

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting INCOMPLETE – NOTES ONLY
October 27, 2021, 6:30pm
City Council Chambers and videoconference

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

Call To Order by The Mayor at 6:31 PM.

- 2021-297. Without objection, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2021-298. General Business and Appearances. Stephen Whitaker expressed concern about meeting warnings not appearing on the website, no packet being available for this meeting, and problems with the calendar and the website in general. He also expressed frustration with the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority's warning of meetings and responses to his records requests. Doug Hoyt asked that the volume be turned up.
- 2021-299. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilor Casey. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- 2021-300. Appointment of City Staff to the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority (CVPSA), Core Team. Doug Hoyt and Paco Aumand presented. Comments were offered from Stephen Whitaker on CVPSA management. No formal action taken.
- 2021-308. The Council took up a late addition to the agenda regarding Council comments to the Agency of Natural Resources regarding PFAS in leachate as it relates to the Water Resource Recovery Facility. Comments were offered by Christie Binzen, Stephen Whitaker, Daryl Bloom, KC Whitely, Alisa Dworsky, Shaina Kasper, Deborah Dwyer, Paul Burns, Renee Ancel, and Peter Kelman. Kurt Motyka participated. No formal action taken.
- 2021-301. Presentations on requests for ballot budget requests for Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice and Kellogg-Hubbard Library were offered by Carolyn Brennan and Judy Walke for the Library, and Sandy Rouse and Mary Kate Mohlman for CVHHH. Comments were received from Stephen Whitaker. Councilor Casey (check) moved to approve both requests and to put both requests on the ballot. Councilor Morton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-302. The Montpelier Alive Downtown Improvement District (DID) budget proposal was presented by Dan Groberg. Councilor McCullough moved to approve the proposed budget. Councilor Hierl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting went into recess at 8:21 and reconvened at 8:30.

- 2021-304. A FY23 budget process overview was offered by Finance Director Kelly Murphy. No formal action taken.

- 2021-305. Prioritizing Initiatives, Reviewing the First Draft, and Finalizing the Proposed Vision, Mission, and Values Statements for the 2022-2023 City Council Strategic Plan: Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer opened discussion. Councilor McCullough moved to adopt the Proposed Vision, Mission, and Values Statements for the 2022-2023 City Council Strategic Plan with the formatting and editorial changes that staff will be inserting (as per discussion). Councilor Hierl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-306. Holiday Season/Winter City Council Meeting Schedule: After discussion, Councilor McCullough moved to adopt the schedule as proposed. Councilor Ericson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-307. Council Committee Assignments to Fill Former Council Member Richardson's Vacancies: Councilor Hierl (seconded by Councilor McCullough) moved to appoint positions: Councilor Morton to the Building Code Appeals Committee and the Citizen Advisory Board of the Community Justice Center, Councilor Ericson to the Capitol Improvement Plan Committee, and Councilor Hierl. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-309. Councilor Casey noted the ongoing protest at the Statehouse regarding homelessness. Councilor Ericson spoke on alternatives to tipping being implemented by local businesses. Councilor McCullough spoke on reapportionment.
- 2021-310. The mayor reported on the November 18 rededication of the Challenger explosion monument.

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:07 by unanimous consent.