

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**March 28, 2022, 8:00 AM**  
**Videoconference**

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (chair upon return from executive session), Councilors Jack McCullough (chair prior to executive session), Lauren Hierl, Dona Bate, Conor Casey, and Cary Brown. Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer acted as secretary.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00AM.

2022-098. Address Allegation of Open Meeting Law Violation: Stephen Whitaker spoke to the alleged violation. Discussion followed.

Councilor Bate moved find that the that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage and that regarding confidential attorney-client communications. Councilor Casey seconded. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Bate moved to enter executive session to discuss legal advice around the open meeting law violation under Title 1 section 318(a)(1) of the Vermont statutes. Councilor Casey seconded and the motion carried unanimously at 8:09 AM.

Councilor McCullough moved to come out of executive session at 8:18 and was seconded by Councilor Bate. Councilor Bate moved to adopt the resolution proposed by the City Manager (1) Minutes of all City Council meetings meet the requirements of 1 VSA 312 (b). 2) All City Council meetings are recorded in video, with links posted to the City's Website and also on YouTube. Any person may watch any Council meeting video at any time. 3) All City Council meetings are recorded by the City using Zoom. The City can provide Mp4 recordings to any individual upon request. 4) All meetings held completely virtually as per Act 78 were similarly recorded, linked, and posted. 5) These recordings, links, and postings meet the requirements of Act 78, Section 2(c). 6) The complainant, and the general public, has access to any recordings of any meetings. Therefore, as per the provisions of 1 VSA 14 (b) (2) (B), the Montpelier City Council determines that no violation has occurred and that no cure is necessary.) and that we do not see any violation of the open meeting law. Jack 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:20 AM.