

CITY OF VERGENNES, VERMONT
REGULAR MEETING of the CITY COUNCIL

March 14, 2023

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Remote Meeting Via Zoom

Join by Computer: <https://zoom.us/j/561577976>

Join by Phone: Dial: 1 (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 561 577 976

Meeting Password: 1234

1. Microphone Check
2. Call to Order
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Amendments to Agenda
5. Visitors
6. Approval of Minutes (2/28/23) and Warrant* (3/14/22)
7. City Council Organization
 - a) Welcome to Mayor Chris Bearor and Alderwoman Cheryl Brinkman
 - b) Recognition of service to the City: Mathew Chabot and Mel Hawley
 - c) City Council Organization
 - i. Adoption of City Council meeting schedule through March 2024 *
 - ii. Election of Deputy Mayor**
 - iii. Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order for executive boards and committees which waives various formalities and calls for Mayor to vote on all motions** <https://robertsrules.org/robertsrules.pdf>
 - iv. Designation of Newspaper of Record**
8. Business
 - a) Request for approval of a one year license (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024) for the sale of liquor, tobacco and tobacco substitutes for the following businesses:
 - i. 2nd Class Liquor License for KPH Drugs, Inc. (Kinney Drugs)
 - ii. 2nd Class Liquor License, Tobacco License, and Tobacco Substitute for Brockton Corporation (Shaw's)
 - iii. 2nd Class Liquor License, Tobacco License, and Tobacco Substitute for Wesco, Inc. (Champlain Farms)
 - iv. 2nd Class Liquor License, Tobacco License, and Tobacco Substitute for R.L. Vallee (Maplefields)
 - v. 1st and 3rd class Liquor License for Pork Squid, LLC; 1st and 3rd class Liquor License and Outside Consumption Permit for Moohah, Inc. *
 - b) Appointment of Cheryl Brinkman to the Addison County Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors for a one-year term ending February, 2024. *
 - c) Appointment of Alderwoman Susan Rakowski to the Parks & Recreation Committee as City Council representative for a one-year term ending March, 2024. *

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- d) Pool Update, Alderwoman Susan Rakowski, Parks & Recreation Committee
- e) Request to Amend Cheryl Brinkman's appointment to the Vergennes Planning Commission for a two-year term, August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2024, to now serve as a non-voting ex officio member per 24 VSA 4332.b. (Copy of statute in packet). *
- f) Appointment of Alderwoman Cheryl Brinkman to the Energy Committee as City Council representative for one year term ending March 2024. *
- g) Appointment of Sid Bosworth, Don Ferris, Al Harder-Hyde, Keith Morrill, Maggi Shadroui, Jeremy Francis, Grace Williams to the City of Vergennes Energy Committee for a term ending March 2024 (per bylaws adopted by the Vergennes City Council, October 11, 2022). *
- h) Request to apply for a Municipal Energy Resilience grant through the Vermont Agency of Administration, Buildings & General services, for up to \$4,000 for energy resilience community capacity building, with no city match required. *
- i) Discussion of Board and Committee vacancies. Board of Auditors (one vacancy); Board of Listers (2 vacancies); Grand Juror (one vacancy – letter of interest from Michelle Eastman in packet); Development Review Board (one vacancy); Parks & Recreation Committee (5 vacancies) ***
- j) Discussion of proposed changes to the Parks and Recreation Committee charge, updated and adopted by the City Council, March 22, 2022. ***
- k) Appointment of Kathy Rossier, Ben Hatch, Julian Cesner, Tania Bolduc, Mike Daniels, Matt Hawes, Erin Wolcott and Robyn Newton (as Addison Northwest School District representative) as members of the City of Vergennes Parks and Recreation Committee for a one-year term ending March, 2024 (per charge updated and adopted by the Vergennes City Council, March 22, 2022). *
- l) Discussion of a possible 2023 special election to seek voter approval of:
 - i. proposed updated lease agreement between the City of Vergennes and the Friends of Vergennes Opera House.
 - ii. proposed lease agreement between the City of Vergennes and the Addison County Communications Union District a.k.a. Maple Broadband regarding the placement of telecommunications equipment on city property; See Title 24 Appendix: Municipal Charters, Chapter 15: City of Vergennes, Subchapter 1: General Provisions, App. § 15-26. Sales, etc.
 - iii. certain city reserve funds (not previously approved by voters), per 24 V.S.A. § 2804. Copies of statutes in packet ***

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- m) Discussion of policy for Infrastructure Improvement Fund, approved by voters on March 7, 2023. ***
- n) City Council approval of City Manager's appointment of Chief of Police per 24 App. V.S.A. ch. 15, § 9 (c) *All appointments by the City Manager shall be subject to approval by the City Council.* *

- 9. City Manager Report
- 10. Mayor's Report
- 11. Adjournment

*Decision Item

**Possible Decision Item

***Discussion Item