

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting  
December 19, 2018 6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall**

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

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

- 18-392. Without objection, the proposed agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 18-393. Roberta Garland briefed the council on the non-citizen voting charter change progress.
- 18-394. After a discussion of the minutes, no action was taken on the consent agenda.
- 18-395. After hearing from all the students except for the absent Ian Keene, the following appointments were moved by Councilor Hill for appointment as “ex officio non-voting” members: Jasper Ecklund- conservation commission, Lily Fournier – historic preservation commission, Ian Keene- conservation commission, Emery Richardson - planning commission. Councilor Casey seconded. More discussion followed, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 18-396. The council heard from both candidates interested in appointment to the Central Vermont Internet Board (Richard Littauer and Ken Jones) addressed council.
- After brief discussion, Councilor McCullough moved the council enter executive session pursuant to 1 VSA §313. Councilor Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Councilor Krueger moved the council return to open session and Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Councilor McCullough moved to appoint Ken Jones to the Central Vermont Internet Board alternate position for the remainder of the term. Councilor Hill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 18-397. The council received an update and budget report from Green Mountain Transit manager Mark Sousa. Discussion followed with no formal action taken.
- 18-407. The mayor led a discussion of a proposed charter amendment regarding council authority on energy efficiencies in buildings. No formal action taken.

The mayor called a recess at 8:13. The meeting reconvened at 8:20.

- 18-398. The council received an economic development/Montpelier Development Corporation report from MDC director Laura Gephardt. Discussion followed. No formal action taken.

- 18-399. The sprinkler ordinance amendments for parking structures, 2nd Hearing was opened by the mayor at 9:08. The hearing was then closed at 9:09 with no public comments. Councilor McCullough move the council adopt the parking structure sprinkler ordinances. Councilor Hutcheson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 18-400. At 9:11, the mayor opened the parking ordinance amendments 2nd public hearing. Discussion followed, with Public Works Director Tom McArdle and Police Chief Tony Facos participating.
- Councilor Hill moved to that the parking hours for the two spots in front of 207-209 Barre Street be from 7am to 8pm and the two spots in front of 78 Barre Street be from 7am-5pm. Councilor Hutcheson seconded. More discussion followed. The motion passed on a 5-1 vote with Councilor Bate voting nay. The mayor closed the public hearing at 9:25. No comments from the public were offered.
- Councilor McCullough moved to set the next public hearing for the regular meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Hutcheson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 18-401. The city manager gave a budget presentation which facilitated discussion. No formal action was taken.
- 18-403. Council Krueger expressed her desire that the city make clear that public comments on agenda items can be accepted in writing.
- Councilor Bate invited input on the mission statement and values statements, also noting positive comments received on additional spending priorities.
- Councilor Casey reported receiving outreach from Worthington Massachusetts regarding modeling a plastic bag ordinance inspired by Montpelier's efforts.
- Councilor Hutcheson noted the season for downtown businesses and the pulls on his time, appreciating the work of all present. He also noted his weekly constituent meetings at Bagito's,
- Councilor Hill was impressed by the young people who showed up, expressing her desire to engage young people more. Councilor Hutcheson added thoughts on the age demographics from the MDC presentation.

Hearing no objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:59