

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
October 10, 2018 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30

18 -304. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent with the parklet ordinance second reading postponed.

18 -305. Steve Whitaker addressed the Council on crosswalks, Central Vermont fiber, Central Vermont Public Safety Authority, and his views on downtown traffic studies to date.

18 -306. After brief discussion, Councilor Krueger moved approval of the consent agenda with the exception of item d (Street Closure Application: All State Music Festival, 5/8/19). Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilor Krueger moved the Council approve item d of the consent agenda with the understanding that there may be a change of time and that the group will work with city staff to see what works best. Councilor Casey seconded, and the motion carried 5-1, with Councilor Hill voting nay.

18 -307. Brian Evans and Katie Stevens-Favorite addressed the Council on their candidacies for the Housing Authority. Councilor Hill moved (seconded by Councilor McCullough) that 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. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor McCullough moved the Council return to open session and was seconded by Councilor Hill. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor McCullough moved the Council appoint Katherine Stevens-Favorite to a 5-year term on the Housing Authority. Councilor Casey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:58PM. The Council reconvened at 7:04.

18 -310. The Council received a presentation from, and engaged in discussion with, Sam Cooper of Bird in regards to the electric scooter sharing proposed pilot program. Comments were offered by Martha Hafner and Mary Messier. Councilor Casey moved to approve the interim operating agreement with bird for the operating period of 60 days. Councilor Hill seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- 18 -309. The Council engaged in a Budget Workshop with Finance Director Todd Provencher. No formal action taken.
- 18 -311. The Council discussed the adoption of Community Indicators. No formal action taken.
- 18 -312. The Council received a Strategic Plan/Envisio progress report and presentation from the City Manager. Discussion followed. No formal action taken.
- 18 -314. Councilor Krueger offered a sprinkler variance committee report, voicing concerns about details of the ordinance. She also reported on efforts of the group working on environmental concerns regarding the river confluence (brief discussion ensued).
- Councilor McCullough offered praise to the Parks Department for recent tree work and followed with a Board of Abatement report, noting the coming meeting.
- Councilor Bate reminded listeners of the coming Enchanted Forest event. She also shared her thoughts on signage.
- Councilor Casey noted the coming Moonlight Madness event.
- Councilor Hutcheson noted the June 5 creative community exchange, as well as a report on his work with Montpelier Alive. He also made note of his Bagitos weekly constituent meetings.
- 18 -315. Mayor's Report
- 18 -316. The City Clerk noted that ballots would be ready the next day.
- 18 -317. The City Manager reported on the Sustainable Communities Coalition, and noted the audio in the Council Chambers was being upgraded.

Without objection, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:35PM.