

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
September 26, 2018 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (Chair), Councilors Ashley Hill, Conor Casey, Glen Hutcheson, Rosie Krueger, Jack McCullough, Dona Bate, and Assistant City Manager Sue Allen. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32.

18-269. The proposed agenda was approved without objection.

18-270. Harris Webster invited everyone to We Walk Week and thanked Councilor Bate for her participation in a recent event. Jeff Dworkin spoke on the parking ban on Liberty Street (discussion followed). Steve Whitaker spoke on the safety of crosswalks.

18-271. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda with item e (Approve School Board Appointment Andrew Stein) tabled for discussion. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Hill led the discussion of item e. Councilor McCullough moved the council approve the School Board's appointment of Andrew Stein Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0-2 (Councilors Casey and Krueger recusing themselves for potential conflicts of interest).

18-272-74. The Council considered appointments to the Planning Commission, Design Review Board and Recreation Advisory Board concurrently. Addressing the council on their candidacies for appointment to the Planning Commission were Brian Evans, Leslie Welts, Barbara Conrey, Kim Cheney, Stephanie Smith, Kirby Keeton, Aaron Kisicki. Addressing the Council in regard to their candidacies for the Recreation Advisory Board were Peter Cohn, Heather Bailey.

Councilor Krueger moved the Council enter executive session in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313, Executive Sessions (a)(3) . Councilor Hill seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 6:57. At 7:18, Councilor Hill moved the Council return to open session and was seconded by Councilor McCullough. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Krueger moved the Council appoint to two year terms on the Planning Commission: Leslie Welts, Barbara Conrey, Kirby Keeton, and Stephanie Smith, and for the three 1-year terms John Adams, Ariane Kasim, and Aaron Kisicki. Seconded by Councilor McCullough. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Casey moved to appoint Liz Pritchett as an alternate to the Design Review Committee. Councilor Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor McCullough moved the Council appoint Peter Cohen and Heather Bailey to the Recreation Advisory Board. Councilor Hutcheson seconded and the motion carried

unanimously.

- 18-276. Jen Hollar and Polly Nichol offered a Housing Task Force update. Participating in discussion were Liz Genge, Steve Whitaker and Laura Gephardt. No formal action taken.
- 18-275. The council received and discussed a proposed parking garage structural design update offered by Greg Rabideau. Discussion included Steve Whitaker. No formal action taken.

The Mayor called a recess at 8:40. The meeting reconvened at 8:49.

- 18-277. Councilor Krueger led a discussion with Parks Commission members Dan Dickerson, Fabienne Paterson, and Bill Johnson. Following discussion, Councilor Casey moved the Council appoint Councilor Bate as council liaison to the Parks Commission. Councilor Krueger seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 9:13.
- 18-278. The parklet ordinance amendments 1st Reading public hearing was opened at 9:19. Discussion followed with participation from Michael Miller. Comments were offered from Richard Sheir. Councilor Hill moved to change the parklet cutoff date to October 1. Councilor Casey seconded. After further discussion, the motion failed on a vote of 3-4 (Councilors Bate, Hutcheson, McCullough and Mayor Watson voting nay).
- The public hearing closed at 9:40. Councilor Hill moved pass to pass 1st reading and set the next public hearing for October 10th. Councilor Bate seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 18-279. Planning Director Mike Miller offered a building And zoning permitting presentation. Discussion followed. No formal action taken.
- 18-281. Councilor Hill led a discussion of the Vermont League of Cities and Town's (VLCT) municipal policy. No formal action taken.
- 18-282. There were brief comments on the CVSWMD Municipal Services Program Grant Program. No action taken.
- 18-283. The Council set the date for the 2nd Public Hearing for the Special Election as October 29. No formal action taken.
- 18-285. Councilor Bate reported that she was traveling to Sweden and would miss the next meeting. Councilor Casey reported on his police ride-along. Councilor Hutcheson reminded listeners of his weekly Bagito's constituent meeting. Councilor Hill noted a coming demonstration at the state house on out of state prisons.
- 18-288. Assistant City Manager Sue Allen spoke with the council about the logistics of their photo.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection by unanimous consent.