

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

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Justin Turcotte, Tom Golonka, Anne Watson, Dona Bate and Jean Olson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh and Anne Watson. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

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The meeting was called to order by the Mayor 6:31PM.

16-332. After discussion, the proposed agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

16-333. Chief Tony Facos read a letter in support of City Manager Fraser.

Stephen Walke noted that his wife (who is nominated to serve on the Kellogg-Hubbard Library Board) would not be present due to an accident. He then read a petition in support of Mr. Fraser he is circulating to appear on the ballot.

Amy Pitten, Mark Pitten, Page Guertin and Steve Whitaker all spoke in support of Mr. Fraser.

Page Guertin offered comments on recent events impacting the potential protection of Berlin Pond.

16-334. After a brief discussion that included Public Works Director Tom McArdle, Councilor Watson moved approval of the Consent Agenda, with item c (Detailed Budget Status Reports for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks Fund, Parking Fund, Recreation Fund, Senior Center Fund and District Heat Fund for a Four Month Period Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending October 31, 2016) postponed until the next meeting. Councilor Edgerly Walsh second and the motion carried unanimously at 6:59.

16-335. Jack McCullough and Mary Hooper of the Housing Task Force were joined by Kevin Casey of Planning Department to discuss funding recommendations for the Housing Trust Fund - FY18. The group answered questions from the Council. More discussion followed. Morgan Brown, Mary Messier and Mary Alice Bisbee offered comments supportive of the funding proposal. No formal action was taken.

16-336. Rick and Lisa Lee were joined by Health Officer Bob Gowans for a discussion of their promotion of a leash law. Morgan Brown and Mary Messier offered comments in support of a leash law. No formal action was taken.

16-338. Jana Clar (Senior Center Director) was joined by Cathy Paquette, Jessica Sanderson (FEAST program manager), Tim Noonan (Just Basics) to discuss FEAST Partnership Options. Councilor Turcotte recused himself from the discussion (conflict of interest).

Councilor Bate moved the City Council approve having the Senior Center take over the management of the FEAST program. Councilor Watson seconded.

After some discussion, Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the motion be amended to add the phrase “with the understanding that the change of city role would not have an impact on property taxes.” Councilor Olson seconded. Further discussion followed, before the motion to amend passed 4-2 (Councilors Golonka and Bate opposed, Councilors Olson, Watson, and Edgerly Walsh joined by the Mayor in voting aye). Councilor Watson seconded.

After more discussion, the underlying motion passed as amended 4-2 (Councilors Golonka and Bate opposed, Councilors Olson, Watson, and Edgerly Walsh joined by the Mayor in voting aye). Morgan Brown offered comments in support of the motion after passage.

- 16-341. Councilor Turcotte returned to the meeting. Paco Aumand, Director of the Central Vermont Public Service Authority, was joined by Doug Hoyt and Kim Cheney from the CVPSA board, and Chief Facos. Councilor Golonka introduced the topic. Discussion followed.

Comments were offered by Steve Whitaker who voiced concerns.

Councilor Watson made the following motion:” it is the Council’s intent to move forward with ceding dispatch to CVPSA, details about the ceding document to be identified later.” Councilor Turcotte seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously at 9:18PM.

Danielle Frattini spoke to staff’s concerns about the CVPSA.

The Mayor called a recess at 9:32. Councilor Golonka left the meeting, which reconvened at 9:38.

- 16-343. A proposal to make Montpelier a “Sanctuary City” was introduced by the Mayor. Chief Facos joined the discussion. Peter Thoms offered comments in support. Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker participated.

Councilor Watson moved adoption of the resolution for Sanctuary City status, with the addition of the phrase “or religious affiliation” after the phrase “immigration status” in the paragraph beginning “now be it resolved.” Councilor Turcotte seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 9:59.

- 16-339. Mike Miller and Kevin Casey of the Planning & Development Department offered a power point presentation reporting on the status, activities and needs of the department. Discussion followed. No formal action was taken.

- 16-340. Councilor Watson acting as Chair (as the Mayor had stepped out briefly) introduced the Public Works Department update, presented (also via power point) by Director Tom McArdle. Assistant Manager Jessie Baker participated in the ensuing discussion. No formal action was taken.

- 16-345. Councilor Bate offered thanks to the Council for the support of the Central Vermont

Public Safety Authority.

16-347. The City Clerk reported that the petition for a recount in the Washington County Senate race had been withdrawn.

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10PM by unanimous consent.

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