

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Special Meeting
March 11, 2015
City Council Chambers**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Tom Golonka, Anne Watson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh, Justin Turcotte and Dona Bate. Councilor Thierry Guerlain participated via webcam. City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

Call to Order by the Mayor

- 15-065. The three re-elected City Council Members (Edgerly Walsh, Watson, Golonka) were sworn in by the City Clerk'
- 15-066. The proposed agenda was passed without objection by unanimous consent.
- 15-067. Mary Reyn rose to speak about building a kiln in the city and answered questions from Councilors.
- Mayor Hollar recognized Bill Fraser for his 20 years of service and presented him with a commemorative pin. Mr. Fraser offered comments in gratitude.
- 15-069. Councilor Watson moved that the Council appoint Councilor Bate as Parliamentarian, Councilor Watson as President and Councilor Edgerly Walsh as Vice President. Councilor Golonka seconded. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 6:42.
- 15-068. Councilor Turcotte moved the Council approve the Consent Agenda, and was seconded by Councilor Watson. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote at 6:42.
- 15-079. Cindra Conison addressed the Council in opposition to the potential dog license fee increases that have been discussed. She engaged in a question and answer period with Councilors.
- Carolyn Grodinsky also spoke out against a license fee increase, as did Lori Cohen and Elaine Caplis.
- 15-070. Councilor Watson moved the approval of the proposed ethics policy (with the technical corrective amendment attached to the agenda). Councilor Turcotte seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote at 7:09.
- 15-071. Councilor Watson moved the Council adopt the proposed Rules of Procedure, and was seconded by Councilor Golonka. Some discussion and questions followed. At Councilor Golonka's request, the motion was amended without objection to make all agenda items due on Thursday at noon. The motion carried unanimously by roll call at 7:20.
- 15-074. Barbara Conrey addressed the council on her candidacy for the 2 year term on the Montpelier Planning Commission. Councilor Bate moved the Council appoint Barbara

Conrey to the open term on the Montpelier Planning Commission. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote at 7:22.

- 15-075. Regarding the appointment to fill out a three year term on the Design Review Committee (set to expire in sept of 2017), candidates Lori Cohen, Hannah Smith and Ben Cheney addressed the Council in turn.

Councilor Watson moved the Council enter Executive Session in accordance with Title I, §313, Executive Sessions to discuss the appointment. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously by roll call at 7:20.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council return to open session and was seconded by Councilor Watson. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote at 7:38.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council appoint Ben Cheney to the Design Review Committee. Councilor Watson seconded. The motion passed unanimously, by roll call, at 7:39.

- 15-076. Peter Mancauskas addressed the council in regards to the opening on the Investment Committee and responded to questions. Councilor Golonka moved Peter Mancauskas be appointed to the Investment Committee, and was seconded by Councilor Watson. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote at 7:42.

- 15-077. The Council opened a discussion on CarShare Vermont's request to dedicate two city parking spots to CarShare Vermont fuel-efficient vehicles for a two-year pilot. Annie Borden (Executive Director) and James Stoops (?Operations Manager) addressed the Council on the proposal. Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker added information to the discussion which followed.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the two relevant ordinances attached to the agenda at 8:18. Warren Kitzmiller rose with questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:19.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council approve the 1st reading on the two attached ordinances. Councilor Turcotte seconded. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote at 8:20.

- 15-078. Page and Jed Guertin, along with State Representative Warren Kitzmiller, came forward to lead a discussion with the Council on H33 ("An act relating to authorizing municipalities to regulate the surface water use of public waters used as drinking water supplies") currently under consideration in the Legislature.

- 15-079. Danis Regal was given an opportunity to address the council to express concerns about the potential dog license fee increase.

The Mayor called for a brief recess at 8:54PM. The meeting was called back into session at 8:59.

The City Manager took a moment to introduce manuals prepared by staff for the Councilors.

15-072. The Mayor led a discussion reviewing the Committee Assignments. The following committee assignments were agreed upon without a vote:

Bike Advisory Committee: Jessica Edgerly Walsh
Building Code Appeals Committee: Thierry Guerlain, Tom Golonka
Capital Projects Committee: Justin Turcotte, Dona Bate, Jessica Edgerly Walsh
Central Vermont Solid Waste: Dona Bate (Alternate)
Citizen Advisory Board for Community Justice Center: Anne Watson
Energy Advisory Committee: Anne Watson
Harry Sheridan Scholarship: Anne Watson
Housing Task Force: Jessica Edgerly Walsh
Housing Trust Fund Committee: Tom Golonka, Jessica Edgerly Walsh
Kellogg-Hubbard Library Board: Thierry Guerlain
Montpelier Alive Board: Dona Bate
One Taylor Street Design Committee: Mayor John Hollar, Jessica Edgerly-Walsh,
Dona Bate
Parking Advisory Committee: Anne Watson (liaison)
Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Jessica Edgerly-Walsh (liaison)
Public Safety Authority: Tom Golonka, Dona Bate
Recreation Board: Tom Golonka
Water Rate Study Committee: Tom Golonka, Justin Turcotte, Thierry Guerlain
T.W. Wood Art Gallery Board: John Hollar, Mayor
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission TAC: Dona Bate

Councilor Bate moved the reappointment of Councilor Golonka to the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority board, and was seconded by Councilor Edgerly Walsh. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote at 9:12.

Councilor moved the re-appointment of Mia Moore and Dona Bate as Central Vermont Solid Waste Authority member and alternate, respectively. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call at 9:12PM.

15-073. The Council engaged in a discussion as to the format of its Goal-setting Session for 2015-16. Assistant Manager Jessie Baker participated.

15-079A. Councilor Turcotte introduced a discussion of the Annual City Meeting and how they relate to the 2015 City Council goals.

15-081. Councilor Golonka thanked voters for his re-election, and congratulated his opponents on a good race.

Councilor Watson thanked voters for her re-election.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh thanked voters for her re-election, and also thanked Public Works staff for their work on recent water main breaks.

Councilor Bate encouraged citizens to read the city report. She also commended the

Senior Center on getting approval for funds from neighboring towns, and noted the solid waste district's proposal to have transparent trash bags. Finally, she noted the upcoming Clean Water Day at the Statehouse.

Councilor Guerlain congratulated Councilors Golonka, Watson, and Edgerly Walsh on their re-election before thanking voters for supporting the library budget.

Councilor Turcotte congratulated Councilors Golonka, Watson, and Edgerly Walsh on their re-election.

- 15-083. The City Clerk noted that water/sewer payments were due on Monday before thanking voters for his re-election.
- 15-084. The City Manager noted there was a tour of the District Heat plant before noting the amount of water line breaks and offering advice to listeners on strategies to prevent pipe freezes. He also reminded the Council that it was the time of year to watch the river for possible flooding.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at.