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Montclair Town Manager Presents Proposed 2014 Budget

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[Excerpt on smokefree parks]

Councilor-at-Large Rich McMahon lost again in his protest against Fourth Ward Councilor Dr. Renée Baskerville's ordinance banning smoking in public parks and township buildings. He objected to the idea of making any visitor or public employee who wants to smoke at these properties vacate them when smoking per se is still legal. "I don't think it makes any sense," he said.

The ordinance passed on first reading with McMahon casting the sole vote against it. An amendment dropping electronic cigarettes, which emit a water vapor rather than carcinogenic smoke, was also passed, 6-1, with McMahon again the sole dissenting vote.

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