

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
June 15, 2016
City Council Chambers

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Justin Turcotte, Dona Bate, Anne Watson, Tom Golonka, Jean Olson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh and Anne Watson. City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Hearing no objection, the proposed agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

16-179. City Manager Fraser noted it was the last meeting of fiscal year and acknowledged the service of Bev Hill, who was retiring.

16-180. Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved approval of the Consent Agenda, with item L removed for separate consideration, and the addition of a noise ordinance waiver request from National Life. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously at 6:37PM.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council approve Consent Agenda Item L, and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Turcotte recused himself).

16-181. Councilor Edgerly Walsh made the following motion regarding membership on the Conservation Commission: that JD Fox takes the alternate position with 1 year remaining, John Jose moves into the 4 year term, and Emily Brin fills the open 3 year spot. Councilor Bate seconded. Motion carries unanimously at 6:38.

16-182. The Council opened a discussion on proposed zoning changes. Planning Director Mike Miller came forward to participate. Commenting were: KC Whitely (presenting a petition from several St Paul street residents), Dave Bellini, Sandy Vitzthum, Wally Malley.

There was a brief presentation from Mr. Miller.

Further comments were offered from: Steve Sease, Ron Shems (representing Alan Goldman), Lynn Wild, Lew Friedland, Diane Ziegler, Priscilla Menkin (?), Phil Dodd, Mary Hooper, Jack McCullough, Ruth Hare, and Alan Goldman. Discussion followed. Jon Anderson (Planning Commission Vice Chair) joined the discussion. Comments were also offered by Leslie ? from the Planning Commission.

The Chair called a recess at 9:10. The meeting reconvened at 9:17.

16-185. Housing task force members Jack McCullough, Jen Hollar, Liz Gange (?) and Polly Nichol of the Housing Task Force were joined by Brooke Jenkins (Director of Good Samaritan Haven in Barre) for a discussion of homelessness.

- 16-184. The City Clerk introduced the proposed changes to the taxi ordinance. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing opened at 9:49. A brief discussion followed. Councilor Turcotte moved the proposal pass first hearing, with an amendment striking the “Insurance” portion of the ordinance, and that the Council set the second Public Hearing to take place at the next regular Council meeting. Councilor Watson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 9:59. The Public Hearing was closed.
- 16-186. The City Manager offered brief comments on the “Steady state” Council goal.
- 16-187. There was a brief discussion of the summer meeting schedule.
- 16-188. Councilor Bate offered an update on her schedule and invited witnesses of a recent hit and run she was the victim of, to contact her. Councilor Turcotte offered comments on the recent violence in Orlando. Councilor Watson reported on her time Saturday decorating Langdon Street.
- 16-189. Mayor Hollar reported on his meeting with the Community Fund Board. Councilor Olson added comments.
- 16-190. The City Clerk noted that absentee ballots would be available by June 24th.
- 16-191. City Manager Fraser reported on the recent cybersecurity meeting. He also noted the upcoming Econo Lodge working group meeting , and reported on follow-up meetings regarding the proposed dog ordinance changes and city outreach methods. He also offered and update on the upcoming personnel hearing. Finally, Mr. Fraser initiated a discussion to clarify the zoning process going forward. Councilor Olson added comments relating to the dog ordinance.

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:21PM.