

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report -9/2/10

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- ❖ **Development Review Board:** Tuesday, September 7th , at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
- ❖ **Energy Advisory Committee:** Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.
- ❖ **City Council:** Wednesday, September 8th, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.
- ❖ **Montpelier Business Association:** Thursday, September 9th at 5:30 PM in the Memorial Room
- ❖ **Conservation Commission:** Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

STATUS REPORTS ...

Master Plan:

Planning Director Gwen Hallsmith has prepared a memo for you which details the changes that you made at the last meeting. I have followed up on the issues raised by David Putter about the Growth Center and Downtown. The state official who administers this program assured me that the Growth Centers are not intended to be extended downtowns and do not preclude particular types of zoning within the Growth Center. There could, for instance, be residential zones, commercial zones and industrial zones all located within the same Growth Center. I've copied the sections of the statute that Mr. Putter referenced so that you can read them yourselves in their full context and reach your own conclusions about what they say. I tried to highlight those areas that Mr. Putter commented on. With the amendments made at the last meeting, the plan should be ready for final adoption. I remind you that the Planning Director will not be present for this meeting.

District Heat Project:

With the decision made to postpone any bond vote, it seems prudent to give the technical bidders more time to prepare detailed proposals(since those will be the numbers we will be working from). The original due date was September 22nd but that deadline is being extended to October 20th for the 8 bidders who provided timely notices of intent.

Attorney Saudek has provided some very detailed charter amendments which were reviewed and recommend by the Energy Advisory Committee. On my own initiative, I am looking to see if a simpler version can be crafted which accomplishes the same thing without losing any needed authority.

Police Negotiations:

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

Carr Lot Project:

Our consultant (DuBois & King) has been told that all the technical review of the appeal is completed and a memo from FEMA's consultant to FEMA is due anyday (in fact was expected a couple of days ago.)

I have not heard back from FTA about the FONSI renewal.

D & K is finalizing the approval process with Federal Highway.

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Flood Mitigation Study:

This is in full swing now. I participated in a conference call today and many aspects of the study are underway including cultural, rare plant analysis, stream and flow analysis and the like.

Upcoming events on my schedule:

The Vermont Town and City Manager's Association (VTCMA) fall conference is being held on September 16th and 17th in Stratton. The VLCT Town Fair is on October 8th in Essex, the VLCT Board also meets on October 7th in Essex in preparation for Town Fair. The annual International City/County Manager's Association (ICMA) conference is being held on October 15th- 20th in San Jose, California.

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* 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

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