

On Wednesday evening, May 25, 2011, the City Council Members met in the Council Chamber.

Present: Mayor Hooper; Council Members Golonka, Hooper, Jarvis, Sherman, Timpone and Weiss; also City Manager Fraser.

Call to Order by the Mayor:

Mayor Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- 11-136. Discussion of Pending Civil Rights Complaint: City Manager and Attorney will update the Council on resolution discussions. Request for an Executive Session in accordance with Title 1, V.S.A. 313, (a (1) *“to consider civil actions where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage.”* No voting action is requested or anticipated.

After motion duly made and seconded by Council Member Weiss and Jarvis, the council went into executive session at 6:01 P.M., in accordance with Title 1, V.S.A. 313, (a)(1) *“to consider civil actions where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage.* The vote was 6-0, motion carried unanimously.

Present: Mayor Hooper; Council Members Weiss, Jarvis, Golonka, Sherman, Hooper and Timpone; City Manager Fraser and Attorney Cusick.

After motion was made by Council Member Weiss, seconded by Council Member Jarvis, the council came out of executive session at 7:04 P.M., in accordance with Title I, V.S.A. 313, (a)(1) whereby they had discussed civil actions where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage. The vote was 6-0, motion carried unanimously.

- 11-137. General Business and Appearances:

Terry Murphy told the Council he had a mobile vending vehicle and would like to create dishes promoting local Vermont fresh food to serve in Montpelier. He would like to request a variance of the on street parking regulations to apply his trade. Although he is from Rhode Island he now lives in Montpelier. He comes from a hospitality family of Irish and Italian. With a culinary and business background he has worked in hospitality for more than 30 years. He

has a clean mobile vehicle approved by the Vermont Department of Health and inspected by the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles. He plans to operate from 11:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. 6 days a week.

Mayor Hooper explained this was an issue they couldn't resolve tonight.

City Manager Fraser explained the ordinance is clear he can't use parking spaces and it is clear if you are going to use private property he needs to get approvals.

Discussion followed and staff, along with Montpelier Alive would come back with some guidance for the council.

11-138. Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

- a) Consideration of the Minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Special Meeting.
- b) Summary Budget Report by Department for General Fund and Detailed Budget Status Reports for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks Fund, Parking Fund and Senior Center Fund for a ten-month period beginning July 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2011.
- c) Consideration of the Grant Agreement with Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) for the Barre Street Project; this Agreement needs to be signed by the Council and City Manager.
- d) Consideration of extending the time for closing with Capital City Housing Foundation on the 58 Barre Street Project until June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- e) Consideration of signing a Sewage Treatment and Collection Extension Agreement with the Town of Berlin. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, Berlin officials approved and signed this document; their intent was to forward it to Montpelier for the Council's approval and execution. Staff cannot find where this document was acted upon, or even received. Berlin's Sewer Commissioner Mary Wissell and Attorney Robert Halpert have suggested that this process be started over. Following approval and signing of this document by Council, staff will forward it to Berlin for their execution once again. (City Attorney Paul Giuliani has reviewed and approved wording.)

- f) Consideration of a request from Alice Day, 18 Foster Street, for permission to a section of Foster Street (from #11 to #18) for a Block Party on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 to 6:30 P.M.. They will use easily removable chairs with banners on each end; these will allow easy access for emergency vehicles, if needed. Ms. Day has talked with the Police Chief and the Fire Chief.
- g) Consideration of the becoming the Liquor Control Commission for the purpose of acting on the following:
  - 1. Ratification of the issuance of a Catering Permit to Vermont Hospitality Management, d/b/a New England Culinary Institute, for a Benefit Concert – City of Montpelier – scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. at the Vermont College of Fine Arts’ Gymnasium.
- h) Payroll and Bills.

Community Development Agency Warrant dated May 10, 2011 in the amount of \$30,000.

General Fund Warrant dated May 18, 2011, in the amount of \$248,162.48 and \$26,139.72.

Payroll Warrant dated May 26, 2011, in the amount of \$115,880.40 and \$26,819.78.

Additional Consent Agenda Item.

Consideration of a Resolution for the “International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers”. Mayor Hooper will sign on behalf of the City Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Jarvis, seconded by Council Member Timpone to approve the consent agenda.

Council Member Weiss asked to remove c) and d) from the consent agenda and consider those items separately.

Mayor Hooper called for a vote on the motion to approve the consent agenda except for items c and d. The vote was 6-0, motion carried unanimously.

- b) Summary Budget Report by Department for General Fund and Detailed Budget Status Reports for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Cemetery Fund, Parks Fund, Parking Fund and Senior Center Fund for a ten-month

period beginning July 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2011.

d) Consideration of extending the time for closing with Capital City Housing Foundation on the 58 Barre Street Project until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Weiss said there is also something called the 58 Barre Street Limited Partnership. Are these the same?

Garth Genge, Community Development Agency Specialist said the 58 Barre Street Limited Partnership is the ownership entity for the apartments. It has to be a for profit entity for using housing tax credits. Capital City Housing Foundation will be the nonprofit general partner of the 58 Barre Street Project.

Council Member Weiss said he was looking at the Grant Agreement with VCDP. It was noted that had already been approved as part of the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Council Members Weiss, seconded by Council Member Sherman to approve Consent agenda items b) and d). The vote was 6-0, motion carried unanimously.

11-139. Consideration of Council representation to "*Montpelier Alive's* Board.

- a) "*Montpelier Alive*" recently requested that a member of the City Council join their Board.
- b) A note from *Montpelier Alive's* Executive Director to the City Manager states that their Board of Directors values their cooperation and work with the City of Montpelier and would like to deepen their relationship in this way. They are even hoping that City presence on their board will allow the two entities to improve communications and find opportunities to complement their work.
- c) Board terms last two years, encompassing an obligation to attend monthly board meetings and to join (at least) two of their six work committees.
- d) Board Member Linn Syz, Executive Director Phayvann Luekhamhan and possibly Board President Shawn Bryan will be in attendance for this discussion.

Recommendation: Discussion; if Council Members choose to have representation to this board, appointment of one of its members.

Shawn Bryant, President of Montpelier Alive's Board, told the council they would like to extend an invitation to the City Council to appoint someone from the Council to the Board of Montpelier Alive. They felt it would be a great opportunity to engage in communication with the Council over issues they both share a great deal of interest in.

Council Member Golonka nominated Council Member Jarvis to serve on the Montpelier Alive Board, with Council Member Timpone seconding the motion.

Mayor Hooper called for a vote on the nomination. The vote was 6-0, motion carried unanimously.

11-140. Consideration of the City's representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

- a) David Borgendale's stepping down from the Planning Commission, and he has also been the City's rep to the CVRPC. Council asked staff to check with other Planning Commission members to see if anyone else might be interested in representing the City on the CVRPC; no one has stepped forward.
- b) Recommendation: Direct staff to advertise or possibly appoint a City Council rep.

The Planning Commission has recommended that Tina Ruth be the city's representative the CVRPC.

Motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Hooper to appoint Tina Ruth as the city's representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

11-141. Update on Farmers Market

- a) At the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council directed the City Manager to pursue relocation of the Farmers Market to State Street between Elm and Main Streets.

- b) The Manager met with Market representatives, as well as the Police Chief, Fire Chief, DPW Director and Council Member Jarvis.
- c) City officials concluded that the Market could work there, assuming that a proper street closing process was followed with notice to adjoining businesses, residents and building owners.
- d) Market officials provided a memo (included) indicating that the State Street location may not suit their needs.
- e) Discussion included the present location, State Street, the Carr Lot and other alternatives. City officials offered to work with the Market to make any of the sites successful and offered a follow-up meeting with the Carr Lot project manager. City Manager will provide an update on this meeting.
- f) Market officials were going to bring this information back to the membership. They did not indicate that they wanted to proceed on the State Street alternative at this time.
- g) Recommendation: Receive report from City Manager about State Street and Carr Lot. Discussion with Farmers Market. Direct City Manager to proceed with developing a site at any feasible downtown location.

City Manager Fraser said at the last Council meeting they discussed the issue of the Farmer's Market and the importance of it being in downtown. The Council urged the City to work with the Farmer's Market and to look at issues surrounding State State. They arranged a meeting with the police, fire, public works, Farmer's Market and Phayvaughn from Montpelier Alive. They talked about the feasibility of it working. From the city's perspective they thought they could make it work. The consensus of that meeting was that the Farmer's Market was not fully interested in having us go with a whole street closure and continue talking about options. They then arranged a follow up meeting with our project manager on the Carr Lot Project and had him see if he could fit some spaces on a map. That is where it stands. He doesn't have a specific recommendation for the Council for a course of action.

Kevin Thompson said State Street although an attractive alternative would give them 5,000 less square feet of space. That would be about 25% less space than what they have now. They looked at the Carr Lot. The Market has become a meeting place on Saturday morning. It is unfortunate they have to do it on

pavement. If they are performing this function for the community it would be nice to have it in a place designed for them that had green space. The space they are looking for they need a little more room to pursue some of their other goals. They want to be educating about what local food is and what is available locally, how to prepare it, how to use it and teaching people how to grow their own food and teaching people how to do their own artwork. The Carr Lot is interesting in that some of that can be creative. The market representatives met with the state about the State House lawn. His presumption is they will proceed as they are with the Letter of Agreement with the College. While the intention is to move the market up there a lot needs to be done first. There is the reconfiguration of the College Green and parking. There will be zoning issues. They will need agreement from the neighborhoods. They don't want to eliminate any of their options. As the Carr Lot progresses they would want to be part of that discussion because there is major potential for that space along the riverfront. They have spent two years discussing this with the College. The space they create up there will be a community space and a green space where people can get together. He thinks they need to keep communication with the city going.

Mayor Hooper said in the memo it appears in terms of linear feet there is more linear feet on State Street and State Street is certainly as wide or even wider than places in the market.

Mr. Thompson said with the State Street location the only way to set up is to have the vendor spaces backed up to the sidewalk and they don't want to take up sidewalk space.

Mayor Hooper thanked them for working with the city. She has received numerous e-mails asking the Council to do everything they could to keep the Farmer's Market in the downtown.

Kevin Thompson said they plan on staying where they are in the present location for at least two more years.

Council Member Jarvis said ultimately the decision is the Market's on where they decide to be. It is important as a Council to affirm that they are ready, willing and able to dedicate State Street to the Market and they are also ready to develop a site, such as the Carr Lot, or any other location downtown and we are committed to working with the Market on the present location.

Jaiel Pulskamp, Farmer's Market President said she met with Jeb Spaulding this morning and they talked about the lot behind the Chittenden Bank and possibly using the Carr Lot. What really persuaded the membership to vote the way they did was because for so long they felt there hadn't been support from the city. She wants to go back to the membership and tell them the city is willing to work with the Market. They may revisit the vote and see if they can push back the date. She would like to explore the Carr Lot and the state parking lot.

Council Member Weiss inquired what was the significance of the date of June 1<sup>st</sup> between the Market and the College.

It is the middle of the farming season and there are funding that could be lost if they don't make a commitment. A lot of what they have been talking about is the negative aspects of the Market moving. They would like to focus on the positive aspects of the move trying to improve the Market and improve the local food supply and food security. They want to take something that is good and making it better.

11-142. Update on re-zoning process.

David Borgendale and Tina Ruth from the Planning Commission, along with Planning Director Hallsmith, appeared to provide an update on the zoning process to Council Members. Jesse Moorman, Planning Commission Chair arrived later in the meeting.

Planning Director Hallsmith provided an updated zoning district map to Council Members. They have done a lot of work in neighborhood following the recommendation from the Master Plan to implement zoning bylaws that allows for neighborhood development standards. What they have evolved toward is a set of new zoning districts that each contains the neighborhoods that have been identified. There are five blocks of zones in the city that could be considered similar districts – the Gateway District, Residential Village District, Rural District, Suburban District and Village Commercial District. Each of these contains neighborhoods that are similar. The underlying zoning for most of the community is not going to change dramatically. The LDR District as of today is pretty much similar to the rural district and the zoning will stay pretty much the same. The MDR District is very similar to the Suburban District and the zoning will stay the same. They are looking at making the zoning more user friendly. Some of what they are doing is a

reorganization of the zoning and bringing it into compliance with both the Master Plan and the Growth Center designation. One of the outcomes of organizing by neighborhood has made more possible to look at the targeted areas the city has set for residential growth and identifying that neighborhood by neighborhood. They will be looking in the Growth Center areas towards a minimum density approach as opposed to a maximum density approach because that will be a good way to achieve infill and some of the residential development set as a priority. There are a number of regulations they have now that apply citywide; they are not neighborhood or district specific, things like performance standards. When people locate a new building or use in the city we want to make sure they don't have negative impacts on their neighbors so those standards would continue to apply citywide.

The floodplain standards have a citywide importance because of the fact that most of our downtown is in the floodplain so the floodplain standards will continue to be citywide standards. The things that have citywide impact will be citywide standards and the district standard will contain the zoning code that applies district wide such as density considerations and other issues that really are specific to the district. At a more detailed level the neighborhood development standards will contain the things that differentiate one neighborhood from another. The Historic Design District will encompass the historic downtown, civic, Cliffside, Redstone, Liberty Street, Franklin Street and a part of the Meadow and Barre Street. The Planning Commission is looking for more input.

City Manager Fraser said there are certain standards that will apply citywide and then there are color coded districts with certain characteristics. What might be different in the neighborhoods?

Planning Director Hallsmith replied there might be slightly different commercial uses. Some neighborhoods might like to have a café and a convenience store but not want to open an entire corridor up for commercial development. When the three condominium development went up in the Franklin Street neighborhood the Planning Office received a lot of complaints. It was a good development and the kind of development the city wants – infill housing in the city. If that went in as a standard that would be completely permissible without going through a lot of planning process it makes it easier and doesn't allow for as much room to move and change things for developers as they are coming through.

David Borgendale said in the historic downtown you probably want to have with new development some kind of minimum height standards because it fits the streetscape there but you wouldn't have the same kind of standards in the River Arts District where the streetscape is of a different character.

Council Member Golonka said he understands the five districts but has a lot of concerns over the 29 zones. One of the goals of the Council and the zoning changes is to address the Council's priorities. It was universal among the Council to increase housing and to make zoning regulations easier. He finds this would require increased staffing in the Planning Department and he is concerned about that.

Mayor Hooper said Clancy as the guy who works with the zoning ordinance now and as he understands how this is going to work in the future does he think it is going to increase the workload.

Zoning Administrator DeSmet replied it is going to be a lot of work to do the writing of the zoning ordinance. As the zoning ordinance currently exists it favors the person administering it but not somebody coming in trying to understand what it is.

Planning Director Hallsmith replied through more and better specific standards from the current process that involves a lot of review to one where there is less review it would actually make more certainty for people coming in to develop and less work for the Planning Department. It will be easier for customers and staff and make for less repetition and redundancy in the document. It would be good if the Planning Office was overwhelmed with new projects for new housing and infill development.

Council Member Timpone asked if these were standards that other cities our size use.

Planning Director Hallsmith replied they had been looking at other cities in Vermont that organize it this way which includes Morrisville, St. Johnsbury and Cabot. They are organized by neighborhood instead of standards.

Mayor Hooper asked if the vast majority of towns that have zoning have the kind of zoning we have currently.

Planning Director Hallsmith said it isn't the vast majority but more are organized by district than by standards.

City Manager Fraser said he doesn't work with zoning and not versed with what we have. Just sitting in his office where people come for building permits the most frequently asked question is they are looking at a property on a certain street and they want to know what they can do there.

Mayor Hooper said they have been talking about making it simpler for folks to go through the process. Zoning is also there to protect peoples' rights. One of the reasons for having zoning is so when she owns property she has a reasonable assurance that certain things will or will not happen, and that is a good value. Under the current zoning how did we get LDR in some places? Some of it was based on elevation and slopes. Back when Murray Hill was built people went nuts because that green space up there was intruded upon. Are they looking at issues like that in the development of the zoning such as view sheds protecting certain assets?

Planning Director Hallsmith said for those questions the Master Plan would guide the zoning and the Master Plan didn't call for a ridge line protection ordinance. The rural areas could have incentives built in that encouraged people to avoid areas that impact view sheds in return for density bonuses or other types of incentives that would enable more compact development more in keeping with minimizing the cost of extending city infrastructure if necessary.

Council Member Weiss asked how the Planning Department would be able to factor in the needs of the city.

Planning Director Hallsmith said city infrastructure and municipal structures typically are permitted in the zoning just like other kinds of structures. She doesn't think there would be anything precluding water structures from being built and if you extended water into other areas that would over time make the other areas more accessible to be part of the Growth Center. Right now the Growth Center designation, which isn't included on the map, takes into account the areas of the city that are served by water and sewer services and focuses and targets those areas for additional development. Municipal structures aren't exempt from zoning.

Council Member Golonka said in his mind any time you do a zoning change it is going to have an increase or diminution of property rights. He is more concerned about the diminution of property rights. How do we plan on notification where you have some type of perceived diminution of property rights?

Planning Director Hallsmith replied they have already done a direct mailing inviting everybody to come to the neighborhood meetings. They are actually looking to reduce the number of nonconformities in the zoning change. The nonconformity issue is really the key issue for a diminished property right or value when you are changing the zoning. If suddenly your land was once possible to develop as a commercial structure but then it's not, that's where you get the reduced value, or the setbacks were such that another structure could have been allowed on the property and now it's not. In Montpelier we have super imposed suburban zoning on village areas which we at one time made most of the village nonconforming. That for a long time led to the DRB having to issue variances because people want to add a porch and can't because it isn't allowed in the setback. In the village areas they are looking for a minimum density standard with reduced dimensional requirements and not the kind of maximum density standard with the higher dimensional requirements that would have the affect they are talking about. In a lot of the town there would be potentially an additional building lot on a property that doesn't have one now and that increases the property value.

Mayor Hooper spoke with Planning Commission Chair Jesse Moorman about how the Council could work with them and support what they are doing.

Council Member Jarvis said the Council has to rely on the Planning Commission for simplicity and predictability. It sounds like we are going in the right direction.

Mayor Hooper said the concern she has is not just around the built form, and that is so much what their zoning is focused on appropriately. Our experience with our community is also based on our experience with the surroundings. Our experience with our community is also based on our interactions with the environment, the green and the rivers and the ability to at some period of time get into natural spaces and open areas. Those are important elements we tried to cull out in the Master Plan.

Planning Director Hallsmith said the sense of place she is describing is a really important part of this approach because that is why they identified these areas.

- 11-143. Discussion of organizing Council work on goals pertaining to infrastructure improvement.

- a) The Council adopted their annual goals and priorities on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Three of the goals related to the City's infrastructure needs:
  - 1) Adopt a funding plan for paving/upgrading streets and sidewalks;
  - 2) Conduct an infrastructure needs assessment;
  - 3) Begin development of water and sewer infrastructure options.

Recommendation: Convene the Capital Projects Committee now, provide any additional direction to the committee and set a report date for the September 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

City Manager Fraser said the Council recently talked about their goals and these were identified areas. These are important issues. One option was that rather than have these long Council meetings with a lot of policy you might want to split the work up into groups and have them worked on during the summer and come back and report to the full Council in the fall.

The Infrastructure Capital Project Committee is composed of Council Members Hooper, Timpone and Mayor Hooper.

Council Member Weiss proposed that the ad hoc committee on revenue and expenditures of Council Members Hooper, Jarvis and himself move into the Financial Management Committee. Council Member Hooper stepped off the committee and Council Members Golonka, Jarvis and Weiss served on the Financial Management Committee.

City Manager Fraser said the charter says the Mayor is an ex officio member of all of the committees.

- 11-144. Discussion of organizing Council work on goals pertaining to financial management.
- a) The Council adopted their annual goals and priorities on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Three of the goals related to the City's financial management:

- 1) Conduct an assessment of assets, liabilities and debt load;
  - 2) Develop a policy on fund balance amount and use;
  - 3) Develop a policy on use of debt.
- c) Recommendation: Convene the Revenue/Expense Committee or create a new Council committee for this specific work now, provides any additional direction to the committee and set a report date for the September 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

The Financial Management Committee consisted of Council Members, Jarvis, Weiss and Golonka.

11-145. Consideration of whether to conduct a “National Citizen Survey” in 2011.

- a) Council’s 2011 adopted goals stated, “Decide whether and when to conduct a follow-up National Citizen Survey.”
- b) The City conducted the National Citizen Survey in 2009.
- c) Citizen response was excellent, and a considerable amount of information was gathered.
- d) The survey results have been used to guide policy, services and budgeting.
- e) In 2010, the Council goals included a provision to conduct the survey again in 2011 (and in two-year intervals).
- f) Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to proceed with the National Citizen Survey. If the Council chooses not to conduct the survey in 2011, provide direction about whether, or when, to proceed in the future.

City Manager Fraser said the Council in their 2010 goals established a goal to do the Citizens Survey again this year. We actually identified it as a fund balance item. It would be good to do it on a regular interval so the Council is checking the status items. The presentations he heard from the communities that did it most of them see the value by doing it at regular intervals. It cost the city \$10,000 the last time.

Mayor Hooper asked how the fund balance was. Is it lower than they anticipated or higher?

Finance Director Gallup said she thinks we are walking the line this year. They have already used a substantial amount in their budget for FY 12. She would like to build the fund balance up. They had decided the survey was an item that the fund balance would fund.

Council Member Jarvis said she found the survey interesting. It sounded from Bill's perspective it was helpful in the budgeting and looking at priorities. Personally she doesn't see the importance of it but believes it is important and helpful.

Council Member Sherman said it is a way of getting aggregate information from the community about the quality of service. We all receive calls and hear about the incidental stuff, but it is a systematic way of gathering data. She thinks it is valuable.

Council Member Golonka said he didn't care to do it again this year. He would prefer to wait for five years.

City Manager Fraser said he believes it is helpful. It is a way to ask people about their feelings for city service. They also use this tool to urge people to tell us where we can improve.

Council Member Hooper said he thought the survey was useful and great to see how people rate things. He doesn't think it needs to be done this year but would love to do it again.

Mayor Hooper said if they did it every five years you wouldn't see the trend for two decades. She isn't hearing people strongly say we need to do it this year.

Council Member Hooper said he would rather do it now and make it a habit than not to have it happen again.

Council Member Weiss moved that the City Council agrees they will conduct a National Citizens Survey in 2012 and commit the funding for it in the appropriate budget. Council Member Sherman seconded the motion.

Mayor Hooper called for a vote on the motion. The vote was 6-0, motion carried unanimously.

11-146. Consideration of appointing a committee regarding library support.

Council Member Golonka said this came up at the Library Board meeting last week where we should get together to discuss the funding formula that they use to determine the amount they put on the ballot for Montpelier voters. They allocate 30 percent of it to Montpelier and then allocate the rest of it to other towns based on circulation. At the last budget cycle there were some questions about setting up a joint committee or meeting with the Library Board to discuss this to see if there was a common agreement or long term approach to do this.

Mayor Hooper said she would like to see them quantify the benefit to Montpelier. Tom noted there is a 30 percent carve out because there is a 30 percent perceived benefit to Montpelier. Absolutely the city benefits from having the Library but we also bear the expense which means the taxpayers are paying for it and not anybody else.

Council Member Sherman said she thinks there is a significant benefit to the city that can be financially analyzed. She would love to volunteer to be on the committee.

Council Member Golonka said this can be a long term communication with the Library that gets us in agreement with their funding formula instead of just accepting it.

Mayor Hooper suggested Council Members Sherman, Golonka and Jarvis for the Library Committee.

11-147. Reports by City Council

Council Member Jarvis said she attended the City Hall Tribute event and it was a lovely event and fun to be a part of the mixture of people.

Council Member Timpone reported she attended her first Housing Task Force meeting.

Council Member Sherman reported there is progress on union negotiations with Public Works and Police and they will learn more about that in Executive Session.

11-148. Mayor's Report

The Memorial Day Parade is this coming Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Hooper reported that Todd Law, Bill Fraser and she met with representatives from Berlin about our water relationship and moving that conversation forward. They also talked about the Champlain Water District and there is an existing model for regionalization.

11-149. Report by the City Clerk-Treasurer

City Clerk Hoyt told the members of the viewing public that the ballots were available for the Article regarding bonding for the District Heat Project that is coming up on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

11-150. Status Reports by the City Manager

The District Heat vote will be the topic of his Bridge article next week. At the meeting in Berlin one of the things they talked about was getting together with their Board so they could develop better communication.

On Monday night the Taser Committee held their first meeting and all members showed up. Jeff Dworkin is the Chair and they will rotate their note taking. They are meeting every Tuesday night.

11-151. Agenda Reports by the City Manager

Request for an executive session to update the council on labor agreement negotiations and a status update on the memorandum of understanding with the State of Vermont regarding District Heat. This is in accordance with Title I, Section 313, (1)(a). There will be no voting action on either of the items.

Motion was made by Council Member Jarvis, seconded by Council Member Sherman to go into executive session at 9:37 P.M., in accordance with Title I, Section 313(1)(a) to discuss contracts, labor relations, agreements where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage. The vote was 6-0, motion carried unanimously.

Present: Mayor Hooper; Council Members Golonka, Jarvis, Timpone, Hooper; Sherman, and Weiss; also City Manager Fraser.

After motion duly made and seconded by Council Members Jarvis and Sherman the council came out of executive session in accordance with Title I, Section 313,(1)(a) whereby they had discussed labor contracts and a legal agreements where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage. The vote was 6-0, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment.

After proper motion was made by Council Members Sherman and Jarvis, the council meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by: Joan Clack

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlotte L. Hoyt, City Clerk