

Meeting of the Montpelier City Council
October 12, 2022, 6:30PM
City Council Chambers

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

- 22-1243. The mayor reviewed the meeting Logistics and remote introductions.
- 22-1244. Without objection, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent with the removal of the Homelessness Task Force and Housing Committee appointments.
- 22-1245. General Business and Appearances. Comments to the council consisted of: Dexter Lafavour introducing himself. Stephen Whitaker on his arrest, the police department and his treatment during the arrest, the completeness of public records request responses, garbage in the river, and the two-minute speaking limit. Dan Towle on the Homelessness Task Force needs assessment. Peter Kelman on the Capital Area Neighborhoods (CAN) status.
- 22-1246. Councilor McCullough moved the consent agenda and Councilor Casey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- a. Minutes for City Council Meeting 9.28.22
 - b. Street Closure/Special Event Applications
 - c. Downtown Capital Improvement – Benches & Trash Cans
- 22-1257-61. Appointment to Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee, the Planning Commission, the ADA Committee, and the Conservation Commission. Kirby Keeton addressed the Council on his candidacy. Councilor McCullough moved to appoint Craig Durham to the Transportation Infrastructure Committee, Kirby Keeton and Gabriel Lajeunesse to the Planning Commission, Mary Alice Bisbee to the ADA Committee, and Michael Lazorchak to the Conservation Commission. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 22-1262. Sandy Rousse spoke on the request for a 2023 City Meeting ballot item for Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice to be included without submitting a petition. Councilor Bate moved to allow them to put their ballot item on without signatures this year. Councilor McCullough seconded. The vote carried 4-2 (Councilors Brown and Casey voting nay).
- 22-1263. The mayor opened the 2nd Reading on the parklet ordinance amendment at 7:44 PM Councilor Brown moved to strike the sentence (beginning with) “this does not preclude...”. Councilor Hierl seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The public hearing closed at 7:47. Councilor McCullough moved to approve the ordinance

amendment as amended and Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- 22-1264. 203 Country Club Road master planning project update. Stephanie Clarke of White and Burke presented. A recess was called at 8:05 to address technical issues. The meeting reconvened at 8:16. Comments were offered from Peter Kelman. No action taken.
- 22-1265. Strategic Plan 2022 review. The mayor recused herself from the housing portion of the discussion (Councilor McCullough chaired) Peter Kelman commented. Councilor Bate moved to amend the strategic plan Initiatives 3.1.1 bullet 5 to read “support the advancement of affordable housing projects such as the Christ Church project.” Councilor Morton seconded. Councilor Hierl moved to approve the amended strategic plan with the changes adopted. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 22-1248. Councilor Bate reported on the pallet shelter launch at Burlington and the VLCT town fair. Councilor McCullough commended DPW’s paving work and noted the coming Board of Abatement meeting.
- 22-1249. The mayor reported on the VLCT Leahy appreciation event and noted the Country Club Road site tour on Saturday.
- 22-1250. The city clerk reported on the election and incoming Deputy Clerk Sara McMillon.
- 22-1251. The city manager discussed the committee appointment application process, noted Main Street paving and culvert construction, and gave a VLCT town fair report. He further followed up on items mentioned during public comment, including river cleanup, CAN, and public records.

Adjournment at 9:27 PM by unanimous consent.