

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**September 12, 2018 6:30 PM**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

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

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The meeting was called to order at 6:32.

- 18 -245. There was a brief discussion on modifying the planned parking garage discussion to focus on process. With that understanding, the item was moved to immediately following the consent agenda. The agenda as modified was approved by acclamation.
- 18 -246. Steven Whitaker offered comments on ECFiber, non-citizen voting, and the proposed parking garage.
- 18 -247. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda with typographical corrections. Councilor Krueger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 18-264. The Council discussed process for the parking garage discussion. No formal action taken.
- 18 -248. Speaking on behalf of his candidacy for Complete Streets Group appointment was Harris Webster. After a brief discussion, Councilor Hill moved to appoint Gary Holloway, John Snell, Terisa Thomas, and Harris C Webster to 2 year terms to the Complete Streets Committee. Councilor Bate seconded. After a brief clarification the motion carried unanimously.
- 18 -249. Speaking on behalf of their candidacies for the Historic Preservation Commission were Jamie Duggan, Eric Gilbertson, and Robert McCullough. Brief discussion followed. Councilor Hill moved the Council appoint Jamie Duggan, Judith Ehrlich, Eric Gilbertson, and Robert McCullough to the 4 vacant 2 year terms on the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 18 -250, 251. The Council discussed Community Fund Board appointments. None of the candidates were present.
- The Council also discussed Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee appointments. Speaking on behalf of their candidacies: Victor Guadagno, Neville Berle, Mark Hughes, Lalitha Mailwaganam, and Rebecca L. Tomaszewski.
- Councilor McCullough moved the Council enter executive session for the purpose of considering appoints to the Community Fund Board and Social Justice Committee pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 6:54PM. Councilor McCullough moved the Council return to open session and was seconded by Councilor Krueger. The motion carried unanimously at 7:03PM.

Councilor Hutcheson moved the Council appoint Judith Stermer and Christine Zachai to the Community Fund Board for terms of three years. Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Hill moved to appoint Mark Hughes, Lalitha Mailwaganam, Rebecca L. Tomaszewski and Neville Berle to the Social Justice Committee. Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 18 -252. The Mayor opened the Begging Ordinance Repeal 1st Public Hearing at 7:05PM. The City Manager opened discussion. Comments were offered by Bethany Pombar and Steve Whitaker in favor of repeal. Brief discussion followed before the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:13. Councilor McCullough moved the Council pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading and have the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the special Council meeting next week. Councilor Hill seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 7:14.

The Mayor called a recess at 7:16. The meeting reconvened at 7:19

- 18 -253. Dan Groberg, John Sealy from Surface Matter Design, and Corey Line presented the Wayfinding Signs. Discussion followed with comments from Eric Gilbertson. Councilor Hill moved the Council approve the Wayfinding master plan as presented this evening. Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 7:52.

- 18 -254. Kurt Motyka and Chris Cox of the Public Works Department were joined by Finance Director Todd Provencher for a Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility presentation and update. Discussion included comments from Geoff Fitzgerald, Teresa Thomas and Kate Stephenson. Councilor Hill moved the Council give preliminary approval to move the organics to energy project proposal to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> bond approval agenda item meeting. Councilor Hutcheson seconded. After further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously at 8:49.

- 18 -255. The City Manager introduced the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Union Elementary School Playground Parking Ordinance changes. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:50. Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed at 8:50. Councilor Hill moved to approve the temporary parking ordinance changes as presented at the second reading. Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion passed 5-0-1 (Councilor Casey abstaining).

- 18 -256. The Mayor introduced the discussion of the proposed charter change for sustainability. Discussion followed. Councilor McCullough moved to file the proposed language with the City Clerk for further discussion at the October 3 meeting. Councilor Casey seconded. After further discussion the motion carried unanimously at 9:02.

- 18 -257. John Snell, Parks Director Geoff Beyer, and John Akielaszek came forward to discuss the emerald ash borer recommendations. Discussion followed. Councilor Bate moved the Council approve the \$20,000 as outlined and presented by the Tree Board. Councilor Casey seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 9:07.

- 18 -259. Councilor Hutcheson expressed excitement to see the changes downtown and also promoted his constituent meetings at Bagito's. Councilor Bate passed on a constituent complaint about french block construction noises and the dumpster. She also complimented the City Manager on his parking garage presentation.
- 18 -260. The Mayor noted a citywide compost study potential grant. Discussion followed.
- 18 -261. The City Clerk noted the coming water bill deadline and gave an update on the non-citizen voting proposal.
- 18 -262. The City Manager noted the coming Friday afternoon ordinance review session and discussed the possibility of introducing more technology to facilitate more citizen interaction with the Council.
- 18 -263. City Manager Check-In : Councilor McCullough moved the Council enter executive session pursuant to Title I, VSA §313 a (3) to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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