

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**October 14, 2020, 6:30pm**  
**Videoconference**

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (Chair), Councilors Dona Bate, Conor Casey, Lauren Hierl, Dan Richardson, Jay Ericson, and Jack McCullough. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2020-302. The proposed agenda was approved with the addition of liquor license approval (1<sup>st</sup> class, 3<sup>rd</sup> class, Outdoor Consumption for Nutty Steph's, 3<sup>rd</sup> class license for Positive Pie) under the consent agenda and a nomination to the School Resource Officer committee.

2020-3056-8. The Council discussed Committee Appointments for the Historic Preservation Committee. Eric Gilbertson and Robert McCullough spoke. The Council discussed appointments to the Design Review Committee. The council also discussed appointments to the Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee

Councilor Richardson moved to appoint Eric Gilbertson, Robert McCullough, and Brian Powell to the Historic Preservation Committee, and hereby create and appoint Victoria Arthur to the Hazard Mitigation Committee. Also to appoint Ben Cheney to the full position on the Design Review Committee. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2020-304. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda as amended with item a. pulled for discussion. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2020-310. The Mayor opened the public hearing for the second reading of the winter parking discussion which included Donna Barlow Casey and Zach Blodgett. Heather Corey, Dan Groberg, Stan Brinkerhoff, Bill Kaplan, and Stephen Whitaker participated. The public hearing was closed at 7:47.

Councilor Richardson moved approval of the proposal with the change in time for downtown. Councilor Casey seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

2020-308. The Finance Director gave a report on First Quarter Finances. No formal action taken.

The Mayor called a recess at 8:29, The meeting reconvened at 8:40.

2020-309. The Council discussed the budget. Stephen Whitaker and Dan Groberg participated. No formal action taken.

2020-311. The Council received a Montpelier Alive update. After discussion, Councilor McCullough moved the Council approve the 2021 Downtown Improvement District budget. Councilor Richardson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 2020-313. The Council received a Montpelier Development Corporation check-in/update. Participating were Bill Kaplan. Catherine Coteus. Sarah Jarvis and Elinor Bacon. No formal action taken.
- 2020-312. A public restrooms discussion was held. Participating were Stephen Whitaker and Morgan Brown.
- 2020-314. The Council received a COVID-19 Update. No formal action taken. A Halloween discussion followed.
- 2020-315. James Richardson was announced as the Above and Beyond award recipient.
- Guertin Park was discussed. Stephen Whitaker offered comments. No formal action taken.
- Councilor Casey moved to appoint Councilor Ericson to the SRO Committee. Councilor Richardson seconded, and the motion carried on a 5-0-1 vote (Councilor Ericson abstaining).
- There was a brief discussion of CIP meetings and structure.
- 2020-304. The Council took up Consent Agenda item a. Montpelier Transit Center Contract. Stephen Whitaker participated in discussion. Councilor Richardson moved the City approve the contract with Green Mountain Transit Authority. Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Bate voting nay).
- 2020-316. Councilor Bate encouraged everybody in town to be safe. Councilor Casey promoted participation in the census and reported on the microtransit committee. Councilor Ericson also encouraged the citizenry to be safe and thanked John Hollar and others for their work on the pump track. He also thanked Montpelier Alive for the wayfinding signs. Councilor Richardson encouraged people to vote. Councilor McCullough noted a coming event on alternatives for policing in Vermont schools.
- 2020-318. The City Clerk gave an update on the election.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM.