

Minutes of the Montpelier Special City Council Meeting
September 1, 2021, 6:30pm
City Council Chambers and videoconference

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2021-250. The proposed agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

2021-251. General Business and Appearances: Steven Whitaker addressed the Council on Homelessness Task Force concerns, the lease terms at the transit center in regards to bathroom access, conditions of the multi-use path, the Guertin Park sanitary conditions, the quality of owing on the multi-use path, the transit center handicapped accessible doors. Peter Kelman spoke on the process for choosing a District 3 councilor and concerns about communication with the public including the website, communication around the water leak, and the Consent Agenda item regarding the VCDP grant. Zachariah Watson also addressed the VCDP grant. Morgan Brown concurred with Mr. Kelman on the VCDP grant.

2021-252. Councilor McCullough moved the consent agenda without item c. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously. After brief discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor handed the gavel to Councilor McCullough to act as Chair so she could recuse herself from discussion of item c on the consent agenda. Councilor Casey moved to approve item c of the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilor Bate. Discussion included Zachariah Watson, Peter Kelman, and Steven Whitaker. The motion carried 5-0.

The Mayor resumed chairing the meeting.

2021-253. Appointment to District 3 City Council. Addressing the Council regarding their candidacies were Alice Goltz and Cary Brown. Morgan Brown and Zach Hughes offered support for Alice Goltz.

Councilor McCullough moved the Council enter executive session to discuss the appointment of a public officer or employee pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 7:12 PM.

Councilor Casey moved to return to open session at 7:47 PM and was seconded by Councilor McCullough. The motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Morton addressed the Council on her candidacy.

Councilor McCullough moved the Council enter executive session to discuss the appointment of a public officer or employee pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 7:52 PM.

Councilor McCullough moved to return to open session at 7: and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried unanimously at 8:33 PM.

Councilor Ericson moved to appoint Jennifer Morton to the position of District 3 City Council Member and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried unanimously.

Alice Goltz and Stephen Whitaker addressed the Council on the process.

2021-255. Councilor Bate indicated it was nice to be back in person.

Councilor McCullough Jack thanked people who applied, as did Councilor Hierl.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:39 PM.