

Meeting of the Montpelier City Council
July 20, 2022, 6:30PM
City Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Anne Watson, Councilors Dona Bate, Jack McCullough, Conor Casey, and Cary Brown. Councilor Jennifer Morton participated by Zoom. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

Call To order by the mayor at 6:30PM.

- 2022-221. The mayor reviewed the meeting logistics and remote introductions.
- 2022-222. Councilor Morton identified herself as a remote participant. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2022-223. General Business and Appearances. Karen Hanron spoke on fireworks on city events. Maurice Martineau on crosswalk concerns at Pioneer Street and River Street, as well as a request for a new one on River Street. He also spoke on the decriminalization of prostitution. Aaron Clark spoke on the agenda order. Without objection, the prostitution ordinance discussion was moved to after the MyRide discussion. Thomas Fowler on the garden box area next to Shaw's. Peter Kelman and Ashley Strowbridge also spoke on fireworks. The City Manager introduced Evelyn Prim.
- 2022-224. Consent Agenda. Councilor McCullough moved the consent agenda and Councilor Bate seconded. At the mayor's request, Councilor McCullough moved to amend agenda to pass the consent agenda except for item h. Councilor Bate seconded. The vote carried unanimously. The underlying motion as amended passed unanimously after comments from Jim Tringe (relating to item j).
- a. Strategic Plan Update
 - b. 2nd class liquor license for Capitol Plaza
 - c. Proclamation of Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Montpelier
 - d. Appointment of City Representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC)
 - e. Minutes
 - f. Award contract to SE Group to help the Planning Commission develop a web-based city plan
 - g. Paving Contract Pike
 - h. Storm water Utility Contract
 - i. Equipment Purchases
 - j. Murray Hill Water

- k. Street Closure Application
- l. FY2022 FYE-Budget to Actuals (as for June 30th)
- m. FY2023 – VMBB 2022-2 Resolution & Certificate

2022-225. GMT My Ride Update. Jamie Smith presented. Peter Kelman commented. No action taken.

2022-228. Prostitution ordinance first reading. Public hearing opened at 7:22PM. Speaking: Aaron Clark, Diana Kearney, John Matthew, Rebecca Savoya, Maggie Caron, Mike Shively, Caitlyn Micias, Jenna Clark, Rebecca Zipkin, Ashley Strowbridge, and Michael Manion. The public hearing was closed at 7:52. Councilor McCullough moved to schedule a second public hearing on the repeal of this ordinance. Councilor Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The mayor called a recess at 8:10. The meeting was reconvened at 8:21.

2022-226. Equity reports from the Social and Economic Justice Committee. The Assistant City Manager introduced the conversation and was followed by Jeremy Beaudry and Michael Sherman. No formal action taken.

2022-227. District Heat Rates. Finance Director Kelly Murphy presented. Councilor McCullough moved to approve the proposed rates. Councilor Brown seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2022-224. Consent agenda item h. Kurt Motyka participated. Councilor Bate moved to accept the stormwater utility contract as presented. Councilor Casey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2022-229. Elks Club Update Including HUB Lease Request. Ethan Atkin, John Rayhill, and Nat Winthrop presented. Daniel Voisin commented. No formal action taken.

The mayor called a recess at 10:29 PM. The meeting reconvened at 10:34 PM

2022-230. 12-16 Main Street discussion. Peter Kelman and Dan Groberg of Montpelier Alive participated. Councilor Casey moved to go forward with a strong preference for housing with retail. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-231. Parklet ordinance discussion. Councilor Bate moved to go forward with the parklet ordinance proposal as presented for first reading. Councilor McCullough seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2022-232. Time Limits for Public Comments. No formal action taken.

2022-235. City Council Reports. Councilor Bate spoke on the Barre Street bike lane and urged people to vote August 9. Councilor Casey noted the passing of Rep. Warren Kitzmiller.

2022-236. The City Clerk spoke on early voting and volunteer needs and noted the passing of Paul Giuliani.

2022-237. City Manager's Report. The City Manager also noted the passing of Paul Giuliani.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 PM.