

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
November 8, 2017, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

17-334. The proposed agenda, with the addition of a budget conversation and removal of the wayfinding signs presentation, was approved by unanimous consent, without objection.

17-336. Councilor Turcotte moved approval of the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilor Olson. After a discussion (Public Works Director Tom McArdle participated) the consent agenda was passed unanimously (5-0).

17-337. The Chair opened the Parklet Ordinance 1st Reading and public hearing at 6:10. Discussion. Hearing no public comments, the public hearing was closed. Planning Director Mike Miller participated in discussion. Councilor Krueger moved to direct city staff to change the draft to reflect that parklets must be open to the public at all times. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilor Krueger moved to direct the city staff and the assessor to calculate what city costs would be and report back to the council to make an informed decision. Councilor Olson seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Councilor Watson moved to pass the first reading of the Parklet Ordinance and set the second reading for December 13th. Councilor Bate seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

17-341. Public Works Director Tom McArdle was joined by Franklin Shiner and Marty Roberts for an ADA presentation. Dianne Richardson was acknowledged by Mr. McArdle. Arne McMullen and Kevin Casey participated in the discussion.

Councilor Watson moved to allocate CDBG funds up to \$43,000 for transition plan development and other appropriate related uses. Councilor Bate seconded. After further discussion, motion carried 4-2, with Councilors Turcotte and Olson voting nay, and the Mayor voting with the majority.

Councilor Watson moved to appoint an ADA committee that will include 3 municipal officials including the school, 4 citizens including Franklin Shiner, Marty Roberts and Dianne Richardson, and advertise for one more. Councilor Turcotte seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting went into recess at 7:32. The meeting reconvened at 7:40.

17-338. Mike Miller and Kevin Casey of the Planning Department were joined by Assistant City Manager Sue Allen for a Parking Subcommittee report and discussion. Councilor Watson moved the council approve the subcommittee's recommendation to pursue a demand management parking program. Councilor Krueger seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 7:58.

There was a brief discussion of the budget process, with no formal action taken.

17-340. Finance Director Todd Provencher participated in a discussion of a potential local options tax. No formal action taken.

17-342. Planning Director Mike Miller came forward for a discussion of the Master Plan public hearing process and schedule. Councilor Krueger moved to warn the master plan for adoption with hearings set for December 13th and 20th. Councilor Bate second. Motion carried unanimously at 8:24.

17-343. The Council discussed the Quality of Life council goal. No formal action was taken.

17-345. Councilor Bate noted that yesterday was the one year anniversary of her auto accident. She went on to offer thanks to council's patience at the time and lauded local medical services and accessibility.

Councilor Turcotte acknowledged the Planning Department and citizens' work on the master plan and zoning process.

Councilor Krueger shared a sprinkler committee update.

Councilor Watson announced her candidacy for mayor.

17-346. The Mayor reported on the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition meeting and the promoted purchase of green power through GMP.

17-347. The City Clerk noted the upcoming quarterly tax deadline.

17-348. The City Manager reported on the signing of the Mowatt property agreement. Assistant City Manager Sue Allen reported on the status of the State House skating rink... Discussion followed. Mr. Fraser then reported on the status of the Berlin Pond boat launch, a coming eminent domain process, and a Senate Government Operations Committee meeting (which he attended with Police Chief Tony Facos) regarding policing.

17-349. Councilor Watson moved the Council enter Executive Session in accordance with Title I, VSA §313, Executive Sessions, (a) (3), the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee to discuss the City Manager. Councilor Bate seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 8:36.

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