

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
March 10, 2021 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 6:30 PM.

- 2021-076. The newly elected councilors were sworn in. The agenda was approved without objection, by unanimous consent.
- 2021-077. Edward Cremo introduced himself as a potential resident. Stephen Whitaker spoke about the website and concerns about public records of the Police Review Committee.
- 2021-078. Councilor Richardson moved to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilor Hierl. The motion carried unanimously. The approved consent agenda included the following liquor license applications:
- Sodexo Operations at National Life, 1st and 3rd class
 - Woodbelly Pizza, 1st and 3rd class
- 2021-085. Council conducted their organizational process. Councilor Casey moved the Council appoint Councilor McCullough as President. Councilor Ericson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Casey moved to appoint Councilor Bate as Vice President and Councilor Richardson as parliamentarian. Councilor Ericson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Councilor Richardson moved to adopt the Rules of Procedures as proposed, the ethics policy as proposed, and the group norms as proposed. Councilor Ericson seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- 2021-089-92. After Doug Hoyt addressed the Council, Councilor Richardson moved the Council enter executive session to discuss appointments in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313. Councilor McCullough seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 6:55 PM. Councilor Bate moved to leave executive session at 6:58 PM and was seconded by Councilor Richardson. The motion carried unanimously
- Dan moved the Council appoint Neah Clammer as a student member to the Homelessness Task Force, Didi Brush to the Conservation Funding Committee, Doug Hoyt to the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority, and Graham Sherriff to the Library Board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Ericson and carried unanimously. The Clerk swore in Mr. Hoyt.
- 2021-093. The Council discussed legislative issues with the legislative delegation. No action taken.

- 2021-094. The Council received a Water Resources Recovery Facility update from Donna Barlow Casey and Kurt Motyka of the Public Works Department. Stephen Whitaker offered comments. No action taken.
- 2021-095. The Mayor opened the 2nd public hearing for the Temporary Parklet Ordinance at 9:12. Kurt Motyka, Wes Hamilton, Stephen Whitaker, and Donna Barlow Casey participated. The public hearing was closed at 10:18. Councilor McCullough moved --- and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried unanimously. Councilor McCullough moved to adopt the ordinance as amended and was seconded by Councilor Casey. The motion carried unanimously.
- Councilor McCullough moved in regards to the proposed ordinance to insert paragraph b. "a parklet may be in place no sooner than April 1st and must be removed no later than November 2nd," and renumber the following paragraphs, and insert "by the council" after the word "consider" back in what is now paragraph b. Councilor Bate seconded. The public hearing was closed at 10:18 PM. The motion carried unanimously. Councilor McCullough moved to adopt the ordinance as amended. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-097. Councilor Hierl thanked voters and everyone who participated in the Town Meeting Day election. Councilor McCullough also thanked voters and congratulated the re-elected council members before noting appreciatively the presence of Mr. Cremo at the meeting. Councilor Richardson thanked voters for his re-election and the passage of all the ballot questions. He also made comments on the beauty of the city. Councilor Ericson encouraged citizens to look at the videos created by high schoolers regarding rivers and noted the 1 year anniversary of meeting in the zoom format. Councilor Casey thanked voters for supporting the cannabis ballot question, shared that he had received emails about graffiti, and reported on the Investment committee meeting with specific praise for Finance Director Kelly Murphy. Councilor Bate offered report and compliments to MyRide before praising the work of the Department of Public Works and suggesting the public should be made more aware of their efforts.
- 2021-098. The Mayor thanked the public for supporting all the ballot questions. She also noted the coming energy ordinance information event and announced she was scheduled to receive her COVID vaccine.
- 2021-099. The City Clerk thanked voters for his re-election and asked to be involved in discussions regarding a potential special city meeting.
- 2021-100. The City Manager welcomed the returning councilors and offered thanks to the voters.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 PM.