

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
July 12, 2017, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Anne Watson, Ashley Hill, Justin Turcotte, Dona Bate, Jean Olson, and Rosie Krueger. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary of the meeting.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

- 17-214. Without objection, the Chair added an executive session regarding a personnel matter to the proposed agenda and ruled it approved by unanimous consent.
- 17-215. Representative Mary Hooper rose to indicate her presence in regards to the Housing Trust Fund Board opening/appointment.
- 17-216. Councilor Watson moved approval of the consent agenda, Councilor Krueger seconded. There was brief discussion before the motion carried unanimously at 6:05.
- 17-17. City Council Retreat Discussion facilitator Delia Clark came forward for a brief discussion of the process. Councilor Watson moved the Council approve the first 5 pages of goals documents. Councilor Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 6:15.
- 17-218. There was a discussion of the Council Goals. No formal action taken.
- 17-224. At 6:24, the Mayor opened the Ordinance Amendment 1st Reading (Revisions/Additions to Public Works Fees). DPW Director Tom McArdle came forward for the discussion. Councilor Turcotte moved approval of the fee changes and was seconded by Councilor Hill. Motion was ruled out of order. Councilor Bate moved to amend the proposal to remove specific fees from the ordinance to allow for a Council approved fee schedule to be adopted when needed, and to pass the first reading and set the second reading for the next Council meeting. Councilor Turcotte seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 6:32. Public hearing was closed.
- 17-225. Tom Golonka came forward to discuss the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority's status and his candidacy for reappointment. After discussion, Councilor Hill nominated Tom Golonka to be reappointed to the PSA. Councilor Bate seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 6:55.
- Councilor Krueger moved the Council enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Councilor Turcotte seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 6:57. AT 7:31, Councilor Bate moved the Council return to open session and was seconded by Councilor Krueger. The motion carried unanimously.
- 17-222/17-223 The Council opened a discussion of a Master Plan Timeline (focused on deciding between re-adoption of the current plan with updates vs. a bottom-up process), in the context of the zoning bylaws adoption timeline. Planning Director Mike Mille participated. Tina Ruth and Barbara Conrey of the Planning Commission came forward

for discussion. Public comments on the entirety of the discussion were received from: Gerry Tarrant, Steve Sease, Joe Castellano, Carol Doerflein, Gail Kerrigan, Tim Heney, Valerie Lewis, Mark Nemeth (as Alan Goldman's attorney), Alan Goldman - (all opposed to varying degrees to potentially re-adopting the Master Plan and continuing the zoning discussions). Also: Jack McCullough (who took issue with interpretation of city attorney's letter and related comments opposed to re-adoption). No formal action was taken.

- 17-227. Councilor Bate thanked the Council for reappointing Tom Golonka to the PSA. Councilor Olson reported on the Downsizing group's activities. Councilor Turcotte thanked DPW for their work on the streets, as well as praising the green color on the bike lane. Councilor Watson voiced her interest in creating Local Development Corp metrics of success for evaluation. Councilor Hill thanked the Police Department for the "ice cream token" program before adding that she would like to see the creation of a panel to focus on addiction issues.
- 17-228. The Mayor praised DPW for the street work, and public safety authorities and Montpelier Alive for the July 3rd celebration.
- 17-230. The City Manager reported on the Caledonia Spirits development project.
- 17-221. Councilor Watson moved the Council authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary legal documents with all the necessary easements to close the Caledonia Spirits deal. Councilor Turcotte seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 9:36.
- 17-219/17-220 Councilor Bate moved a finding that premature general public knowledge of issues relating to Berlin Pond, as well as discussions relating to collective bargaining with DPW staff would clearly place the city at a substantial disadvantage. Councilor Watson seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 9:37. Councilor Bate then moved Council enter executive session for those discussions, Councilor Watson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Without objection, the Mayor declared the Council returned to open session and subsequently adjourned by unanimous consent.