

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report –8/27/10

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- ❖ **Energy Advisory Committee:** Tuesday, August 31st, at 7:00 P.M. in the Memorial Room.

STATUS REPORTS ...

Reappraisal & CLA:

There is no formal appeal mechanism for a CLA. We are looking into sending a letter of concern or objection to the state. In addition we are in contact with VLCT about other possible approaches for remedies. There were 31 reappraisals registered with the state this year and in 21 of them the CLA is below 100%. 12 of them are lower than our 91.5%, 10 of the are below 90% with one as low as 79.2% (which technically would trigger a requirement for a new reappraisal). Obviously there is some flaw with the system established in statute.

Police Negotiations:

At the request of the union, the meeting was postponed from the 24th. It has not yet been rescheduled.

Carr Lot Project:

We expect the FEMA decision very soon. FEMA and our consultant are exchanging small numerical details to finalize a report. We are cautiously optimistic that because FEMA is taking our consultant's flood model into such detailed consideration that the decision will be consistent with the model the city presented. But we won't know for sure until we get an official notice of determination.

If this appeal is successful, our next step will be to ask FTA to reinstate our FONSI for a transit center on the Carr Lot.

I have sent a letter to Mr. Carr updating him on the process and providing him with the memo presented to the council on July 28th. Tom McArdle and I met with the attorney for the Francis family (who own the Tomasi Block property) to discuss both a possible lease or license for vehicular travel across the lot and also to inform them of our future redevelopment ideas for that area.

November municipal election:

As discussed at the last meeting, we will most likely not have a bond vote or only have a small bond vote on the November election. We'll have the three proposed charter changes for the next meeting.

Flood Mitigation Study:

Dubois & King has nearly completed the structures inventory which was the first part of this process. There is a phone status conference set for next week with the state and the Army Corps of Engineers. This is definitely a going project now.

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Upcoming Meetings:

September 8	Master Plan – 2 nd Public Hearing File proposed charter changes with City Clerk Review all ballot items Historic Preservation Committee appointments
September 22	Charter Changes – 1 st Public hearing Finalize Charter change language* Necessity resolution for bond* Adopt Warning for Special City meeting* Budget Schedule
September 29*	Possible special meeting for * items.
October 13	Informational meeting on Fire District Merger Informational meeting on District Heat Project Committee Structure Water/sewer ordinance resolution changes Events Policy Goals status report
October 27	2 nd Public Hearing on charter changes Public Hearing on bond vote

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