

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**April 12, 2017, 5:30 PM**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Justin Turcotte, Anne Watson, Dona Bate, Rosie Krueger, and Jean Olson (arrived at 6:28PM). Councilor Ashley Hill was absent. City Manager Bill Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum acted as Secretary of the meeting.

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- 17-113. The proposed agenda, with the removal of the Net Zero discussion, was approved without objection by unanimous consent.
- 17-115. Councilor Watson moved approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously (4-0). Robb Kidd rose to offer comments on the coming climate march.
- 17-116. Kirby Keeton addressed the council on his candidacy for the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. Councilor Bate moved that Kirby Keeton be appointed as the City Representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. Councilor Turcotte seconded. The motion carried unanimously (4-0) at 5:39.
- 17-117. Sarah Jarvis of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns led a review of open meetings/public records laws. Claire Watt offered comments.
- 17-118. Councilor Jean Olson arrived at 6:28. The Mayor opened the public hearing for the application for CDBG Planning Grant Funds on Behalf of Downstreet Housing and Community Development at 6:29PM. Comments were offered from Kevin Casey of the Planning Department. There were no comments from the public. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:30PM. Councilor Bate moved the Council approve and sign the resolution approving city staff to prepare and submit an application for CDBG grant funds. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously (5-0) at 6:31.
- 17-119. Planning Director Mike Miller introduced the discussion of sections 1 and 2 and the proposed zoning ordinance changes. Leslie Welts (Planning Commission Chair) participated. Comments generally objecting to the proposal were offered by: Carol Doerflein, Sandy Vitzthum, Mike Reed, Leigh Seddon, Carolyn Grodinsky, Phil Dodd, Gerry Tarrant, Michael Hoffman, and Steve Sease. Commenters generally supporting the proposal were offered by: Claire Watt, Lucy Ferata, Arianae Kissam, and Polly Nichol.

The Chair called for a recess at 8:05. The meeting reconvened at 8:13.

Public comments on the zoning proposal continues. Commenters objecting to the Planning Commission process: Alan Goldman. Comments generally in favor of the proposal: Liz Genge, Jack McCullough.

The Council's discussion continued with Mr. Miller, as well as Barbara Conrey and Leslie Welts of the Planning Commission. No formal action was taken.

- 17-120. Following a brief report, Councilor Bate move approval of the attached mission and membership for the Complete Streets Committee, leaving the membership open for future appointments. Councilor Turcotte second. There was a brief discussion before the motion carried unanimously at 9:16.
- 17-123. Councilor Bate promoted the Public Art Request for Proposals (RFP) before reporting on the dog committee meeting.
- Councilor Turcotte acknowledged the Barre citizens under a boiled water order. He praised the recent street cleaning and asked for an Econo Lodge update (the City Manager responded that there was a working draft of a possible public nuisance ordinance being worked on). Councilor Turcotte also acknowledged the Planning Director and Planning Department Vista staff for presentation, before promoting Lost Nation Theater's production of Judevine.
- Councilor Krueger Rosie noted that she will miss next meeting, but will try to call in.
- Councilor Watson made note of graffiti and asked when the city staff would begin cleaning it. She also indicated she was excited for green up day, before noting the passing of Jed Guertin, adding that she has been working with Ward Joyce on dedicating a section of the bike path to both Jed and Page Guertin.
- 17-124. The also acknowledged the passing of Jed Guertin.
- 17-125. The City Clerk also noted Mr. Guertin's passing.
- 17-126. City Manager Fraser offered comments on Mr. Guertin before going on to report on the Assistant City Manager hiring process, and thanking the Council for its work on goals the prior evening.
- 17-127. Councilor Watson moved that the Council find that premature general public knowledge of the collective bargaining process would clearly place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 9:25PM.
- Councilor Bate moved the Council enter into executive session to consider a collective bargaining contract. Councilor Watson seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 9:26PM.

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the Council return to open session, and subsequently adjourn, by unanimous consent.