

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**January 11, 2017, 6:30 PM**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

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

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

- 17-003. Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the proposed agenda (with the addition of minutes from meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> to the consent agenda) approved by unanimous consent.
- 17-005. Councilor Turcotte moved approval of the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried unanimously at 6:31.
- 17-006. The Council discussed appointments to the Conservation Commission. Glennie Candidates Glennie Sewell and Page Guertin addressed the Council. Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved that the proposed slate of Roy Schiff to a 3-year term, Ben Eastwood to a 2-year term, Page Guertin to a 3-year term, and Glennie Sewell to a 1-year term as an alternate be approved. Councilor Olson seconded.
- After a brief discussion, hearing no objection the underlying motion was amended (at Councilor Bate's request) to declare that the expiration date of each term would be February 12 (of the respective years). At 6:36, the motion (as amended) carried unanimously.
- 17-004. Net Zero Vermont announced that the voting period for the design contest had been extended to January 15.
- 17-007. Nat Frothingham and Carla Occaso of The Bridge offered a presentation on the value of the City Page budget line.
- 17-009. City Manager Fraser opened the budget presentation and subsequent discussion. Also participating were Police Chief Tony Facos, Planning Director Mike Miller, Finance Director Todd Provencher and Kate Stephenson from the Energy Committee.
- After discussion, Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved approval of the budget framework as presented with proposed funding for a VISTA staffer in the Planning office instead allocated towards a regular staff position. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 8:06.
- 17-010. Planning Director Mike Miller came forward to participate in a discussion on a potential Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. After discussion, Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the city allocate money per the proposal attached to the agenda and brought through the Planning Department. Councilor Olson seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 8:18PM.

17-011. Chris Cox and Kurt Motyka of the Public Works Department, joined by Kate Stephenson and Geoff Fitzgerald from the energy committee came forward for a Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) proposal briefing (a proposal to use these substances at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to generate energy).

Councilor Olson moved the Council approve issuing the RFQ to move the proposal forward and then return to the Council with results. Councilor Watson seconded the motion which carried unanimously at 8:44.

17-012. Councilor Watson had questions about the website and website maintenance.

Councilor Bate noted that State Representative Warren Kitzmiller has proposed a bill concern municipal control over public water supplies, and that he was now on the House Government Operations committee.

Councilor Olson reported on the Net Zero presentations, offering positive comments.

Councilor Turcotte congratulated Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker on her negotiations to contract with the city of Winooski for the position of City Manager. He also spoke positively about Front Porch Forum and asked about whether staff was taking advantage of the platform.

17-015. The City Manager initiated a brief discussion regarding proceeding on the discussion of his contract.

Assistant Manager Baker reported on a Black Lives Matter art presentation, and an associated upcoming discussion with Yvonne Byrd of the Community Justice Center facilitating, and that would include Police Chief Facos.

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned by acclaim at 8:52PM.