

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
April 29, 2015
City Council Chambers

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

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

- 15-108. Councilor Bate moved for approval of the proposed agenda. Councilor Guerlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 6:31.
- 15-109. Sarah Jarvis rose to remind citizens about Green-Up day and the other planned weekend activities.
- 15-110. Councilor Turcotte moved approval of the Consent Agenda, and Councilor Bate seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 6:33. After the vote, Councilor Golonka moved the Council correct an error in the Consent Agenda by granting approval for item e (the Montbeerlier event, requested by Scott Kerner of Three Penny Taproom, who was present) to have the approved hours extend from midnight to the following midnight. Councilor Guerlain seconded, and the corrective motion passed unanimously.
- 15-111. Eve Jacobs Carnahan (from the Pedestrian Committee) addressed the Council on the committee's vacancy. Candidates Thomas Aloisi and Erin Aguayo addressed the Council as well regarding their respective candidacies.
- After discussion, Councilor Guerlain moved the Council appoint Mark Provost, Erin Aguayo, Erica Garfin, and Thomas Aloisi to the Pedestrian Committee. Councilor Watson seconded. After a further brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously at 6:38.
- 15-112. The Council received an update on the Planning Commission's efforts to update the City's Zoning Regulations. Planning Director Mike Miller gave presentation and was joined by Planning Commission members John Adams, Leslie Welz and Tina Ruth. Questions and discussion punctuated the presentation.
- Paul Carnahan rose to make comments.
- At 7:50, The Mayor called for a recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:00.
- 15-114. The Council discussed a proposal to use a parking space in front of 66 Main Street to support a "pocket park" for the warm weather months, from Ward Joyce. After a brief discussion, Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved approval of the request, and Councilor Bate seconded. Further discussion followed before the proposal passed unanimously at 8:07.
- 15-113. The Council resumed its discussion of the City Council Goals for 2015-16. Mike Miller

joined the discussion and Kevin Casey (also of the Planning Department) also participated, inasmuch as the discussion focused on parking. Sarah Jarvis addressed the council in reference to a letter she penned that was signed by many downtown business owners promoting growth. Dan Jones addressed the Council on net zero/climate concerns.

Councilor Watson moved the Council formally adopt the goals document with the suggested changes offered by councilors during the course of the evening's discussion. Councilor Bate seconded. City Manager Fraser reviewed the suggested changes from his notes, so there would be no misunderstanding. More discussion followed, before the motion was unanimously approved at 9:02.

15-116. Councilor Bate reminded the Council of the presentation on "smoke-free" from a prior meeting, before also relaying a report from the integrated transportation group she had liaised with. The Mayor added that downtown merchants need to be reached out to on "smoke-free." Mr. Fraser made note of his contact with businesses on the issue to date.

Councilor Guerlain announced he will be resigning from the Council and become a Florida resident. He indicated his resignation would take effect when a replacement is chosen and available. He thanked the Council, Mayor, City Manager, and city staff.

Councilor Golonka thanked Councilor Guerlain for his service. He also reported on calls of concern about the recent Meadow Mart robbery. Finally, he gave a report on the Public Safety Authority's progress in identifying a staffer.

Councilor Watson thanked Councilor Guerlain for his service.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh also thanked Councilor Guerlain for his service, before thanking the Council for excusing her recent absences due to injury.

15-117. Mayor Hollar thanked Councilor Guerlain for his service.

15-118. The City Clerk thanked Councilor Guerlain for his service.

15-119. The City Manager also thanked Councilor Guerlain for his service, and advised the Council to consider the process for identifying a replacement, reviewing what had been done in the past. Some discussion followed. The sense of the Council was that a replacement should be appointed at the May 27th and that the process should mirror the most recent prior such process.

The City Manager went on to note an upcoming event commemorating District Heat, inform Councilors that the rusting bike sculpture at the Hunger Mountain co-op would be removed within the month, and that water-sewer bills were going out soon. Mr. Fraser added that an analysis of water usage - given the request that residents run water during the cold weather - had been done. Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker rose to explain the criteria for applying credits to eligible users.

Councilor Guerlain moved for adjournment, and Councilor Watson second. Without objection, the

Mayor declared the motion passed by unanimous consent.

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