

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
October 11, 2017, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Dona Bate, Justin Turcotte, Anne Watson, Ashley Hill, Jean Olson, Rosie Krueger. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary of the meeting.

Call to Order by the Mayor at 6:00.

- 17-296. Without objection, the proposed agenda was approved by acclaim.
- 17-298. Councilor Watson moved approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 17-299. Jon Anderson and Stephanie Smith addressed the council regarding their candidacies for the Planning Commission. Councilor Watson moved the Council enter executive session to discuss the appointments, Councilor Hill seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 6:05. AT 6:17, Councilor Turcotte moved the Council return to open session and was seconded by Councilor Olson. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilor Krueger moved the Council reappoint Jon Anderson and Tina Ruth to the Planning Commission. Motion carried 4-2 (Councilors Bate and Hill voting nay) at 6:19.
- 17-300. Councilor Watson moved the Council appoint Cristine Zern, Katheryn Stevens-Favorite, and Liz Hannon to the Housing Authority. Anne moved appointments. Councilor Hill seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 6:23.
- 17-301. Paul Gambill addressed the Council in regards to the ArtSynergy Selection Committee appointments. Councilor Watson moved the Council enter executive session (and include Mr. Gambill) to discuss the appointments and Councilor and Councilor Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 6:26. At 6:32, Councilor Watson moved the Council return to open session. Councilor Olson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Councilor Hill moved the Council appoint Nathan Suter, Jill Pralle, Magdalene Lenz-McQuilken, and Robert Hannum to the ArtSynergy Selection Committee. Councilor Watson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 17-302. The Council received a Central Vermont Public Safety Authority update from Kim Cheney, Tom Golonka, Francis Aumund, Sam Dworkin, and Michael Smith. Significant discussion took place. Councilor Olson made the following motion: "to place Montpelier dispatch under the purview of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority by July 1, 2018. On July 1 2018, the CVPSA will have authority over employees, protocols, procedures and policies; subject to the following: No bonding without prior approval by Montpelier City Council, All employees will remain under the Montpelier personnel plan pending transition to the Authority and approval of the employee plan by Chief Facos, Budgeting for the Authority will remain with Montpelier City Council until a date to be

determined by the Council.” Councilor Turcotte seconded. Further discussion followed. Paul Cerutti, Laura Heddon, Fred Cummings, and Doug Hoyt participated in discussion.

Councilor Watson moved the motion be amended by replacing the entirety of the language with the following: “That the City Council issue a letter to members of Capital West, Barre City and Barre Town saying we have full confidence in the CVPSA in moving forward with a regional plan as it continues with details to be developed, moving forward with the intention to cede authority of some operations by July 1 2018.” Councilor Hill seconded. After further discussion, the motion to amend was approved unanimously.

The underlying motion as amended passed unanimously.

Councilor Turcotte moved the Council instruct city staff to draft a resolution supporting the Regional Authority with language as described by the Head of Montpelier dispatch by the next regular meeting. Councilor Hill seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

The Chair called a recess at 8:31. The meeting reconvened at 8:40.

- 17-304. Chair decided to continue the Wayfarer discussion to a future meeting. Ashley Wiltzenberger of Montpelier Alive came forward to answer questions as part of a brief discussion of the proposed Downtown Improvement District budget. Councilor Watson moved approval of the Downtown Improvement District budget as proposed. Councilor Turcotte seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 8:43.
- 17-305. Planning Director Mike Miller, joined by Tina Ruth and Barbara Conrey, came forward to continue prior meetings’ discussions of the proposed zoning ordinance. Alan Goldman offered comments. No formal action was taken.
- 17-307. Councilor Bate reported that she was heading to Ohio. Councilor Olson noted that Skinny Pancake would be making a donation based on Saturday sales to the Food Bank. Councilor Krueger commented that it had been a pleasure to work with Councilors, and offered thanks to Mr. Miller for his work. Councilor Watson reminded listeners of the Saturday TW Wood Gallery fall Gala. She added that she’d been talking with city staff regarding the searchability of agenda items on the website and having more robust document accessibility in general. Councilor Hill complimented the Police Department for the appearance in local news promoting “Coffee with a Cop.”
- 17-308. The Mayor reported that he and the City Manager had a good meeting with the College of Fine Arts regarding zoning. He also noted his recent meeting with the Consul General of Bangladesh.

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:50PM.