

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2014
(Unofficial)

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Brodowski, Larson, Bloomer, *DePoy and Davis. Also present, Attorney Romeo and City Clerk Heck. Alderman DePoy arrived at 7:12 PM

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (September 2, 2014)

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Elizabeth & Doug spoke on an open house at the Dream Center.

Kam Johnston spoke on his request for the consideration of additional information for his abatement request. Mr. Johnston also wanted the Board to acknowledge his power of attorney for his mothers properties.

Abby Nolan, the new director of the library, introduced herself to the Board and citizens of the City.

Commissioner Wennberg introduced the new City Engineer, Jim Matundo to the Board and those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no communications from the Mayor.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no new additions or deletions made to the agenda.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Susan Schribeman; Update Segment 5 Rutland Creek Path & Grant Award

Ms. Schribeman introduced Tricia Hubner who spoke on a local mentoring program. Several children read prepared statements on the Creek Path and associated Grant.

Susan Schribeman; Update, Center Street Alley

Ms. Schribeman updated the Board on the current statues of the Center Street Alley project. Ms. Schribeman noted the process was moving along and was in the right away portion of the project. Ms. Schribeman noted the slow process, but felt that construction should start next year.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Henry Heck; City Clerk, Request for Vacation Time Carry Over

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to suspend the rules and take the request up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to approve the request of Henry Heck to carry over 30 hours of unused vacation time. **Motion passed.**

Nate Stansberry; Assistant Engineer, Scoping Study Results for a New Sidewalk on Killington Avenue

Nate Stansberry, assistant engineer, introduced the issue on the scoping study results for a new sidewalk on Killington Ave. Mr. Stansberry also introduced Jim Donovan, the lead architect, on the project. Mr. Donovan highlighted the results of the study and noted how the project has developed and will proceed. There was brief debate. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Donahue) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Notte) for the Board of Alderman to accept and endorse the report as presented that evening. **Motion passed.** The Board President then asked for a referral to Public Works Committee. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.**

Charles Romeo; City Attorney, Request for Exec. Sess., Civil Action "Petition of Charter Hill Solar, LLC"

President Allaire introduced the request and noted as per prior executive sessions the request would be moved to the end of the meeting.

Superintendent Wight; S.E.P. Request; Halloween Parade, October 25, 2014

President Allaire introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) approving the Special Events Permit request for the Halloween Parade on October 25th. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg; Authorize Commissioner to Sign Grant Agreement

Commissioner Wennberg revisited the request and sought the Boards' action authorizing him to sign the grant. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) authorizing the Commissioner to execute the grant agreement and related certification between the State of Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation, for the North West Neighborhood Tree Planting project and to sign the agreement. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Melinda Humphrey; Chair, Recreation Committee

Alderman Humphrey, Chair of the Recreation Committee read her report on project upgrades. The report was very detailed and thorough. The report was an update and for information only.

Chris Siliski; Chair, Finance Committee

Alderman Siliski read his committee report from the Finance Committee. The report was a request from the Police Chief on the transfer of funds from the unassigned fund balance, to a specific equipment replacement fund for police equipment. At the end of the request, Alderman Siliski so moved his committees' recommendation to transfer \$14,145 from the FY 2014 General Fund to the requested equipment replacement fund (Police Portion). This motion was seconded by Alderman Larson. **Motion passed.**

Jon Kiernan; Chair, General Committee

Alderman Kiernan read his committee report on a request to install automatic doors at the transit center. Alderman Kiernan included a brief update on the condition of the center since LAZ has taken over. Alderman Kiernan's report ended with a motion recommending the full Board's support of the installation of the overhead doors "in concept" and to authorize Mayor Louras to continue conversation with the State of Vermont. This motion was seconded by Alderman Larson. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

President Allaire; Chair, Humane Resource Committee

President Allaire, Chair of the Humane Resource Committee reported that his committee continued the evolution of the Personnel Manual. President Allaire noted the committee has reviewed the first four (4) chapters and will meet soon to work on Chapter 5.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no Representative Reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Kam Johnston; Tax Abatement Request

President Allaire noted the request from Mr. Johnston for abatement. The President asked for a committee of Aldermen DePoy, Davis and Allaire as Chair and to report back to the full Board on October 20th at 6:45 PM. The President noted a motion would be in order to approve. There was no action taken by the Board. Mr. Johnston asked if his packet of additional materials was added to the "official record". The President noted that the Clerk was in possession of the packet.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no issues to come before the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Davis asked to utilize new business for a referral. President Allaire asked the Alderman to continue. Alderman Davis noted a letter in the Board's packet from Keith Tallon of Probation and Parole. Alderman Davis shared her concern of the request and had several questions that she needed answered. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to refer the request of transitional housing and the letter from Keith Tallon to the Public Safety Committee. There was brief debate.

Motion passed.

President Allaire noted the only other business to come before the Board, was a request from Attorney Romeo for an executive session.

Attorney Romeo stated that his request was for a civil action and there needed to be two motions to enter executive session. The first motion, to make finding that premature release of information regarding pending litigation with Charter Hills LLC would clearly place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage. This motion was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.** The next motion was to go into executive session to discuss the petition of Charter Hills LLC pending civil matter. This motion was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.**

At 7:58 PM the Board entered executive session.

At 8:10 PM the Board exited executive session and moved to adjourn. (Brodowski, Davis). **Motion passed.**

Henry A. Heck

Rutland City Clerk