

To be approved at 05/31/2022 Barre City Council Meeting

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 24, 2022**

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Absent: NONE

Others present: City Manager candidate Matthew Selby.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

Executive Session –

Councilor Stockwell made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of personnel discussions associated with the city manager search would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussions be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cambel. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 6:02 PM to discuss personnel under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313 on motion of Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Lauzon. Matthew Selby was invited into the executive session. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 7:26 PM on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

There was no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM on motion of Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

There is no recording of this meeting.

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Absent: NONE

Others present: City Manager candidate Matthew Selby, and members of the Manager Search Task Force – Amanda Gustin (chair) and Michael Sitton.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

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Visitors and Communications –

Jonathan Williams announced he is running in the August Democratic primary for the Barre City representative to the Vermont statehouse.

Ron Tallman of the Barre Area Veterans Council thanked the Council for making arrangements to fly the large American flag over N. Main Street for Memorial Day weekend, and said the Veterans Council will be submitting requests to fly the flag during the Heritage Festival and for the week leading up to and including Veterans Day. Councilor Lauzon said he would sponsor the application. Resident Bernadette Rose asked to include the Fourth of July as a display date.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. Special Council Meeting May 16, 2022
 - ii. Regular Council Meeting May 17, 2022
- B. City Warrants as presented:
 - 1. Approval of Week 2022-21, dated May 25, 2022:
 - i. Accounts Payable: \$585,051.05
 - ii. Payroll (gross): \$143,881.60
- C. 2022 Licenses & Permits: NONE

City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

Clerk/Treasurer Dawes reported on the following:

- Governor Scott has signed the City’s charter changes bill, H.444. The bill takes effect immediately. Authorization to implement the local options sale tax is on next week’s Council agenda.

Liquor Control Board – NONE

City Manager’s Report – Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Spring water main flushing is taking place this week.
- The large American flag will be up for Memorial Day from this Friday to next Tuesday.
- Volunteer recruitment applications are being accepted through next week. A list of available slots has been published in the newspaper, and is on the website.
- Closing in on final contract numbers for the N. Main Street pump station project, and hope to bring the contract to Council for approval over the next two weeks.
- Memorial Day parade and ceremonies are scheduled for Monday, May 30th.

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business –

A) City Manager Finalist Candidate – Community Introduction.

Manager Search Task Force chair Amanda Gustin introduced candidate Matthew Selby, who gave a presentation on an effective approach to studying, planning for, and financing infrastructure needs over the next decade, as part of his day-long meetings, interviews, and tours of the City.

Council thanked Mr. Selby for his presentation and interest in the position of City Manager.

Round Table –

Councilor Deering said the MMA wrestling event at the auditorium this past weekend was great.

Executive Session –

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Motion carried.

Council went into executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss personnel under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313 on motion of Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. Human Resources Director Rikk Taft and Manager Search Task Force chair Amanda Gustin were invited into the executive session. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 9:00 PM on motion of Councilor Waszazak, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

There was no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Cambel. **Motion carried.**

The open portions of the meeting were recorded on the video meeting platform.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk