

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**December 15, 2021, 6:30pm**  
**City Council Chambers and videoconference**

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (Chair), Councilors Jack McCullough, Dona Bate, Lauren Hierl, Jay Ericson, Jennifer Morton, and Conor Casey. Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer acted as secretary.

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The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 6:32pm.

2021-356. Without objection, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

2021-357. Stephen Whitaker spoke on the Christ Church shelter, wanted a specific person to have a 'no-trespass' order lifted from them regarding the Transit Center. Also spoke about the City Hall restrooms and the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority's (CVPSA) last meeting, where the doors to City Hall were locked.

2021-358. Councilor **McCullough** moved to approve the consent agenda as published, Councilor Bate seconded.

- a. Minutes
- b. Payroll and Bills
- c. 2021 Grand List Errors & Omissions
- d. Municipal Policies and Codes for Vermont Community Development Program
- e. Better Roads Grant Applications

The motion carried unanimously at 6:38pm.

2021-359. Appointment to the Public Art Commission: Jesse Jacobs (seeking appointment) spoke. Councilor McCullough moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 regarding the appointment of a public officer. Councilor Hierl seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 6:39pm. At 6:42, Councilor McCullough moved to exit executive session and was seconded by Councilor Hierl. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor McCullough moved to appoint Jesse Jacobs to the Public Art Commission and was seconded by Councilor Hierl. The motion carried unanimously at 6:43pm.

2021-360. Council held a budget workshop. Comments were offered from Stephen Whitaker regarding several budget items, a preference for a level funded budget and his desire for an additional public budget discussion. Vicki Lane spoke of her concerns for low-income residents. No formal action

2021-361. Other Business: Council discussed the coming meeting schedule. No formal action taken.

- 2021-362. Councilor Bate gave an update on the CVPSA meeting and the discussed the equipment in the City Hall.
- 2021-363. The mayor noted several emails regarding Shaw's and mask mandate noncompliance.
- 2021-365. The City Manager discussed Shaw's mask mandate noncompliance and possible tweaks to the policy. He also noted the Legislative update next week and the fact that his contract would expire soon.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:18pm.