

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

In attendance: Mayor, Anne Watson. Councilors Dona Bate, Connor Casey, Glen Hutcheson, Jack McCullough and Lauren Hierl. Councilor Ashley Hill was not in attendance. Deputy City Clerk Crystal Chase acted as secretary of the meeting.

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:32.

19-303. With no objection the agenda was approved at 6:33pm.

19-304. Zach Hughes spoke on the opening of the transit center and the death of Mark Johnson.

Seth Collins spoke about implementing neighborhood watches and information sharing.

Morgan Brown spoke on the transportation center.

Steven Whitaker spoke on the shooting of Mark Johnson

City Manager William Fraser introduced Cameron Niedermayer as the new Assistant City Manager. He also noted that the full coverage of the press conference along with all the related information was available to the public on the Police's web page.

19-305. Councilor McCullough moved consent agenda with correction to item b, motion was seconded by Councilor Bate and passed unanimously.

19-306. Transportation Infrastructure Committee appointments: Motion to appoint Ian Anderson and Celia Riechel was made by Council member Bate, with McCullough's second and voted unanimously.

19-307. Homelessness Task Force appointments: Applicant Morgan Brown introduced himself and spoke of his interest in filling the seat.

19-308. Council member McCullough- moved to enter into executive session under statute 1 VSA sec 313a(3) to discuss the appointment of a public official, Councilor Bate seconded the motion and it passed with no objections. Councilor McCullough then moved to come out of executive session. Councilor Casey seconded and it passed with no objections. Councilor McCullough then moved to appoint both applicants (Morgan Brown and Rick DeAngelis). Councilor Hutcheson seconded.

Public comment came from Steven Whitaker, Zach Hughes and Lawrence Sadler. Motion to appoint both applicants passed unanimously.

19-308. Appointment to the Public Art Commission: Councilor Casey moved to appoint Ward Joyce with a second from council member Hutcheson. The motion passed with no objections.

- 19-309. Jamie Duggan gave a status update on Home Farm Way. No formal action taken.
- 19-310. Public Works Director Donna Barlow addressed the council with a presentation on winter operations. Discussion followed. Steven Whitaker and Lawrence Sattler offered comments.
- 19-315. Mayor Watson opened the public hearing on the responsible employer ordinance. Discussion followed. With no public comment, the hearing was closed at 8:18.
- Councilor McCullough moved to approve first reading with Council Member Hutcheson's language amendment and to schedule the second hearing for the November 13th meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hierl and passed with no objections.
- 19-311. Kurt Motyka, Eric Bigglestone, and Jim Tringe, addressed the council. After discussion, Councilor Casey moved to approve the agreement and designate the City Manager as authorized to sign documents. Councilor Bate seconded and all voted in favor.
- 19-312. Kurt Motyka referred to the water sewer master plan that outlines all the replacement and maintenance plans and schedules. There was discussion. No formal action taken.
- 19-316. At 9:00pm Mayor Watson opened public hearing on the proposed changes to Chapter 8. With no comment, the public hearing was closed at 9:01pm. Motion to set 2nd hearing to next meeting was made by Councilor McCullough, Council member Bate seconded the motion and it passed uncontested.
- 19-313. Deputy DPW director Kurt Motyka and Project Manager Zach Blodgett led a discussion regarding CSO. No formal action taken.
- 19-314. Kurt Motyka gave a brief update. No formal action taken.
- 19-318. Councilor Bate suggested bringing reps from the CV Fiber to come in. She also reported on the Complete Streets Committee and discussed dog ordinance revisions.
- Council Member Casey thanked the City Manager Fraser and the Police Chief for the press conference.
- Councilor Hutcheson reported on the Homelessness Task Force as well as his work on the city's ash trees and the TW Wood gallery.
- Council Member McCullough reported on the opening of the Taylor Street transit center. He also shared that the first committee meeting was Monday for the main street middle school building.
- Councilor Hierl shared that one of her constituents called her to give kudos to the city for helping him work through a challenge.

- 19-319. Mayor Watson noted the art unveiling at Taylor Street and the coming shared use path opening at Barr Hill. She also updated Council on the Energy committee and the regional compost group.
- 19-321. City Manager Fraser noted his meeting with Barr Hill and the River Conservancy and updated on the search for the new Finance Director.

Without objection, the Mayor adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:59.