



CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #19-030

Date: January 24, 2019

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT: First Public Hearing on Draft Annual City Meeting Warning

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review the First Draft of the City Meeting Warning

RELATED STRATEGIC OUTCOME: Responsible and Responsive Government

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: None

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: City Council must review and approve the annual City Meeting Warning for presentation to the voters.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Draft of the Warning

INTERESTED PARTIES: Council, residents, community members, outside agencies, staff

CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:

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CITY MEETING WARNING FOR MARCH 5, 2019

The legal voters of the City of Montpelier, in City Meeting in Montpelier, in the County of Washington and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in the City Hall Auditorium, in said Montpelier, on the first Tuesday in March, March 5, 2019, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, and there and then to cast their ballot for the election of officers, matters that by law must be determined by ballot, and other matters as directed by the Council. The polls will be opened at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed and the voting machine sealed at 7:00 P.M.

The legal voters of Montpelier and Roxbury are hereby warned of voting for all Australian ballot articles to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Legal voters of Roxbury may vote at the Roxbury Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Legal voters of Montpelier may vote at Montpelier City Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1. One commissioner for the Green Mount Cemetery for a term of five years; one park commissioner for a term of five years; one park commissioner to fill out the remainder of a term of five years, to expire in three years; one council member from each district, for a term of two years.

ARTICLE 2. To elect one School District Moderator, one School District Clerk and one School District Treasurer to serve from their election and qualification for one year or until the election and qualification of their successors. (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE 3. To elect two Montpelier School Directors and one Roxbury School Director, each for a three year term. (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE 4. To elect one at-large Board Member to serve on the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority Board for a three-year term commencing March, 2019. (Requested by the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority)

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$_____ for the payment of debts and current expenses of the City for carrying out any of the purposes of the Charter, plus payment of all state and county taxes and obligations imposed upon the City by law to finance the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020? (Requested by the City Council)

ARTICLE 6, Shall the voters of the school district adopt a budget of \$23,XXX,XXX which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,XXX.XX per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is XX.XX% higher than spending for the current year. (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the school district appropriate \$260,000 necessary to supplement the Captial Reserve Fund in support of the District? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,XXX.XX per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is XX.XX% higher than spending for the current year. (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$4,000 as compensation to the Mayor for services for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020? (Requested by the City Council)

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$12,000 (\$2,000 each) as compensation to the Council Members for their services for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020? (Requested by the City Council)

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$9,700 (Chair \$1,500; Vice Chair \$1,200; others \$1,000 each) as compensation to the School Commissioners for their services for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020? (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Commissioners to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2019 in a reserve (assigned) fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Commissioners for the purpose of operating the school? (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters authorize the City to levy a special assessment of \$0.0515 per \$100 of appraisal value on properties within Montpelier's Designated Downtown not used entirely for residential purposes? The assessment shall be apportioned according to the listed value of such properties except that the assessment for any property also used for residential purposes shall be reduced by the proportion that heated residential floor space bears to heated floor space for such property. Funds raised by the assessment shall be used to improve the downtown streetscape and to market the downtown. (Requested by the City Council)

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$350,471 to be used by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020? (This amount is in addition to the \$25,365 for the library bond payment included in the City General Fund Budget, ARTICLE 4)

ARTICLE 14. Shall the city amend Section 301 of the City Charter to include:

(D) Enact ordinances enforcing minimum efficiency standards and disclosure requirements for existing and new commercial and residential properties that are generally consistent with State, Federal, and other energy efficiency standards and reporting systems. (Requested by City Council)

ARTICLE 15. [Hold for Parking Garage Petition] (By Petition)

Dated this 24th day of January, 2019

Signed: _____

Anne Watson, Mayor

Members of the City Council:

CITY SEAL:

ATTEST:

John Odum, City Clerk