

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
November 12, 2014
City Council Chambers**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- 14-256. Councilor Watson moved the Council approve the agenda. Councilor Bate seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 6:31 PM.
- 14-258. Councilor Watson moved approval of the Consent Agenda without item c (tabled at Councilor Turcotte's request). Councilor Bate seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 6:32.
- 14-259. Eve Jacobs Carnahan, Chris Andresen, and John Snell gave an update from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, including feedback on "walk friendly community" criteria and status, and the coming "Montpelier in Motion" master plan. Councilor Edgerly Walsh indicated her willingness to serve as council liaison to the committee. The council asked for more information for the next meeting and took no action.
- 14-260. (Planning & Development Director) Michael Miller, Tim Shea, Becky Wigg, and Jeff Fitzgerald delivered an update from the Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee. Councilors had several questions, particularly about the siting for the solar project. Rod Viens of GroSolar joined the conversation. Public Works Director Tom McArdle added background.
- 14-261. The Council received a presentation from Cassandra Hemenway, Zero Waste Outreach Coordinator for the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, regarding the new Universal Recycling Law. Discussion followed. The council took no action.
- 14-262. Police Chief Tony Facos and Kevin Casey of the Planning & Development office came forward to discuss a proposed amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VII, Parking and Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 10-713, NIGHT PARKING DURING WINTER. They were accompanied by Nolan Langwell of the Parking Committee. City Manager Fraser provided background. Mr. McArdle and Fire Chief Bob Gowans offered input.

The mayor opened the public hearing at 8:20. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council close the public hearing and approve a second public hearing for the November 19 Council meeting. Councilor Watson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 8:21.

The Mayor called for a brief recess. The Council reconvened at 8:29 PM.

14-263. Councilor Bate introduced the discussion of a possible Transportation Committee as a medium to facilitate cooperation between related committees (Bike, Pedestrian, Parking, and others). Councilors discussed a range of ways for the differing committees to coordinate. No formal action was taken.

14-264. The Council received FY '16 Budget Presentations and Departmental Updates from the Planning Department, the Police Department, and the Fire Department, presented by Public Works Director Miller, Police Chief Facos, and Fire Chief Gowans respectively. Each Department head answered questions from the Councilors. No action was taken.

14-258(c). The Council took consent agenda item c off the table for discussion (a proposed amended Public Safety Authority (PSA) Memorandum of Understanding). After a brief discussion, Councilor Turcotte moved approval of the item. Councilor Guerlain seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 9:46.

14-266. Councilor Bate reported on the PSA and praised the work of the city employees in their departmental presentations. Councilor Guerlain announced the Library's hiring of Joy Worland.

Councilor Turcotte thanked veterans for their service and complimented the paving on Barre Street. He also noted the Senior Center's coming holiday bazaar. Finally, he noted Onion River Exchange's upcoming fundraiser.

Councilor Watson reported on the Greening America's Capitals presentation and wondered if the proposals were available online and what the next steps were (Assistant Manager Jessie Baker came forward to respond to the questions).

Councilor Edgerly Walsh reported on the Capital Improvement Projects Committee meeting.

14-267. Mayor Hollar thanked city staff on the Greening America's Capitals project, and noted the coming meeting on the 20th regarding downtown design.

14-268. The City Clerk reminded listeners of the coming tax payment deadline (November 17) and commented about the clerk departmental budget.

14-269. City Manager Fraser also noted the downtown design meeting and recognized Public Works leadership in their new positions. He also indicated that holiday decorations were going up soon. Finally, he noted next week's meeting date.

Councilor Bate announced the upcoming Lost Nation Theater concert.

Councilor Guerlain moved for adjournment and Councilor Bate second. Motion passed unanimously at 9:56 PM.