

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
February 24, 2021 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.

- 2021-067. The proposed agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2021-068. Councilor Hierl offered comments and gratitude regarding her experience on the Council.
- 2021-069. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilor Casey. After brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-070. The Council received a dispatch console presentation. Police Chief Peete introduced the discussion. Dispatch Supervisor Fred Cummings participated. Comments were offered by Steven Whitaker. No action taken.
- 2021-071. The zoning amendments public hearing was opened by the Mayor at 7:38pm. Planning Director Mike Miller introduced the discussion. Participating were: Page Guertin, Phyllis Rubenstein, Deborah Messing, Stephen Whitaker. The public hearing was closed at 8:43. Councilor McCullough moved to approve the proposed changes - that do not relate to Sabin's Pasture - to the Unified Development Regulations. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Councilor McCullough moved to approve to the Unified Development Regulations zoning amendments relating to Sabin's pasture. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0-1 (Councilor Richardson abstained).

The meeting recessed at 8:49PM and reconvened at 8:54.

- 2021-072. The Council held a public hearing on the proposed temporary parklet ordinance, opened at 8:57 PM. Public Works Director Donna Barlow Casey participated in discussion. Stephen Whitaker shared comments. The public hearing was closed at 9:45PM. Councilor Richardson moved for a second reading to be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting March 10th. Councilor Hierl seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-073. Councilor Bate supported Councilor Hierl's suggestion on parklet MyRide promotion and spoke supportively of her fellow councilors running for re-election. Councilor Casey echoed Councilor Bate's comments and relayed positive feedback on the parks department from skiers on the ski trails. Councilor Ericson echoed the previous comments and offered thanks to the Public Works Department for dealing with water line issues. Councilor Richardson suggested a Council discussion with the Public Works Department in regard to winter challenges and also noted his re-election candidacy and offered his thanks to the Council. Councilor McCullough noted his candidacy for re-election and spoke supportively of Councilors Richardson and Hierl. Councilor Hierl

noted participation options for the Social and Economic Justice and Police Review Committees and also thanked city staff for their efforts.

Mayor Watson spoke appreciatively of the Council and staff, especially Public Works.

2021-074. The Clerk reported on the coming Annual City Meeting.

2021-075. The City Manager discussed City Hall logistics for Town Meeting Day before expressing his appreciation for the Council. He also congratulated Jessie Baker on her new position in South Burlington.

Without objection, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:06 PM by unanimous consent.