

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
November 19, 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. Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker served as Secretary of the meeting.

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

14-270. Councilor Guerlain moved approval of the agenda. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14-271. Zach Hughes rose to share opinions relating to the budget. Councilor Turcotte added comments about language at the microphone.

14-272. Councilor Turcotte asked that consent agenda item b) be tabled for discussion. Councilor Bate moved the Council approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

14-273. Councilor Golonka moved the Council enter executive session to discuss the appointment to the to the Design Review Committee vacancy. Councilor Guerlain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Turcotte moved the Council return to open session and appoint Theodore Blair to the fill the Design Review Committee vacancy. Councilor Guerlain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

14-274. Kellogg-Hubbard Library Director Tom McKone briefed the Council on library activities, and the budget for for FY '16. No action was taken.

14-275. The Council began a further consideration of the Solar RFP.

Councilor Guerlain moved that the City enter into negotiations with groSolar to reach an agreement that meets the City's needs then bring it to City Council for approval. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The discussion included Rob Viens from groSolar, and passed unanimously.

14-276. The Mayor opened the second Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VII, Parking and Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 10-713 (the winter parking ban) with updated ordinance language attached to the agenda. There was no public comment.

Councilor Bate moved the Council approve the ordinance. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

14-277. Following a presentation from Ann Gilbert, Director of Central Vermont New Directions

Coalition, Councilor Guerlain moved the direct city staff to draft an ordinance to prohibit smoking in parks. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 14-278. The Council entered a discussion regarding a City Investment Policy and consideration of appointing an Investment Committee to oversee future investments. Jane Osgothourup joined the discussion

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council create a 5 member Investment Committee including the Finance Director, 1 City Councilor and 3 members of the public and include a charge to the Committee. Councilor Guerlain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- 14-279. The Council received operations overviews and updates from city staff representing the following departments: Senior Center, Cemetery, Parks and Public Works. Jake Brown, Chair of Cemetery Commission, took part in the discussion on the Cemetery.

- 14-280. The Council received an update from the Capital Improvements Committee regarding Class 2 Highways and Road Metrics.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the City adopt an average PCI of 74 as a standard to achieve, set a 5 year goal of all class II roads above a PCI of 33 in 5 years, set a goal of all roads above a PCI of 33 in 10 years. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- 14-281. The Council discussed whether the City should contribute funds for a survey of the Berlin Pond area being considered for pond access by the Town of Berlin and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Page and Jed Guertin both rose to speak on the issue.

Councilor Guerlain moved the City not contribute to the Berlin survey. Councilor Bate seconded and the motioned carried unanimously.

- 14-282. Under Other Business, the Council took item b) from the consent agenda off the table for discussion. Councilor Bate moved approval of the request. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The vote on the motion was 3-3, with Councilors Bate, Edgerly Walsh and Golonka voting aye, and Councilors Watson, Guerlain and Turcotte voting nay. The Mayor voted nay to break the tie, and the motion was defeated 4-3.

Councilor Turcotte moved to adjourn, Councilor Watson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.