

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
July 13, 2016, 6:30PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar, Councilors Tom Golonka, Jean Olson, Anne Watson, Dona Bate, and Jessica Edgerly Walsh. Councilor Justin Turcotte was not present. City Manager William Fraser participated. Assistant City Clerk Jamie Granfield served as Secretary of the meeting.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. Councilor Watson moved approval of the agenda, and was seconded by Councilor Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

16-199. Dan Jones, managing director of Net Zero Vermont, came forward to announce the launch of a design competition for a more sustainable Montpelier.

16-200. Councilor Olson raised questions regarding Consent Agenda items b, c, d as well as the notifying process of street closures and Noise Ordinance waivers (e, f, g, h, i). A discussion followed. Beckie Sheloske, on behalf of Charlie-O's, addressed council.

Councilor Olson moved approval of Consent agenda items g and h (g. Approve a request from Beckie Sheloske, on behalf of Charlie-O's, to close the Jacobs Parking Lot (66 Main Street) on Saturday, August 13, 2016, from 1:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. for their 40th Anniversary Celebration. H. Approve request from Beckie Sheloske for a waiver of the City's Noise Ordinance until 11:00 P.M. on August 13th for Charlie-O's event as described above.). Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The remainder of the Consent Agenda was tabled by the Chair.

16-201. Kate McCarthy addressed the Council on her candidacy for a position on the Development Review Board. Councilor Watson moved the Council reappoint Dan Richardson and appoint Kate McCarthy to fill Michael Sherman's 3-year term on the Development Review Board. The motion was seconded by Councilor Edgerly Walsh and carried unanimously.

16-202. Page Guertin addressed the Council on her interest in being appointed to the Conservation Commission. Councilor Bate moved Page Guerin be appointed to the Conservation Commission, and was seconded by Councilor Edgerly Walsh. The motion carried unanimously.

16-203. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the revised Dog Ordinance and proceeded with the 1st reading. City Manager Fraser provided a summary of the Dog Ordinance and thanked Danis Regal for her work. Danis Regal, Marilyn Mode and Page Guertin participated in the discussion that followed. Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved to pass first reading and set the second public hearing for August 10th. Councilor Watson seconded, all in favor. The public hearing was closed.

16-204. John Snell and Eve Jacobs-Carnahan of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee offered a presentation on a proposed street closure event. Discussion followed. Councilor Bate moved the Council approve the request for open streets event street closure on October 8 10AM-2PM. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- 16-213. Jennifer Gordon, co-chair of the Bicycle Advisory Committee came forward to address the Council to propose the Bicycle Committee be absorbed into the Montpelier Transportation Advisory. Councilors Edgerly Walsh and Bate had questions. Eve Jacobs Carnahan of the Pedestrian Committee and Adam Maxwell of Local Motion came forward to address council. Discussion followed. No action was taken.
- 16-206. Finance Director Sandra Gallup and Public Works Director Tom McArdle came forward to address council with the Water and Sewer 50-Year Master Plan. Discussion followed. Councilor Watson moved to approve the Water and Sewer 50-Year Master Plan, seconded by Councilor Bate, all in favor.
- 16-207. Councilor Watson moved to approve the Water and Sewer Rate Resolution and set rates for FY17 water and sewer. Seconded by Councilor Bate. All in favor. Mayor Hollar thanked Finance Director Sandra Gallup for her work for the City.
- 16-208. Public Works Director Tom McArdle addressed Council regarding the projects for additional PILOT Fund revenue. Councilor Olson had questions and moved to use \$100,000.00 of expected PILOT revenue to fund the economic development plan and use the rest for infrastructure. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-3 (Councilors Bate, Golonka, and Watson opposed).
- After further discussion, Councilor Watson moved to "fund the capital fund and the city manager's budget as proposed" (\$150,000 to the Capital Fund and \$75,000 to the City Manager's budget for implementation of the Economic Development Strategic Plan). Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Olson voting nay).
- Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved that if the options tax drives more revenue than anticipated, that the additional revenue be spent on economic development. Councilor Watson seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn.
- 16-209. Public Works Director Tom McArdle and Project Management Director Corey Line provided council with an update on the Taylor Street project.
- 16-211. The Mayor opened the second public hearing on the proposed Taxi Ordinance. Councilor Watson moved to approve the Taxi Ordinance, and was seconded by Councilor Edgerly Walsh. All in favor. Mayor Hollar offered comments regarding Uber. The Public Hearing was closed.
- 16-212. Councilor Bate moved to approve the Parking Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Watson. All in favor.
- 16-215. Councilor Bate spoke regarding the Bicycle Committee and the bicycle lanes. Councilor Olson commended the staff who participated in the events on July 3rd. Councilor Watson offered comments regarding Net metering, pesticide usage on the railroad, and urging people to not trespass on property while using Pokemon Go.
- 16-216. Mayor Hollar thanked the amazing staff and volunteers who helped with the July 3rd events, as well as Langdon Street Alive and the Mountaineers.
- 16-217. Assistant Clerk Granfield announced that tax bills will be mailed out in the next few days. She also announced that absentee ballots are available, as is early voting up until August 8th. Finally,

Mrs. Granfield announced that the Clerk's office will be open from 10-2 on Saturday, August 6th for early voting.

- 16-218. City Manager Fraser reported the following: On July 27th, there's a possible hearing for a personnel matter at 5:30PM. On August 3rd, there is an Eminent Domain hearing regarding the Jacob's property at 5:30PM. There is a City Council meeting on August 10th. Mr. Fraser reported that an advertisement has been put out for a new Finance Director. He announced the relocation of the Recreation department's reception desk to 58 Barre Street. He also noted that the Community Service Survey was closing on July 22nd. Finally, Mr. Fraser announced that there is now WIFI at the Montpelier pool.

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:17PM.