

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**February 22, 2017, 5:30 PM**  
**City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Jean Olson, Justin Turcotte, Tom Golonka, Anne Watson, Dona Bate & Jessica Edgerly Walsh (who arrived at 5:45PM). City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary of the meeting.

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

17-067. At 5:35, Councilor Bate moved the Council, along with the City Manager, go into executive session as per statute to discuss the City Manager's contract. Councilor Olson seconded, and the motion carried on a vote of 4-0 (Councilor Turcotte abstaining).

At 5:42, City Manager Fraser left the meeting.

At 5:45 Council Member Edgerly-Walsh joined the meeting.

At 6:20 City Manager Fraser was invited back into the meeting.

Councilor Bate moved the Council return to open session and was seconded by Councilor Watson. The motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Edgerly Walsh was not present for the vote) at 6:32.

17-066. The City Manager delivered a brief update on the Econo Lodge situation at Councilor Olson's request. Brief discussion. The proposed agenda, with the addition of a Public Safety Authority update, was approved without objection by consent at 6:35.

17-068. Dana Robinson summarized the Spice on Snow Winter Music Festival which occurred the weekend of January 26-29, and thanked the City for its involvement.

The Mayor presented Michael Arnowitz (who was accompanied by John Snell), with a proclamation of appreciation. Mayor Hollar read the text aloud. Mr. Arnowitz offered comments.

17-069. Councilor Bate moved approval of the consent agenda, Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

17-070. Kate Stephenson and Geoff Fitzgerald offered a report on the Energy Improvement Revolving Loan Fund. Brief discussion followed. No formal action taken.

17-071. Tom McArdle and Cory Line of the Public Works Department came forward to participate in the series of second readings/public hearings for proposed paving project related parking ordinance changes (Bike Lanes, Crosswalks, etc.).

- Parking Ordinance - Elm Street: Public hearing was opened at 7:01. Comments received from Chris Graff in opposition to losing parking, and Suzanne

Eikenberry in favor of proposal. Public hearing closed at 7:25. Moved for final approval by Councilor Turcotte and seconded by Councilor Watson. Motion carried unanimously.

- Parking Ordinance - Elm—Vine: Public hearing was opened at 7:34. Comment received from Suzanne Eikenberry in support. Public hearing closed at 7:35. Final approval of proposal moved by Councilor Bate and seconded by Councilor Turcotte, passing unanimously.
- Parking Ordinance - Spring St Bridge: Mr. Line offered further comments before the public hearing was opened at 7:36. With no public comments offered, the hearing was closed at 7:36. Final approval moved by Councilor Edgerly Walsh and seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried unanimously.
- Parking Ordinance - Terrace Street: Mr. Line offered comments, and the public hearing was opened at 7:37. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was then closed at 7:37. Final approval was moved by Councilor Edgerly Walsh and seconded by Councilor Watson. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- Parking ordinance - Bailey Avenue: Public hearing was opened at 7:39. Discussion followed, including a review of the prior meeting's vote directing the Public Works department on the specifics of parking space number and placement (not directly addressed under the proposed amendment language). Page Guertin came forward with questions. The public hearing was closed at 7:47. Councilor Watson moved final approval, Councilor Turcotte seconded Motion carried on a 4-1 vote (Councilor Bate voting nay, and Councilor Edgerly Walsh abstaining).

17-072. Mr. McArdle and Mr. Line remained at the table for the discussion of the 2017 paving project related waiver of the noise ordinance for nighttime construction. Tom started it up. Kurt Motyka (Public Works Department) participated. Nancy Sherman offered comments. Councilor Bate move approval of noise ordinance waiver for nighttime construction as requested in the documentation attached to the agenda. Councilor Turcotte seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 8:22.

17-073. Mr. Motyka was joined by Lynette Claudon (Facilities Engineering Division) to discuss the Northfield Street utilities improvements project. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Notice of Intent to Issue a Finding of No Significant Impact hearing at 8:09 PM. After a brief discussion, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:13 PM. Mr. McArdle offered comments. No formal action was taken.

The Council received a Public Safety Authority update from PSA Director Paco Aumand. After some discussion, no formal action was taken.

17-074. Finance Director Todd Provencher and Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker offered a presentation on the Fund Balance and Debt Policy. Discussion followed. No formal action taken.

The Mayor called for a recess at 8:51. The meeting was reconvened at 8:59.

- 17-075. City Manager Bill Fraser introduced the discussion of city personnel and personnel policies. Mr. Provencher participated. Following discussion, no formal action was taken.
- 17-076. Police Chief Tony Facos came forward for an event policy and safety update. Councilor Bate left the meeting at 9:17. After discussion, no formal action was taken.
- 17-078. Councilor Golonka bid farewell to the Council on his final meeting. Councilor Watson encouraged district 2 citizens to vote for her before offering appreciation for Councilor Golonka's service. Councilor Edgerly Walsh also said farewell on her final meeting, and also recognized Assistant City Manager Baker for her service. Councilor Olson thanked Councilors Edgerly Walsh and Golonka, as well as ACM Baker for their service. Councilor Turcotte also offered thanks to Councilors Golonka and Edgerly Walsh.
- 17-079. Mayor Hollar offered appreciation to Councilors Golonka and Edgerly Walsh, as well as departing ACM Baker.
- 17-080. The City Clerk noted upcoming early voting hours on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> before thanking Councilors Golonka, Edgerly Walsh and ACM Baker for their service.
- 17-081. City Manager Fraser briefly discussed the Dog Committee, recommending a Council representative as well as another member to provide balance.
- 17-076(a). Jed Guertin rose to offer Berlin Pond related comments. Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council find, as per statute, that premature knowledge of the discussion would clearly place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage. Councilor Watson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously (5-0). Councilor Edgerly Walsh then moved the Council enter executive session to discuss the issue, and to include the City Manager, as well as Jed and Page Guertin. Councilor Watson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Hearing no objection, the Mayor returned the meeting to open session, and subsequently adjourned, by unanimous consent.