

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
July 25, 2018 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Councilors Ashley Hill (Chair), Conor Casey, Glen Hutcheson, Rosie Krueger, Jack McCullough, Dona Bate (arrived at 6:40), and City Manager Bill Fraser. Chair Anne Watson was absent. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

18 -211. Councilor Krueger moved approval of the agenda without the appended property tax discussion. Councilor Hutcheson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

18 -212. Sam Dworkin came forward to share concerns about the TIF district.

18 -213. Councilor Krueger moved approval of the consent agenda with item g (EC Fiber) tabled for discussion. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously after a brief discussion.

Consent agenda item g. was taken from the table for discussion with Steven Whitaker. No formal action taken.

18 -215. The Council discussed Development Review Board appointments. The following candidates addressed the council: Dan Richardson, Tom Kester, Jack Lindley, Kevin O'Connell, and Rob Goodwin.

Councilor Krueger moved the council enter executive session for the purpose of discussion appointments of several municipal officials. Councilor McCullough seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 6:56.

Councilor Krueger moved the council return to open session. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Krueger then moved to appoint the following slate: For three year terms: Dan Richardson, Kate McCarthy, and Deb Markowitz. For two year terms: Kevin O'Connell, Ryan Kane, and Tom Kester. For one year term: Rob Goodwin. Alternates: William Schebaum, Clare Rock. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair called a recess at 7:24. The meeting resumed at 8:04.

18 -216. John Snell, John Akielaszek, and Parks Director Geoff Beyer came forward to discuss an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. No formal action was taken.

18 -217. The Council discussed a street closure application from Union Elementary School. Jay Eriksen spoke. Jeff Prescott offered comments. Public Works Director Tom McArdle participated. Councilor McCullough Move approve the plan with direction to staff to take the implementation steps necessary to bring it back to the council as necessary. Councilor Hutcheson seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Councilor Casey abstained,

recusing himself for a potential conflict of interest).

The Chair called a recess 9:15. Meeting was reconvened at 9:19.

- 18 -218. The council discussed the Parklet Ordinance. Councilor Krueger moved to direct city staff to continue crafting amendments to the parklet ordinance and set the first reading for August 22nd. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18 -219. At 9:38 the Chair opened the second public hearing on proposed changes to the business license ordinances. Hearing no comment, the hearing closed at 9:42. Discussion followed Councilor Krueger moved the council pass final reading and adopt amendments suggested by the Clerk as well as the amendments included in the agenda and to simultaneously adopt the fee schedule proposed by the City Clerk. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18 -220. Assistant City Manager Sue Allen came forward for a discussion of the Statehouse ice rink. Councilor McCullough moved approval of crafting a letter of support for the rink and general approval of the plan moving forward. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18 -222. Councilor Bate noted that the: name the shared use path contest was underway. Councilor Casey touched on his first meeting with Montpelier Alive as council liaison and offered appreciation for volunteers and staff of the Independence Day parade. Councilor Hutcheson noted his first TW Wood gallery meeting as the council liaison before noting his weekly Bagito's constituent meetings. Councilor Hill lauded Senior Center staff for a fun Senior Prom event, also noting the Independence Day celebration and activities the preceding weekend.
- 18 -223. The City Clerk noted the recent non-citizen voting meeting and announced the hiring of Cindy Larson & Lee Youngman.
- 18 -224. The City Manager reported that copies of the strategic plan will come soon. He noted the coming second round the TIF application discussion. He updated the Council on the many downtown projects underway. Stephen Mills rose to ask questions.

Councilor Casey moved the council enter executive session to the parking garage and potential real estate acquisition pursuant to statute for the reasons provided on the agenda. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 10:01pm.

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