

CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT

City Manager's Weekly Report – 12/11/09

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

- **All-day Council Budget Workshop:** *Saturday*, December 12th, beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- **Financial Review Committee with Auditor Tom Salmon:** Monday, December 14th at 5:15 PM in the City Council Chambers.
- **Planning Commission Meeting:** Monday, December 14th, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- **"Montpelier Alive" Events Committee Meeting:** "*Montpelier Alive*" Director Suzanne Eikenberry has scheduled this meeting for Tuesday, December 15th, at 4:30 P.M. in Police Department's Community Room.
- **Design Review Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, December 15th, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- **City Council Meeting:** Wednesday, December 16th, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- **"Montpelier Alive" Design Committee Meeting:** Thursday, December 17th, at 8:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers.
- **Tree Board Meeting:** Thursday, December 17th, at 5:30 P.M. in the Memorial Room.

FOR YOUR CALENDARS ...

- ❖ **Important Meeting Re: the Scott Construction Issue:** Vermont State Auditor of Accounts Thomas Salmon and the Citizen Financial Review Committee are meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 21st, in the City Council Chambers. The Committee will meet with Mayor Mary Hooper, City Manager William Fraser, Attorney Steve Stitzel and members of the City Council to discuss these issues. This meeting will be televised and citizens will be able to phone in questions (telephone number tba). Questions: 223-9502
- ❖ **Welcome Legislators Reception:** Thursday, January 28th, **2010**, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Capitol Plaza.

ENCLOSURES ...

- Copy of the Notice for the November 21st Meeting with Tom Salmon and the Citizen Financial Review Committee

STATUS REPORTS ...

Employee Health Insurance:

Things look good on this front. We have some suggested wording from Police & Public Works but there's nothing that looks like a deal breaker.

Reappraisal:

The reappraisal committee letter ran in today's Times-Argus.

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Financial Review – State Auditor:

The auditing firm, Cota, CPA from Williston is beginning work next week. The committee is meeting with the Mayor, Attorney Stitzel and me (and any of you who wish to attend) on Monday, December 21st to discuss the matter.

Scott Construction:

As announced, VLCT PACIF is covering our claim in full. We have to provide them documentation of our loss which, presumably, is the \$397,079 amount in the court ordered judgment. We won't get the actual check until they've verified the amount (probably in January) but that does not change the claim status. If that turns out to be coverage amount we will have collected \$114,688 on our own and \$397,079 through insurance for a total of \$511,767 against the original over payment of \$462,338. That means we will have received \$49,429 more than the original loss to cover interest and attorneys fees. We will not have ever collected one penny in water rates to cover this situation.


As part of our acceptance of the check, we agree to subrogate all claims that we might have to them and assist in any collection efforts they may undertake. They were clear that they do not want any additional release of records or documents.

TIF RFP:

The Planning Department received one response to our RFP for preparing a TIF application. The respondent is an excellent Vermont firm. The price was \$50,000. This will be on the agenda for next week's meeting. Due to a schedule conflict, Gwen has asked that we discuss it late.

Upcoming Meetings:

December 12 (Saturday)	Budget Work Session (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM) – Fire, Police, Parks, Cemetery, Planning & Development
December 16	TIF RFP Discussion Budget – Public Works (Streets, Water/Sewer, Capital Plan, Equipment), City Hall & 58 Barre Street, Senior Center
January 6	Budget (if needed for wrap-up)
January 13	Receive Report from State Auditor and Committee Budget – First Public Hearing Carr Lot
Thursday, January 21	Budget – Second Public Hearing


William Fraser, City Manager



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The Times-Argus
Att: Classifieds

Please include the following with other City of Montpelier notices on Monday, December 14th, and Thursday, December 17th:

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IMPORTANT MEETING REGARDING THE SCOTT CONSTRUCTION ISSUE

Vermont State Auditor of Accounts Thomas Salmon and the Citizen Financial Review Committee are meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 21st, in the City Council Chambers. The Committee will meet with Mayor Mary Hooper, City Manager William Fraser, Attorney Steve Stitzel and members of the City Council to discuss issues relating to the Scott Construction, Inc. issue.

This meeting will be televised on the local government channel 17, and television viewers will be able to phone in questions to the committee. Questions in the meantime: 223-9502

Office of the City Manager *for*
Thomas M. Salmon, State Auditor of Accounts