

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**September 11, 2019 6:30pm**  
**City Council Chambers**

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (Chair), City Manager William Fraser. Councilors Dona Bate, Conor Casey, Glen Hutcheson, Jack McCullough, Ashley Hill (via phone) and Councilor Lauren Hierl. Deputy City Clerk Crystal Chase acted as secretary.

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

- 12-254. Mayor Watson suggested to rearrange the agenda items to include the items on the addendum. Councilor McCullough, with a second from Councilor Casey moved to pass the agenda with the suggested order changes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 19-255. Morgan Brown addressed the Council to read a resolution from Disability Rights Vermont that creates the Mark Johnson Memorial Fund, as well as a letter of his own. Stephen Whitaker addressed the Council on the following issues: transparency and open records concerns regarding the recent shooting, frustration regarding notice for meeting of homeless task force, credit card users at parking spaces on Labor Day should be refunded, on holidays parking meters should be bagged with sponsorship by the merchants, concerns about progress on bike path lot, positive response to the new Public Works director, a desire for a public display of public works projects as well as the creation of a public wifi, concerns over possible favoritism in the building public nuisance ordinance, adequacy of sidewalk cleaning, a desire for more direct action on the CVPSA, the serving of Cool Runnings food at Rabble Rouser.
- 19-256. Councilor's McCullough and Casey moved to approve consent agenda with the addition of item g (being addendum item 1; purchase of truck parts.)
- 19-257. At 6:45 Mayor Watson opened the public hearing on proposed zoning changes. Planning Director Mike Miller addressed the Council. After discussion, Councilor McCullough, with a second from Councilor Hierl, moved to pass first hearing and set the second public hearing for the next Council meeting. Motion passed with no objection.
- 19-258. The sole applicant to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission, Sarah "Sally" Smith, introduced herself to the Council. Councilor Hutcheson moved her appointment which was seconded by member Hierl and the motion passed unanimously.
- Addendum #2 Councilor McCullough voiced his interest in the position of Council representative to the Main Street Middle School committee and Councilor Bate moved to appoint him, seconded by Councilor Hutcheson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 19-259. Councilor Casey led the discussion of a Responsible Employer Ordinance and introduced Danielle Bombardier, Larry Moquino, Dennis LA bounty, David Van Duesen who addressed the Council. Donna Barlow-Casey approached the Council to answer questions. Peter Kelman then addressed the Council. Further discussion followed.

Councilor Casey moved to set the 1st public hearing for the next meeting which was seconded by Councilor Hill. As per discussion, the motion was amended to the meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

19-260. At 7:48pm, Michael Sherman spoke on a proposed Livable Wage Ordinance. No formal action taken.

19-261. After a brief discussion of the proposed amendments to ordinance Chapter 9, at 8:15 Mayor Watson opened the public hearing. After more discussion the public hearing was closed at 8:23 and Councilor McCullough moved to set 2nd public hearing for the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hutcheson and passed unanimously.

Addendum item 4-19-269. There was discussion around trying to recoup money from events in town that require our services such as; fire, police, EMT, and DPW. No formal action was taken.

Addendum-3. In regards to the Appointment of City Council voting representative for the Vermont League of Cities and Town Fair, Councilor Bate announced that she was already planning on attending, Council member Hierl nominated her to be appointed, Councilor Casey 2nd with no objections.

12-263. Councilor Bate spoke of Parkapalooza and noted that the last event was coming up on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Councilor Casey welcomed Rabble Rouser to town.

Councilor Hutcheson gave a quick update of the Homelessness task force, invited everyone to attend his next visit with Another Way on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm, and expressed his excitement to be teaching an upcoming drawing class at the Wood gallery.

Councilor McCullough raved of the art walk and all the good work that is available to view around town. He also had attended the Rabble Rouser opening and was very impressed. Councilor Hierl passed along that the Social and Economic Justice Committee would be bringing forward a proposal soon.

12-264. Mayor Watson talked about the upcoming Drive Electric event and the upcoming transportation meetings. She also announced that the confluence park design reveal would be on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

12-265. The Deputy City Clerk reminded attendees that Water and Sewer bills are due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

12-266. The City Manager stated that the city is close to decisions regarding the open DPW Director and Assistant City Manager positions.

Adjournment was called at 9:17 with no objections.