few other communities are coming in with low CLA's. I am seeking assistance from VLCT on this issue.

Police Negotiations:

At the request of the union, the meeting was moved to the 24th at 3:00 PM.

Carr Lot Project:

I met with project manager Jeff Tucker and Jon Anderson this morning. Jeff has confirmed the process with Federal Highway for environmental approval of their aspect of the project. It was good news to learn that the less onerous process will be required. I have directed him to actively pursue obtaining all of those approvals. We also understand that the FEMA decision should be issued pretty soon which will allow us to make some specific decision making about the rest of the project. We are starting to put all the pieces together so that we can move as soon as final federal approvals are in place. This is very much a front burner project at this point.

November municipal election:

I've included a memo outlining the various processes and dates associated with a November 2nd special city election. Attorney Giuliani has prepared information (enclosed) relating to the vote on the Berlin Fire District #1 merger. I've drafted, with Paul and Charlotte's review, the amendments for the appointed Treasurer (also enclosed). Gwen and the Energy Advisory Committee are working on the language for District Heat/PACE.

Montpelier Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP):

As you may recall the city entered into an agreement with the State to fund environmental work instead of paying a \$17,625 fine for the violations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. After rejecting several proposals, ANR approved a plan from the Friends of the Winooski for water quality monitoring and riparian restoration along the river. These projects will involve high school students in an educational component. The work will not be done only in Montpelier but will involve the Winooski river corridor in central Vermont including Montpelier. According to the assurance of discontinuance that we signed with the state, the funds must be transferred immediately and that is being handled today.

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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 File proposed charter changes with City Clerk Review all ballot items Water/sewer ordinance resolution changes
September 22	Charter Changes – 1 st Public hearing Finalize Charter change language* Necessity resolution for bond* Adopt Warning for Special City meeting* Events Policy Committee Structure Budget Schedule
September 29*	Possible special meeting for * items.
October 13	Informational meeting on Fire District Merger Informational meeting on District Heat Project
October 27	2 nd Public Hearing on charter changes Public Hearing on bond vote

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