

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
April 28, 2021 6:30pm
Videoconference

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

- 2021-131. Without objection, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2021-132. General Business and Appearances. The Mayor relayed messages from John Snell regarding the 1st summer Farmer's Market, tree removal.
- 2021-133. Consent Agenda. Councilor McCullough moved to approve the consent agenda as amended (remove items (f) - Conduit Locations in the City -, (j) - CV Fiber Governing Board re-appointment - and (a) - minutes. Councilor Ericson seconded. Brief discussion including Constantinos Stivaros. participated (Police Supervisor's Contract).

Councilor Bate moved to amend the motion to also pull item (c) - Police Supervisor's Contract. Councilor McCullough seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The underlying motion as amended then passed unanimously.

Liquor licenses approved under the consent agenda:

- Langdon St Tavern: 3rd class, 1st class.
- Capitol Food Court: 1st class.
- Julio's: 1st class, 3rd class, outside consumption.
- Savoy Theater: 1st class.

Council Bate discussed item f. Conduit Locations in the City. Gary Auclair participated. Councilor McCullough moved to approve item f. Councilor Bate seconded. Peter Kelman and Corey Line offered comments. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Bate moved to approve item j. Councilor Richardson seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Councilor Casey abstained/recused).

Councilor McCullough moved to lay the police supervisor contract on the table for the next meeting for the purpose of talking about [the questioned] sentence. Councilor Hierl seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2021-134. The Mayor opened E-911 Road Naming Policy 2nd Reading at 7:07 PM. Planning Director Mike Miller presented. Peter Kelman had questions. Councilor Casey moved to accept the draft E911 ordinance as presented. Councilor Ericson seconded. The public hearing was closed at 7:31. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-135. The Mayor opened the Home Energy Labeling Ordinance 2nd Reading at 7:35 PM. Tim Heney, Susan LeBarthe, Ben Huffman, and Peter Kelman commented. Councilor

McCullough moved to schedule a 3rd public hearing on the May 12 meeting. Councilor Casey seconded. After comments from Peter Kelman the motion carried unanimously.

2021-136. Recreation Director Arne McMullen and Assistant City Manager presented pool opening options.

The Mayor called a recess at 8:30 and the meeting resumed at 8:40.

Councilor Bate moved to ask the staff to implement Option 2 and to keep us informed as to how we can assist. Councilor Richardson seconded. Alicia Glover Green and Peter Mancauskas commented. The motion carried unanimously.

2021-138. Council received a strategic plan update from the Assistant City Manager. No action taken.

2021-139. Council discussed a proposed COVID-19 reopening plan. Councilor Bate moved to approve the reopening plan. Councilor Hierl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-137. Zach Blodgett and Donna Barlow Casey delivered the Public Works Department's Winter Operations/ Parking Review. No formal action taken

2021-140. The Council discussed the Summer meeting schedule. No formal action taken.

2021-142. Councilor Bate reported that she had become Chair of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority and her first action was to send a letter to the legislature regarding the broadband bill. Councilor Casey reported on the meeting of the Homelessness Task Force. Councilor Richardson praised the Water Treatment Plant operations. Councilor McCullough spoke briefly on the reappraisal before noting the Water Resources Recovery Facility's national award. Councilor Hierl noted that the Community Equity Survey was out.

2021-143. Mayor's Report

2021-145. City Manager's Report

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM by unanimous consent.