

**Meeting of the Montpelier City Council**  
**October 26, 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.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

2022-252. The mayor noted the meeting logistics.

2022-253. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

2022-254. Page Guertin spoke on the Homelessness Task Force recommendation scheduled for later in the meeting.

2022-255. Councilor McCullough moved the consent agenda and Councilor Hierl seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Street Closure Application
- b. State Street Contract Award
- c. Trench Box Purchase
- d. East State Street Funding
- e. City Council Minute October 12, 2022
- f. Budget to Actual

2022-257-8. Historic Preservation and Homelessness Task Force appointments. Speaking to the council regarding their candidacies for appointment were Paul Carnahan, Nat Frothingham, Peter Kelman, Carolyn J. Ridpath, Dawn Little, and Paul Capcara. Councilor McCullough moved the council enter executive session to discuss the appointment of a public officer, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(3). Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 6:51. At 7:04, Councilor McCullough moved to come out of executive session and was seconded by Councilor Bate.

Councilor Casey moved the following appointments: Paul Carnahan and Craig Durham to the Historic Preservation Committee. Will Eberle, Dawn Little, Zachary Hughes, Ericka Reil, Ken Russell, and Rick Deangelis to two-year terms on the Homelessness Task Force, and Mary Messier, Nat Frothingham, Peter Kelman, Tory Rhodin, and Carolyn Ridpath to one-year terms on the Homelessness Task Force. Councilor Morton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2022-259. Kellogg-Hubbard Library Funding Request. Carolyn Brennan addressed the council. Councilor Casey moved to add the requested funding amount to the ballot. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Brown voting nay).

2022-260. Homelessness Task Force winter issues discussion with Dan Towle and Dawn Little. Councilor Casey moved to endorse the direction of the proposed plan and to have the

Task Force work with city staff and come back with details. Councilor Casey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Speaking during the discussion were Nat Frothingham, Mary Messier, Peter Kelman, and David Delcore.

Recess at 8:44. Back at 8:54

2022-262. Council received a waste resource recovery facility update from Kurt Motyka. No formal action taken.

2022-263. Council discussed winter operations and parking with Zach Blodgett. No formal action taken.

2022-264. Council received a stormwater utility report from Andrew Goldberg (presenter), Matt Davis [check w/Kurt], Zach Blodgett, and Kurt Motyka. No action taken.

2022-261. Council received a communications update from Evelyn Prim. No action taken.

2022-265. Council received a preliminary budget report from Kelly Murphy. No action taken.

2022-256. Council discussed its winter schedule. Councilor McCullough moved council approve the proposed meeting schedule. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2022-267. City Council Reports. Councilor Bate wished the mayor, Councilor Casey, and herself good luck in the election. Councilor Casey reported on the performance on the play he'd written. Councilor McCullough spoke about the handicap accessible park path. Councilor Morton wished all a happy and safe Halloween.

2022-268. The mayor also wished other candidates on the council good luck.

2022-269. The city clerk reported on early voting.

2022-270. The city manager discussed potential council membership on the Montpelier Alive board and the coming meeting to discuss legislative priorities.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 11:15 PM.