

Monday, Aug. 19	Cemetery Commission	12 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room
	Design Review Committee	5:30 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
	Development Review Board	7 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 20	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	Public Hearing; Energy Ordinance	6 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
	MEAC (continuation of public hearing)	7:30 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall



Community Prosperity

Downtown Master Plan

The Planning & Community Development Department would like to announce the start of the community engagement process for the Downtown Master Plan. SE Group, the lead consultant, will have a project booth at the farmer's market this Saturday, August 17th. Come find out about the project, ask questions, and give input on what we aspire to see on our downtown streets. If you can't make this one, don't worry. There will be plenty of opportunities to provide input including September 7th when SE Group will be at a second Farmer's Market.

SE Group worked closely with St. Albans and Burlington on their successful downtown revitalization projects and are here to help us talk about our streets and sidewalks. The Downtown Master Plan will be a 9 month project where the consultant will review past plans and listen to stakeholders and the public on their goals and ideas before developing a set of visual images to explore those ideas. Finally they will develop a strategic vision for our downtown that the city can work from to implement the ideas just like St Albans and Burlington did.

For more information on the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan check out our Capital Idea project website at

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=d3505b3aca084e7b88eaef9c85e5b90>



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

Shared Use Path Project (Granite St – Gallison Hill Road)

Staining of the retaining walls has started and will continue next week, this stain acts as a preservative and to aid in graffiti resistance. Wall 1 located on the south side of Barre Street east of Granite Street is currently being constructed. Next week the contractor will be finishing work in the parking lot on the corner of Barre Street and Granite Street, continue placing fence along the path and start construction of the parking areas along Old Country Club Road.

1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

Carpet is currently being installed on the 3rd and 4th floors. The ceiling grid is going in on the 2nd floor and priming of the walls will take place next week on the 1st floor. The exterior siding is being installed and this will continue for the next 2 weeks. The base layer of asphalt has been placed for the parking lot. Curb and sidewalks will be constructed on Main Street, at the Barre Street intersection next week.



Sustainable Infrastructure

WRRF AI/OE Project

New equipment on primary clarifier #1 is currently being installed. Electricians have run new conduit for controls into the office building where they will be protected from flooding. A new overhead door was installed this week for the operators shop and preparation and piping for the new sludge storage tank was completed. A major pump failed this week that will be replaced under the upgrade highlighting the need for this project. The plant remains fully operational through equipment redundancy.

DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions

Our street division continued pavement markings throughout the city, the majority of the marking are now complete with the exception of the markings in front of the Fire Department. Storm drainage structures were repaired on Berlin St., Loomis Street and Summer Street and storm water runoff issues were addressed on Sherwood Drive and Terrace Street. The street division also continued filling potholes with hot mix around the city including patching an excavation from a water leak that was repaired last week on River St.

Poison Ivy eradication efforts continued this week on the bike path. Our crews completed road side mowing in the Towne Hill and Main Street area, and completed our normal street sweeping routine.

Next week our street division will finish our pavement markings in front of the Fire Department for a keep clear zone, continue structure repairs, road side mowing, and street sweeping. Our crews will finish the paving with hot mix on Main Street, Hill Street and Cliff Street at the water leak locations.

Our water/sewer division completed two water main repairs on Thursday. The first was on Cliff Street and the second repair at the intersection of Main St. and Towne Hill Road was performed at night due to high traffic volumes. This leak was discovered during a grant funded leak detection survey and is believed to have been causing increased pumping frequency to the Towne Hill water storage tank. Our crews also repaired several water meters, along with cleaning catch basins that were plugged and no longer taking water.

The brick arch sewer on Loomis Street was cleaned and Sibley Ave. was further prepped for the water main installation. Our crews also assisted on the Clarendon Ave. project. Our weekly pump station maintenance and dig safes were also completed.

Next week our water/sewer division will begin working on the Sibley Ave. water main construction and continue cleaning the brick arch sewer on Loomis Street. If cleaning is completed, staff will attempt to perform a camera inspection of the interior of the pipe in preparation of rehabilitation work. Dig safe and meters repairs will continue along with additional sewer main cleaning.

Clarendon Ave Reconstruction

Hebert Excavation will continue the main line sewer installation on Clarendon. SMH-2 will be installed near the base of Dwinell Street on the south side of Clarendon. While installing SMH-2, residents may have to use Redstone Ave. or Sunnyside Terrace in order to gain access to driveways located on Dwinell Street between Clarendon Ave and Dewey Street. This work is tentatively scheduled for Friday. During construction hours no thru traffic will be allowed to travel through the active construction zone. Please seek an alternate route. The contractor will have a detour route posted via Redstone Ave and Jordan Street.

Sidewalk Reconstruction

Sidewalk work on Main Street between Jay Street and Loomis Street started this week. The contractor plans to switch to working on the north side of the street next week, this work is anticipated to be completed by the end of next week. When the work on Main Street is complete, the contractor will begin on the Hubbard Street sidewalk.

Elm Street Sidewalk Extension

The sidewalk on Elm Street will be extended from the City Pool to #659 Elm St. This work is scheduled to begin the week of September 1st and will take approximately 6 – 8 weeks to complete.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Hiring Processes:

Assistant City Manager – We interviewed 9 (seven by skype) candidates this week, all of whom were very capable and talented. Each brought different strengths and skills. After some very difficult deliberations, we have narrowed the field to 4 people. We will be scheduling them for visits to Montpelier over the next couple of weeks. We will hold more thorough interviews and discussions followed by reference checks for the top candidates.

Public Works Director – We have narrowed the field to 3 candidates and will be scheduling those interview processes over the next couple of weeks as well. I hope to be able to announce both final candidates at the same time.

Back to School

With school starting this month, DPW crews will begin painting yellow curbs and street hatching for no parking zones around the schools.

Water Treatment Facility

Our crew is currently cleaning the exterior of the one million gallon fire protection storage tank located at the facility. Cleaning the tank is completed every 3 to 5 years and takes an average of one and half to two weeks to complete this task. Required sampling and general plant maintenance was also completed.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Energy Efficiency Ordinance

Mayor Watson and the Montpelier Energy Disclosure Ordinance Working Group are holding a public hearing on Tuesday evening in City Council Chambers, starting at 6 p.m. and continuing into the subsequent MEAC meeting if necessary, to provide information about the history of energy disclosure initiatives across the country and in Vermont. In addition, the public is invited to ask questions and share ideas and thoughts about how we can make this ordinance a success in Montpelier and protect the energy efficiency investments our residents have made in their homes.

August Parkapalooza

Saturday, August 17, 3:00 – 9:00 pm | Hubbard Park (enter via Winter Street entrance)

At every Parkapalooza concert you'll find music, food, a giant slip 'n slide, games, a fun zone with arts and crafts, a skill swap, overnight camping, capture the flag, a talent show, and so much more! Join us for a concert featuring Montreal based Daby Touré and opening act, Lyon's Disciple. Tickets on sale at the Winter St. gate during the event. The cost is \$5/adult, \$3/kid, \$10/family. We'll cut the price in half if you walk or bike to the event! All funds go to supporting Montpelier parks.

Montpelier Pool Closes This Sunday

The Montpelier Pool will close for the season, this Sunday, August 18 at 5:30 pm.

Herb Walk with Angie Barger

Monday, August 19, 5:00 – 7:00 pm | Walk begins at North Branch Nature Center | Free and open to the public. This wild plant walk will introduce you to medicinal plants commonly found on different parts of Vermont's wild fields, riparian zones, and northern hardwood forests.

Dog Day at the Pool

Wednesday, August 21, 5:00 – 6:00 pm | Montpelier Pool, Elm Street

The one day of the year where Fido, Rover, and all their furry friends get to enjoy the Montpelier pool! Bring your pup, their favorite toy (and your camera - this is an adorable event) for a romp in the pool.

August 23 Blood Drive

American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center on Friday, August 23 from 12:00 – 6:00 pm.



William Fraser
City Manager

CONTINUE ON FOR TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS, REPORTS AND BUDGET ITEMS

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

8/28	Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 2nd PH ATCM Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 1st PH ATCM Substance Abuse update PD Community Fund Board Appt. ATCM Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Barre/Main Decision P&CD/DPW	9/11	Confluence Park/Waterfront Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Event Fees –tentative CM SEJAC Appts. ATCM Living Wage Ordinance CM
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	Tax Stabilization Policy CM		Responsible Employer Ordinance CM Zoning Public Hearing – P&D Fair and Impartial Policing Policy CM
9/25	Grant for Net Zero plan P&CD Revolving Loan Fund CD Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Strategic Plan update CM Historic Preservation Commission Appt. ATCM Zoning Public Hearing – P&D	10/9	CSO Financials DPW/Finance Complete Streets Committee update Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 1 st PH CM/HR
10/23	Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Housing Authority Appt. ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 nd PH CM/HR	11/13	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 nd PH CM/HR IRC Codes Planning Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Recreation Building ACM
11/20	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM WiFi feasibility Finance/Tech Strategic Plan update CM Economic Development Strategic Plan P&CD	12/11	Budget Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Complete Streets Appts. ATCM
12/18	Sabin’s Pasture CM Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM	1/8	Hazard Mitigation Plan update Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM
1/22	Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM		

Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

Aug.	Stormwater update Roof drain connection ✓ Transition of PD fleet to HEV	Oct.	Police Department Social Worker
Nov.	WiFi feasibility	Jan.	Rental properties survey
?	Downtown Master Plan Process for adding new projects/funding		

Budget

ADA projects
Combined Sewer Overflow projects
Downtown Master Plan Implementation
Emergency Management Operations
Fuel
Parking Garage Operations
Housing Trust Fund
Infrastructure
Downtown LED light conversion
Personnel Plan matters
Police Dept. Social Worker
Recreation Center
Confluence Park/Riverfront efforts
Sabin's Pasture (purchase?)
WiFi