

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 07/07/2017

UPCOMING MEETINGS...

Monday, July 10	Recreation Board Meeting, 5:30 P.M. at the Recreation Center
Tuesday, July 11	Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 6:30 P.M. in the City Manager's Conference Room
Wednesday, July 12	City Council Meeting, 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

FOR YOUR CALENDARS...

Monday, July 17	Development Review Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Monday, July 17	Design Review Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT...

One Taylor:

- ✓ **Mowatt** – They have all draft documents. Awaiting final approval.
- ✓ **Overall Project** – Continues to move forward. Housing partner being finalized.

Janice Abair

We note with sadness the passing of longtime resident Janice Abair this week. Ms. Abair is a former city council member and, significantly, the first female council member in the City's history in 1976.

Caledonia Spirits

CS is currently slated to close on the Aja/Zorzi property on the 14th. The City will also close on the parcel we are receiving on that date. CS is scheduled to appear before the Development Review Board on July 17. We expect their application for Tax Stabilization soon.

Bike Path

All easement documents have been signed. Final right of way package is being submitted to state for final approval to proceed.

Goals

You will have a full goals document in advance of next week's council meeting.

TIF

We are obtaining a formal proposal for application preparation from a consultant. We expect to provide a full council briefing, with formal request to proceed, on the 26th.

Berlin Pond

We continue to await a response to our proposal from the State. In the meantime, the state's application for a boat launch is proceeding. We will need to discuss the city's legal options and desired outcomes at next week's meeting.

Organics to Energy Project

As briefly mentioned at our call in meeting, we are considering a Project Development Agreement for an Organics to Energy (FOG) project at the Water Resource Recovery Facility. You will be receiving information on this over the next couple of weeks. A presentation will be made on the 26th.

Parking/Transportation Alternatives

Reminder that a small working group has been formed. We will be convening a meeting. The hope is to have a recommendation for the full council for August 23 or September 13.

Econo Lodge

The notice of violation has been sent to the Econo Lodge. They have an opportunity to respond after which a hearing with the city council will be set to determine whether a public nuisance exists and to consider a mitigation plan.

Retreat Summary

Delia Clark will be at the council meeting to present a brief summary of the council and department head retreats. This will include an outline of agreed upon processes and norms for formal adoption.

Collective Bargaining

I will be bringing a proposal from DPW to you for next week's meeting. We meet with Police today, I expect this negotiation will take longer.

Summer Schedule

Reminder that we will NOT have a meeting on August 9th. All other regular meetings will occur as scheduled.

The July 26th meeting is getting pretty full. We may have to meet a bit longer than usual with the benefit of having a month before the next meeting.

Legal

Illuzzi vs City, et al: The Court has ruled on the outstanding motions. Trial has been rescheduled to take place September 21-22. The parties are directed to engage in mediation which must be completed by September 15, 2017. Represented by Constance Tyron Pell, Esq.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Finance

The end of fiscal year general ledger rollover into FY18 is complete. Water meters were read on July 7th. We will be sending bills out shortly.

Parks and Tree Board

We are preparing for three volunteer groups next week! International Volunteers for Peace group is arriving on Sunday and will stay for three weeks. On Thursday, a group of 35 Russian university students focused on environmental sustainability will be working with us around the City, engaging in projects such as planting, raking and mulching. On Tuesday, a group from National Life will be helping us with projects as well.

Senior Center


Share Your Thoughts with Staff from the Office of Senator Bernie Sanders:

Tuesday, July 11 from 12-1pm. Staff from the Office of Senator Bernie Sanders will join the community FEAST lunch on to talk to older adults about what the Senator is working on and how their office may be able to help. They will also present the framed Congressional Record entry celebrating the Senior Activity Center's 50th anniversary. Their visit will be followed by a showing of a film celebrating the Center's anniversary and

an opportunity to provide feedback to Center staff.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS...

July 26	Zoning Caledonia Spirits Tax Stabilization (1 st hearing) TIF Summary Organics to Energy presentation Econo Lodge hearing (tentative) Security briefing
August 9	NO MEETING
August 26	Parklet Ordinance - 1 st Reading Parking/Team Bridges Dog Ordinance 1 st Reading
September 13	
September 27	


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