

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
March 18, 2020 6:30pm
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: City Councilors participating by phone: Dona Bate, Jack McCullough, Lauren Hierl, Jay Ericson. Participating in person: City Councilors Conor Casey and Dan Richardson. and Mayor Anne Watson participated via phone and in person. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

2020-102. The proposed agenda with the workshop removed was approved by unanimous consent.

2020-103. A discussion of the city response to COVID-19 was opened by The City Manager and the Assistant City Manager. Participating in discussion were Stephen Whitaker and Adrienne Brownlee.

Councilor Bate moved the city send a letter of appreciation to GMP and Comcast and other providers that are not going to cut off services. Councilor McCullough seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Hierl moved that the city include a letter to the Governor and Legislature to help insure access to treatment to all Vermonters regardless of ability to pay. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

At 7:32, the Mayor dropped off the phone line and Council President Dona Bate presided over the meeting. Mayor Watson returned and re-assumed the Chair at 7:36.

Councilor Casey moved the city support a temporary moratorium on evictions (also on foreclosures) in a letter to the Legislature and Governor. Councilor McCullough seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Bate moved the city suspend parking fees until further notice. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Richardson moved to delay the 4th installment of prop taxes for FY 2020 from May 15 2020 until June 15 2020. Councilor Casey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

At the end of the meeting, the Mayor thanked viewers and encouraged citizen engagement.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:51 PM.