

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
March 11, 2020 6:30pm
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (Chair), Councilors Dona Bate, Conor Casey, Lauren Hierl, Dan Richardson, Jay Ericson, and Jack McCullough. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm. The City Clerk swore in Councilors Ericson, Casey, Bate, Richardson, and Mayor Watson to new terms.

- 2020-80. Review and Approve Agenda. Approved by unan.
- 2020-81. The Mayor read a statement from the city regarding COVID-10.
- 2020-82. Councilor McCullough moved to approve the following items making up the consent agenda:
- a. Approve minutes from 2/12 meeting
 - b. Liquor Control Commission Consideration
Consideration of becoming the Liquor Control Commission for the purpose of acting on the following: - Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses (City Clerk will provide list of applications)
 - c. Women Suffrage Anniversary Event - Changes
 - d. Vermont Youth Lobby Day – Rally for the Planet Event
 - e. Muddy Onion Spring Classic Gravel Grinder Event
 - f. ORO 2020 Bike Swap Event
 - g. Authorization to finance the purchase of 2 power lift stretchers through Municipal Leasing Consultants
 - h. Payroll & Bills

Councilor Richardson seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- 2020-83. Council orientation. No formal action taken.
- 2020-84. After discussion, Councilor Casey moved approval of the proposed Council Ethics Policy. Councilor Hierl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2020-85. After discussion, Councilor Richardson moved to approve the proposed Council Rules of Procedure. Councilor Bate seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2020-86. After discussion, Councilor McCullough nominated Councilor Bate to be Council President. Hearing no other nomination, the Council voted unanimously to approve the nomination following further discussion.

After discussion, Councilor Hierl nominated Councilor McCullough to be Council Vice President. Hearing no other nomination, the Council voted unanimously to approve the nomination following further discussion.

After discussion, Councilor Bate nominated Councilor Richardson to be Council Parliamentarian. Hearing no other nomination, the Council voted unanimously to approve the nomination following further discussion.

2020-87. After discussion, the Council agreed on the following councilor committee appointments without formal action:

- Americans with Disabilities Committee: Councilor McCullough.
- Building Code Appeals Committee: Councilors Richardson and Hierl.
- Capital Improvement Plan Committee: Councilors Ericson and Richardson, and Mayor Watson.
- VT Regional Planning Commission, Transportation Committee: Councilor Bate.
- Community Justice Center Citizen Advisory Board: Councilor Casey.
- City Hall Art Committee: Councilors Richardson, Ericson, and Bate.
- Energy Advisory Committee: Mayor Watson and Councilor Hierl.
- Harry Sheridan Scholarship: Mayor Watson.
- Housing Task Force: Councilor McCullough
- Housing Trust Fund: Councilor McCullough
- Investment Committee: Councilor Casey
- Montpelier Alive Board: Councilor Jay
- Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee: Councilor Hierl
- Transportation Infrastructure: Councilors Bate and McCullough
- T.W. Wood Board: Councilor Richardson
- Liaison Parks Commission: Councilor Bate

2020-88. Marian Wolz addressed the Council regarding her candidacy for appointment to the Conservation Commission. Councilor Richardson moves Marian Wolz be appointed to the Conservation Commission. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2020-89. Councilor McCullough moved to appoint Joseph Kiernan to the Development Review Board. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2020-90. Councilor McCullough moved to appoint Brian Powell to the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2020-92. Councilor Casey moved to appoint Meryem Kohn to the Social and Economic Justice Advisory Committee. Councilor Richardson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2020-94. The Council discussed the schedule for strategic planning. No formal action taken.

2020-97. The Council held a brief discussion of emergency procedures around COVID-19.

2020-98. Councilor Bate gave Parks Commission and Transportation Infrastructure Committee reports, and offered thanks to voters for their support.

Councilor Casey gave a microtransit committee report and thanked voters for their support.

Councilor Ericson offered his thanks to voters and congratulations to the winners.

Councilor Richardson gave a Main Street Middle School committee report and offered his thanks to voters.

Councilor McCullough congratulated those who were elected.

Councilor Hierl expressed a desire to follow up on PFAS, congratulated the election winners, and thanked the Clerk's office and election volunteers.

2020-99. The Mayor congratulated the other election winners and thanked voters. She also reported on the organic collections and diversion and home energy labeling committees, before announcing her city hall office hours.

2020-100. The City Clerk welcomed Councilor Ericson and thanked election volunteers, voters, and all candidates. He noted that water bills were due Monday.

2020-101. The City Manager's congratulated election winners and thanked voters for the budget passage. Some coronavirus work was covered as well.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 by unanimous consent.

City of Montpelier, Vermont

This is a true copy of proposed minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting of the Montpelier Vermont City Council.

Attest,

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk, 3/16/2020

