

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**April 27, 2016, 6:30PM**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar, Councilors Tom Golonka, Jean Olson, Dona Bate, and Jessica Edgerly Walsh. Councilors Justin Turcotte and Anne Watson were not present. City Manager William Fraser participated. Assistant City Clerk Jamie Granfield served as Secretary of the meeting.

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

16-120 Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the proposed agenda approved by unanimous consent.

16-121 City Manager William Fraser introduced Assistant Clerk Jamie Granfield.

Ken Jones addressed council on his interest in the executive sessions regarding the City Manager's Contract. Jones expressed concerns over whether decisions regarding the City Manager's contract were being made in private without other City department heads.

Harold Garabedian addressed council presenting resolution recognizing Women's Lung Health Week. Mayor Hollar signed the resolution recognizing Women's Lung Health Week.

16-122 The Council considered the Consent Agenda. Regarding Item B (Detailed Budget Status Reports), Planning Director Mike Miller came forward to answer a question posed by Councilor Olsen regarding consultants in budget.

Councilor Olsen raised questions to City Manager Fraser regarding \$60,000.00 revenue decrease.

Councilor Bate asked for Ward Joyce to speak. Ward Joyce came forward to address Council on behalf of Langdon Street Alive, asked for consent to proceed with right-of-way on Langdon Street. Advises presentation is conceptually close to what will come to fruition. Mayor Hollar thanked Ward Joyce.

Mayor Hollar and City Manager Bill Fraser had a short discussion on how the word should get out to the community about street closures.

Bate proposed motion to approve consent agenda, Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

16-123 Rob Chapman came forward to address council regarding appointments to the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District. Councilor Golonka asked for a status on ECVT. Councilor Bate moved John Bloch and Rob Chapman be appointed to the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, Councilor Olson seconded. All in favor.

- 16-124 Washington County State's Attorney Scott Williams came forward to address the Council. Mr. Williams explained his position as State's Attorney and spoke of the drug affecting Washington County. Discussion followed. No formal action was taken.
- 16-125 Peter Fairweather came forward to present Montpelier's Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP). Short discussion followed. Carolyn Grodinsky came forward to speak about access to parks and open space.
- Nat Frothingham came forward in response to the presentation, expressing concerns about the process.
- 16-126 Planning Director Mike Miller came forward to address Council with Zoning update on River Hazard Area Bylaws. No formal action was taken.
- 16-127 City Manager Fraser opened a discussion of Council goals Councilor Bate makes motion to approve goals, Golonka seconded. All in favor.
- 16-128 Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker came forward to update Council on the Recreation Building RFP. Ms. Baker advised that two proposals were received, but she recommends that Council does not move forward with these proposals. There was a brief discussion. Ms. Baker recommended motion to disapprove the proposals. Councilor Golonka made a motion as recommended, Councilor Olson seconded. All in favor.
- 16-134 Mayor Hollar asks for motion to make the offer to Overlook Park, LLC as discussed in executive session, authorize staff to schedule Eminent Domain hearing during the time prescribed by law. So moved by Councilor Edgerly Walsh, and seconded by Councilor Bate. All in favor.
- 16-129 Page Guertin came forward to address council regarding concerns over Berlin Pond, specifically wanting to stop a boat launch. City Manager Fraser advised Ms. Guertin that the City has retained legal counsel, is meeting with staff to go over surveys, and is looking into relinquishment.
- 16-130 Council Bate noted that Cross Vermont Trail Association and the Montpelier Transportation Advisory Council would like to be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting to ask the city to match \$5,000 for the pedestrian bike bridge beyond the dam on Route 2. Councilor Bate advised that she went to the Agency of Transportation presentation last evening regarding a bridge project on Route 14.
- Council Golonka thanked City Manager William Fraser for work he has done for City of Montpelier. Would like confirmation on what Council needs to disclose from Executive Sessions regarding the City Manager's contract.
- 16-131 Mayor Hollar advised that the House Ways and Means and Government Operation committee approved the Local Option Tax, which now needs to be approved by the Senate.
- 16-132 Assistant Clerk Jamie Granfield thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Secretary of the meeting.

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City Manager William Fraser advised council that in the current PILOT bill there is an estimated increase of payment to the City between \$80,000.00 and \$85,000.00. Mr. Fraser thanked Representative Mary Hooper for the work she put in. Mr. Fraser announced the Community Conversation on Homelessness is at the Christ Church, 64 State Street, on Monday, May 16, 2016. The event is sponsored by the City's Housing Task Force. Mr. Fraser noted that the city was awarded a \$100,000.00 grant toward the Taylor Street project.

Without objection, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:35 PM.

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