

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**December 13, 2017, 6:00 PM**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar, City Manager Bill Fraser, Councilors Anne Watson, Ashley Hill, Rosie Krueger, Dona Bate, Jean Olson and Justin Turcotte. Crystal Chase acted as secretary.

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

17-370 Without objection, the proposed agenda passed by unanimous consent.

17-372 Without objection, the Consent Agenda was passed by unanimous consent.

17-373 Planning Director Mike Miller was in attendance to review the proposed Master Plan. Discussion with council on technical corrections and a timetable were discussed.

At 6:18 pm Mayor Hollar opened the public hearing. Alan Goldman addressed the council with his concerns and participated in the discussion. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:40.

17-374. At 6:41 the Zoning Public Hearing was opened. Mr. Miller noted updated documents and some additional concerns. Discussion followed.

Councilor Watson moved to approve the recommendation for lifting the density requirements and approve the commission's suggestion. The motion was seconded by Councilor Turcotte and was unanimously passed.

A discussion of Riparian Habitats followed. Councilor Turcotte moved to accept the recommendations. Councilor Bate seconded his motion. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Councilor Turcotte made motion to accept recommendations regarding Standards for evaluating traffic impacts as stated by the commission. Member Hill seconded motion. Further discussion followed. Kirby Keene addressed council to clarify and suggest amendment to proposed motion to read "any change in stop or delay of less than 20 seconds shall not be considered unreasonable." The amendment to the motion was approved without objection. The motion then carried unanimously.

Phil Dodd supplied council with some suggested changed and additions to PUD sections and asked they be reviewed. Mr. Miller agreed and supported changes. Councilor Krueger moved to approve the supported changes. Motion seconded by Council Member Bate, and passed unanimously. Sarah Hoffmier asked the council for some clarification regarding setbacks requirements and asked for a compiled list of ROW measurements.

At 7:45 the Mayor called a recess. The meeting was reconvened at 7:50.

Josh Jackson, Shannon Macintyre and Jack McCullough all gave comments in support of the proposed zoning regulations. Ashley Flier, representing Malone Properties, addressed council on the concerns in the eastern gateway district and asked Mr. Miller and council to re look at areas that were of concern to her. After discussion, and with no more public comment the public hearing was closed.

- 17-375. Mayor Hollar noted that there were four seats open Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee and four applicants. Councilor Hill moved to appoint Jenn Gordon, Anthon Mennona, Stephen Falbel and Constantinos Stivaros to the committee. Council member Olson seconded the appointments and motion passed without objection.
- 17-376. Councilor Hill moved to appoint Complete Streets Committee Appointments applicants Nancy Schults, Jeanne Kern and Amber Collett to two year terms. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bate and passed unanimously.
- 17-377. There was a brief update of Wayfinding Signs process. No formal action taken.
- 17-378. City Manager Fraser gave an overview presentation of budget. Discussion on the presentations in coming meetings followed. They mayor noted a request from the CVHHH to be put on the ballot without retaining required signatures.
- Councilor Bate made the motion to approve their request and allow CVHHH to be placed on ballot, motion died for lack of second. There was further discussion, with no formal action taken.
- 17-379. Tom McArdle and Cory Line gave an update on the bike path project. No formal action taken.
- 17-381. The Chair without opposition, asked that the Pedestrian Safety item be postponed.
- 17-383. Councilor Bate indicated she is looking forward to meeting with the department heads next week.
- Councilor Olson asked if something could be done with the snow banks between streets and meters to allow easier access.
- Councilor Turcotte thanked all the volunteers who attended the senior centers annual luncheon and questioned when the next reading of the dog ordinance will be ready. City Manager Fraser responded that the ordinance was ready to go and will be on agenda for next week.
- Councilor Watson asked when the next TIF discussion was due to take place, Mayor Hollar noted that in late January they were due to review.
- Councilor Hill was happy to see the City offering free 2 hour parking for the holidays.

- 17-385. The Deputy Clerk reminded residents the Water-Sewer payments were due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 17-386. City Manager Fraser warned council of the eminent domain deliberation hearing that would be happening in late January. He also mentioned the need for the council to take the photo for the upcoming annual report. Lastly he mentioned that in prior years they had had a pre town meeting; meeting, which seems to be getting less attendance and feels like it may not be worth having this year.

Without objection the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:35pm