

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
February 27, 2019 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:32.

- 19-061. Without objection, the proposed agenda was agreed to, with moving up the Accessory Dwelling Unit program to earlier, by acclaim.
- 19-063. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilor Bate. Motion carried unanimously (4-0, Mayor Watson voting aye).
- 19-064. In regard to the appointments to the Public Art Commission, candidates Nathan Suter and Bob Hannum introduced themselves. Councilor Krueger arrived at 6:39.
- 19-065. John Akielaszek spoke on his candidacy for reappointment to the Tree Board.
- 19-066. There were no speakers relating to the appointment to the Conservation Commission
- Councilor McCullough moved pursuant to Title I, VSA §313, (a)(3) to go into executive session to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer. Councilor Bate seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 6:44.
- Councilor McCullough moved to return to open session and was seconded by Councilor Hutcheson. The motion carried unanimously at 6:48.
- Councilor Hutcheson moved the council approve the following appointments:
- Public Art Commission: Alisa Dworsky, Robert Hannum, Suzanne Rexford-Winston, Nathan Suter
 - Tree board: John Akielaszek, Steve Bailey, Sarah Hoffmeier, Jeff Schumann, John Snell,
 - Conservation commission: Michael Lazorchak
- Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 19-069. For the discussion of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Program funding, Kevin Casey with Tyler Moss and Richard Williams from the Vermont State Housing Authority presented. After discussion, Councilor Bate moved to approve the resolution for the development of this pilot Accessory Dwelling Unit Program for Montpelier. Councilor McCullough seconded. Following comments from Peter Kelman, the motion carried unanimously.
- 19-067. The Emerald Ash Borer Plan discussion included John Akielaszek of the Tree Board. Councilor Krueger moved to adopt the newly updated emerald ash borer plan and budget proposal. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 19-068. Planning Director Mike Miller offered a zoning presentation that informed the following discussion. Joe Castellano offered comments. Councilor McCullough moved to schedule public hearing on the proposed ordinance for March 27th. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 19-070. At 7:56, the Mayor opened the final public hearing on the proposed charter change regarding energy efficiency that was appearing on the upcoming Annual City Meeting ballot. Peter Kelman offered comments. Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:02. A brief discussion followed. No formal action was taken.
- 19-071. The council had a discussion on Parklet assembly and shut-down. No formal action taken.
- 19-073. Councilor Krueger thanked councilors and staff for her experience as a city councilor. Councilor McCullough described outgoing Councilor Krueger as a model public servant. Councilor Hutcheson thanked Councilor Krueger for her service, reported that he was attending “Another Way”’s community meetings, and reminded listeners of his weekly constituent meetings. Councilor Bate thanked Councilor Krueger for her service and expressed appreciation that she intended to stay engaged with city issues,
- 19-074. The Mayor shared her appreciation for Councilor Krueger with an anecdote before announcing she would soon be keeping regular city hall office hours.
- 19-075. The city clerk reported on early voting, previously passed charter changes, election day needs, and thanked Councilor Krueger for her service.
- 19-076. The city manager reported on his “Coffee with the manager” event and thanked Councilor Krueger for her service.
- 19-077. In regard to the parking garage appeal, Councilor McCullough moved the council enter executive session pursuant to Title I, VSA §313, Executive Sessions (a)(1)(E) related to pending litigation. Councilor Bate seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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