

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
April 14, 2021 6:30pm
Videoconference

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

- 2021-115. With moving the committee assignments and 4th quarter finance discussions up, the agenda as adjusted was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2020-116. Peter Kelman spoke on public debate, based on the garage debate. Stephen Whitaker on accuracy of news coverage.
- 2020-117. Councilor McCullough moved to approve the consent agenda and Councilor Hierl seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The liquor license applications approved were:

- Capitol Food Court, 1st class
- The North Branch, 1st class, 2nd class, outdoor consumption
- The Inn at Montpelier, 1st class, outdoor consumption
- Langdon Street Tavern, outdoor consumption
- Kismet, 1st class, 3rd class, outdoor consumption
- Meadow Mart, 2nd class
- Charlie O's, 1st class, 3rd class
- Oakes and Evelyn, 1st class
- Sarducci's, outside consumption

- 2021-118. The Assistant City Manager announced that the recipients of the Above and Beyond are Jeff Wilson and Paul Grant.
- 2021-119. Homelessness Task Force Presentation from Ken Russell, Rick DeAngelis, Zack Hughes, and Dawn Little led off. Participating in discussion were Stephen Whitaker, and Morgan Brown. No action taken.
- 2021-124. After discussion, Council committee assignments were adopted informally.
- 2021-120. The E-911 street naming and house numbering ordinance 1st Reading public hearing was opened by the Mayor at 7:43 PM. Planning Director Mike Miller opened discussion. Councilor McCullough moved the Council we move this to Chapter 17 and schedule it for a second public hearing at our next meeting. Councilor Ericson seconded. Christine Zachai participated in discussion. Public hearing closed at 8:08PM. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-121. Christine Zachai opened the Community Fund Awards presentation. Councilor McCullough moved the Council make this [recommended] appropriation for the 2022

budget. Councilor Ericson seconded. Michelle Kersey spoke. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2021-123. Finance Director Kelly Murphy gave a third quarter financial update. Discussion followed. The Mayor called a recess at 8:31PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:40 PM. No action taken.
- 2021-122. Recreation Director Arne McMullen opened discussion on Summer pool use. Participating were Samara Mays, Morgan Brown, Lauren Hibbert, Kathleen Bryant, Jason Woodard, Megan Canella, Peter Mancauskas, and Sophie Sauvé. No formal action taken.
- 2021-125. Finance Director Kelly Murphy with City Manager Bill Fraser gave a Hotel/Garage financial update. Lauren Hibbert spoke. Councilor McCullough moved Council make a finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Councilor Hierl seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Councilor McCullough moved to go into executive session and was seconded by Councilor Ericson. The motion carried unanimously at 9:53 PM.

By unanimous consent, the enactment of the motion was set aside to do council reports

- 2021-129. Councilor Casey reported that MyRide was doing well, Councilor Richardson reported on testifying on non-citizen voting, Councilor Hierl reported on the Social and Economic Justice survey and a report on the Police Review Committee.
- 2021-130. City Manager offered his appreciation for the Council, the Assistant City Manager, and the staff for being supportive and flexible during his absence.

The Council entered executive session as per the previously passed motion at 10:10 PM. Without objection, the Council returned to open session and the meeting was subsequently adjourned by unanimous consent.