

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Special Meeting
December 4, 2014
City Council Chambers**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

14-287. Councilor Bate moved approval of the agenda and was seconded by Councilor Watson. The motion carried unanimously at 5:01.

14-288. Councilor Watson made a Motion to Reconsider consent agenda item b) from the previous meeting's (November 19th) agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Turcotte and passed unanimously at 5:04.

Councilor Turcotte moved approval of consent agenda item b from the November 19 Council agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Watson. The text of the item from the previous agenda was:

Authorize the City Clerk to use up to \$60,000 of the Records Restoration fund balance for a project to consist of the following:

- 1) Digitize index cards for pre-1993 land records (currently there is no off-site backup at all to this index).
- 2) Make scanned cards available online through the Clerk's Office's current land records database vendor.
- 3) Digitize vital records, and transfer index into current online database system.
- 4) Transfer physical vital records to downstairs vault to allow for more space for land records for an estimated additional 20+ years (currently, land records will exceed the vault's capacity within an estimated 5-10 years).
- 5) Digitize maps/plats, transfer into current records database.
- 6) Provide for a paid internship to assist in guiding the project (January-April).
- 7) Allow for locking mechanism repair/enhancements for the downstairs vault, as necessary.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously at 5:06 PM.

14-289. The City Manager introduced a discussion of the FY16 budget. Councilors engaged in a wide-ranging discussion on priorities.

Councilor Bate moved the Council instruct the City Manager to adjust the budgetary ceiling goal from an increase of 1.5% to an increase between 2 and 3% and to consider

the Council discussion. Councilor Turcotte seconded. Further discussion followed. Katie Fahnestock, Jane Kast, Tina Muncy and Senior Center Director Janna Clar addressed the Council with comments and questions.

The motion carried 4-2 (with Councilors Guerlain and Turcotte voting nay) at 6:14PM.

Councilor Watson moved to adjourn at 6:14PM. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion passed unanimously.