

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**October 24, 2018 6:30 PM**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

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

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30.

18 -318. Without objection the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

18 -319 Tom Appelmore and Rob Goodwin commented on the bird scooters. Steve Whitaker spoke about the Central Vermont Internet Board's minutes and noted the city's minutes.

18 -320. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda and Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

18 -322,3,4,5. The Council discussed appointments to the Investment Committee, the Design Review Committee, the Energy Advisory Committee, and the Complete Streets Committee.

Councilor Hill moved to 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. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Hill moved the Council return to open session and was seconded by Councilor McCullough. The motion carried unanimously at 6:48.

Councilor Hutcheson moved the following appointments: Leesa Stewart to the Investment Committee, Martha Smyrski to the Design Review Committee, Donald Devoil to the Energy Advisory Committee, Leesa Stewart to the Complete Streets Group. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Central Vermont Internet board members Dan Jones, Jeremy Hansen, Phil Hyjek, and Steven Whitaker came forward for the discussion of the Central Vermont Internet Board's request that Mr. Whitaker's membership on the board of that body be discontinued.

Councilor Hill 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 request. Councilor Casey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 7:08.

At 7:16, Councilor McCullough moved to return to open session and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Hill moved the Council replace Mr. Whitaker on the Central Vermont Internet Board, Councilor Casey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- 18 -326. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Parklet Ordinance Amendments at 7:18 PM. Comments were received from: Dan Groberg (on behalf of Montpelier Alive and the Montpelier Business Association). Brief discussion followed. Councilor McCullough moved the Council amend the parklet period final date time to 25th October and include a commensurate fee adjustment. Councilor Bate seconded. More discussion followed before the motion carried unanimously The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:23.

Councilor McCullough moved to amend the ordinances as pursuant to the proposal as amended previously and pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Councilor Hutcheson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 18 -327. Paul Gamble, Nathan Suter, and Amanda Golden (Consultant) came forward for a discussion of the proposed Art Synergy Master Plan. Councilor Hutcheson Glen moved the Council adopt the public art and master plan as presented. Councilor Hill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called a recess at 7:52. The meeting reconvened at 7:59.

- 18--328. Dan Groberg and Montpelier Alive Board Chair David Marko came forward to discuss the Downtown Improvement District Budget. Councilor Casey moved the Council approve a DID budget of \$55,960. Councilor Hill seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Brief further discussion followed.
- 18 -329. Kate Stephenson came forward for an energy efficiencies update. Discussion followed. No formal action taken.
- 18 -330. Police Chief Tony Facos came forward to discuss Police body camera policy. There was also discussion of the bird scooters. No formal action was taken.
- 18 -332. Councilor McCullough reported there was much feedback on the bird scooters. Councilor Bate asked the bird scooter riders comport themselves appropriately. Councilor Casey noted there were bird safety ambassadors in the area while acknowledging their potential staff impact. Councilor Hutcheson expressed that he was looking forward to trying the scooters and reminded listeners of his weekly constituent meetings.
- 18 -333. The Mayor reported that she was going to Brattleboro with the Barre Mayor to look at municipally run compost operations and an active plastic bag ban.
- 18 -334. The City Clerk reported on early vote turnout.

18 -335. Assistant City Manager Allen reported on the crosswalk flashing lights and noted the public hearing at the High School tomorrow on recreation center options the next evening.

Without objection, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:33.