

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
September 21, 2016, 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

In attendance: Councilors Anne Watson (Chair), Justin Turcotte, Dona Bate, Tom Golonka and Jessica Edgerly Walsh. Mayor John Hollar and Councilor Jean Olson were not in attendance. City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30PM.

- 16-266. Hearing no objection, the Chair ruled the proposed agenda approved by unanimous request, with the addition of a liquor license application (Beau) to the consent agenda (at the request of the City Clerk).
- 16-268. Councilor Bate moved approval of the consent agenda and Councilor Turcotte seconded (with Item B tabled at Councilor Golonka's request). The motion carried unanimously at 6:36.
- 16-279. Item B from the consent agenda (French Block MOU / Housing Trust Fund recommendation for French Block) was taken off the table for consideration. The discussion included Eileen Peltier. Councilor Golonka moved the Council approve item B. Councilor Turcotte seconded. More discussion followed before the motion carried unanimously at 6:41 PM.
- 16-269. The Council considered appointments to Montpelier's Historic Preservation Commission. James Duggan and Eric Gilbertson had requested to be reappointed. Elizabeth Peebles and David Carris have submitted applications for appointment. All four candidates addressed the Council. Councilor Bate moved that James Duggan, Eric Gilbertson, Elizabeth Peebles and David Carris be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilor Golonka seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 6:46.
- 16-275. Housing Task Force members Jack McCullough (Chair), Mary Hooper, Polly Nichol, Joanne Troiano, joined by Liz Gange, delivered a report on the status of the Housing Trust Fund. Discussion followed, which included Eileen Peltier.
- 16-270. The Council received a Car Share update from Annie Borden. Discussion and questions followed. No formal action was taken.
- 16-271. Sarah Jarvis, Steve Cook of the Montpelier Alive Board were joined by Ashley Wizenberger for a discussion of the Downtown Improvement District budget. Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved to approve the budget as submitted. Councilor Bate second. The motion passed unanimously at 7:42.
- 16-272. The Council opened a discussion on Transportation Advisory Committee restructuring. John Bodreski, Eve Jacobs-Carnahan, Anthony Minona and Heather Voisin addressed the Council. Public Works Director Tom McArdle joined the discussion. Corey Lime and Kevin Casey of the Planning & Development Department participated in the discussion.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council dissolve MTAC, the Bicycle, and Pedestrian committees, and create two new committees (Complete Streets Events and Education, Complete Streets Infrastructure and Policy), include a Council representative to the two committees (ideally the same Councilor), that anyone serving on the committees would continue serving on whichever they choose, and at a future city council meeting, membership can be revisited. Councilor Turcotte seconded. Further discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously at 8:08.

The Chair declared a recess at 8:09PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:14PM.

- 16-273. The Council received a presentation on Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) from Chris Cox, Kurt Motyka, and Tom McArdle of the Public Works Department. Discussion followed. Vicki Lane came forward with questions. Planning & Development Director Mike Miller joined the discussion. No action was taken.
- 16-274. Julie Moore joined Mr. Miller and Mr. McArdle for a Stormwater Master Plan presentation. Discussion followed. Councilor Bate moved to accept the draft report and to open a period of time for public review and comment, and set the hearing for the 12th. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 9:58.
- 16-276. The Chair opened the public hearing for the second reading of the proposed Junkyard Ordinance at 10PM. After some brief discussion, Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the public hearing be recessed until the Council meeting on October 26th. Councilor Bate seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 16-277. City Manager Fraser offered the Council a goal review report (Clean Environment) A B brief discussion followed (Assistant City manager Jessie Baker participated).
- 16-280. Councilor Golonka offered a Public Safety Authority report. Councilor Edgerly Walsh announced she is not planning to run for re-election. Councilor Bate noted that New Directions would like time on the October 26th agenda and also thanked the Council for its attention to the Transportation committees.
- Councilor Watson offered comments on flag committee (initiating a brief discussion that included Assistant City Manager Baker), before suggesting agenda items include estimated times for discussion, and asking if the microphones can be repositioned. She also noted that she has been hearing negative comments about conditions of Montpelier rental units.
- 16-282. The City Clerk noted that early voting was underway.
- 16-283. The City Manager reported on the early budget process and calendar, making suggestions on the process moving forward. Some discussion followed.
- 16-278. For the scheduled update on 1 Taylor Redevelopment easements, Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council enter executive session in accordance with Title I, V.S.A. §313, Executive Sessions, (a)(2), and that the City Manager and Assistant City Manager be included. Councilor Bate seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 10:31PM.

Councilor Golonka opted to recuse himself from the discussion.

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the Council returned to open session and subsequently adjourned, by unanimous consent.

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