

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
December 2, 2020, 6:30pm
Videoconference

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 Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

- 2020-358. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2020-360. The appointment of MHS Students to Committees and Boards was taken up. Sophia Flora talked about her candidacy for the Conservation Commission. Councilor McCullough moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 to consider the appointment of a public official. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 6:38. At 6:42 Councilor McCullough moved to come back into open session. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Richardson moved to appoint Sophia Flora to the Conservation Commission, Althea Torrens- Martin to the Conservation Commission, and Lorenza Fetcher to the Public Art Commission (student positions). Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2020-363. The council discussed the GMT MyRide system with Elizabeth Parker and Jamie Smith. Morgan Brown participated. No formal action
- 2020-361. Councilor Richardson moved approval of the consent agenda Councilor Casey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2020-364. The council discussed the Capitol Fire Mutual Aid System dispatch project with Scott Bagg. Participating in discussion were Fire Chief Bob Gowans, Police Chief Brian Peete, Sally Dillon, Stephen Whitaker and Paul Cerutti. No formal action.
- 2020-365. The council reviewed the Confluence Park Grant Application with Kevin Casey and Alec Ellsworth. After discussion, Councilor McCullough moved to approve the Confluence Park Grant Application. Councilor Bate seconded. After more discussion that included comments from Alec Ellsworth and Stephen Whitaker, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting went into recess at 8:23 and reconvened at 8:34.

- 2020-366. The council discussed 12 Main Street. Stephen Whitaker participated. Councilor Bate moved to authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the 12 Main Street former TKS Mowatt property for reimbursement with the state of Vermont Agency of transportation as per the terms described below. Councilor Casey seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 2020-367. The council discussed Guertin Park. Comments were offered from Zachary Hughes, Page Guertin, Ken Russell, Morgan Brown, and Stephen Whitaker. No formal action taken.

- 2020-368. The council held a budget discussion. No formal action.
- 2020-362. The council received a COVID-19 update. No formal action.
- 2020-370. Council Reports. Councilor Ericson offered his thanks to those who filled out his SRO petition. Councilor Richardson reported on a call he received about extending permits that may expire during the COVID crisis. He also raised questions about property tax penalties relative to other communities.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:52.