

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
March 9, 2016, 6:30PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar, Councilors Justin Turcotte, Tom Golonka and Jean Olson, Dona Bate, Anne Watson. Councilor Jessica Ederly Walsh was absent. City Manager William Fraser participated. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

- 16-075. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to newly re-elected Mayor Hollar and Councilors Turcotte, Olson, and Bate.
- 16-076. Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the proposed agenda approved by unanimous consent, with item 11 (French Block CDBG application) moved to the beginning of the meeting.
- 16-084. The Mayor opened the discussion of the French Block CDBG application. Kevin Casey of the Planning Department and Eileen Peltier, Executive Director of Downstreet Housing and Community Development introduced the item. After some discussion and questions from Councilors, the Mayor declared the public hearing opened at 6:45PM. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:46PM.
- 16-078. Councilor Olson moved approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 6:46.
- 16-079. Councilor Golonka moved that the Council appoint Councilor Watson to serve as Council President. Councilor Turcotte seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 6:47.
- Councilor Bate moved that the Council appoint Councilor Golonka to serve as Vice President, and was seconded by Councilor Turcotte. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously at 6:48.
- Councilor Olson moved that the Council appoint Councilor Bate to serve as Parliamentarian. Councilor Watson seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 6:48.
- 16-080. Councilor Golonka moved the Council re-approve the City Council's Ethics Policy. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council passed the motion unanimously at 6:52.
- 16-081. Councilor Golonka moved the Council re-approve the City Council's Rules of Procedure. Councilor Bate seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council passed the motion unanimously at 7:06.
- 16-082. Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker participated in the discussion of Council Committee Assignments. Following the discussion, the following assignments were settled on:

Bike Advisory Committee: Councilor Watson

Building Code Appeals Committee: Councilors Turcotte and Golonka

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: Councilor Bate
Transportation Advisory Committee: Councilor Bate
Community Justice: Councilor Watson
Economic Development Strategic Planning: Councilor Olson
Energy Advisory Committee: Councilor Watson
Harry Sheridan Scholarship: Councilor Watson
Investment Committee: Councilor Watson
One Taylor Street Design: Mayor Hollar, Councilors Edgerly Walsh and Bate
Parking Advisory Committee: Councilor Watson
Central Vermont Public Safety Authority: Councilors Golonka and Bate
Steering Committee, Community Services Department: Councilor Turcotte
Water rate Study Committee: Councilors Golonka, Turcotte, Olson
TW Wood Art Gallery Board: Councilor Watson

- 16-083. Assistant Director Baker opened the discussion of adding additional members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Following the discussion, Councilor Olson moved the Council add two seats to the Bicycle Advisory Committee and appoint Farid Quaraishi and Jonathan Harries to fill them. Councilor Watson seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 7:26.
- 16-085. City Manager Bill Fraser offered a PowerPoint presentation to serve as an orientation for, and an overview of the 2016-17 Council Year. A discussion of the process for setting Council goals followed.
- 16-086. A review and discussion of 2015-16 Council goals followed, with comments from the City Manager.
- 16-088. Councilor Bate encouraged a facilitator for the goal development process before reporting on the recent meeting of the Transportation Committee.
- Councilor Olson – thanked attendees of the meeting of the Economic Development Strategic Planning Committee.
- Councilor Turcotte thanked residents who had offered feedback on dog-related city policies.
- Councilor Watson thanked residents for voting – in particular voting for the Central Vermont Public Service Authority budget. He then noted the recent passing of Alan Weiss.
- Councilor Watson thanked voters for supporting the Local Options Tax proposal and the Nature Center’s financial request.
- 16-089. Mayor Hollar offered congratulations to Police Chief Tony Facos for Project Safe Catch, an anti-drug addiction initiative.
- 16-090. The City Clerk noted that utility payments were due next Tuesday the 15th. He also noted the approved charter changes were delivered today to the Secretary of State and Legislative Counsel offices that day.

16-091. The City Manager noted Project Safe Catch and praised Chief Facos. He offered that citizens should expect a One Taylor Project funding announcement the next day. Mr. Fraser then offered congratulations to the re-elected Mayor and Councilors, praised the high voter turnout and noted the margin of victory for the city budget question.

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:55.

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