

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
March 25, 2020 6:30pm
City Council Chambers, City Hall

In attendance: City Councilors participating by videoconference: Jay Ericson, Jack McCullough, Dan Richardson, Conor Casey, Dona Bate, Lauren Hierl, as well as Mayor Anne Watson. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

2020-106. Without objection, the proposed agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

2020-108. Councilor McCullough moved approval of the consent agenda with technical corrections on the March 11 minutes, and Councilor Casey seconded.

The City Clerk read the following liquor license applications that were included in the consent agenda into the record:

- Bear Naked Growler, 1st and 2nd class and Outside Consumption licenses
- Cumberland Farms, 2nd class license

The motion carried unanimously.

2020-109. City Manager Fraser announced the winner of the “Above and Beyond” award (Carrie McCool) and thanked her for her continued service to the city.

2020-111. The Downtown Master Plan discussion include Mark Kane, Patrick Olstead, and Andres Torizzo who introduced the discussion and reviewed the project. Mike Miller, Kevin Casey, and Greg Goyette participated in discussion. Councilor Bate moved the city adopt the Montpelier Downtown Core Master Plan. Councilor McCullough seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

2020-110. The City Manager and Council reviewed and discussed the city’s COVID-19 response and its effect on business. Participants included John Odum, Bill Kaplan, and Dan Groberg.

A recess was called at 8:41. The meeting reconvened at 8:45.

Kelly Murphy participated in further discussion. No formal action was taken.

2020-113. Councilor Bate thanked staff and Council for their attentiveness

Councilor Casey noted the needs of the Red Cross and a noted the coming blood drive.

Councilor Ericson thanked city staff for their work and also acknowledged the work of the staff and administration of the school district.

Councilor Richardson thanked the Capitol Area Neighborhoods groups currently organizing.

Councilor McCullough expressed appreciation for the work of volunteers and residents during the crisis.

Councilor Hierl noted the health insurance resources at VT Health Connect and thanked residents for taking appropriate precautions and for volunteering to help in various capacities

2020-114. The Mayor reported on the conference call with the Capitol Area Neighborhoods organizers, and expressed her appreciation for all the volunteers and for city staff. She also advised residents to take care of themselves and to make use of community support resources.

2020-115. The Clerk reviewed further changes to the office procedures in regards to COVID-19.

The City Manager expressed appreciation to staff and to technical support for the meeting videoconferencing system.

2020-116. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:27 PM.