

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, April 16, 2018

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Notte, Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Clifford and Whitcomb. Aldermen Humphrey and DePoy were absent.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

President Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (April 2, 2018)

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Joe Tilden, the MVRTD Representative was present to update the Board. Mr. Tilden spoke of bus rides to date. Mr. Tilden noted the increase cost of busing people to the Brattleboro Retreat per the direction of the State.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Un-Table Mayoral Appointment; Chief Engineer, Rutland City Fire Department

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Clifford, Mattis) untableing the Mayoral appointment. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Ryan) to circulate the ballot box. **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck gathered and presented all ballots to Attorney Bloomer. President Davis continued with the agenda.

Mayoral Appointments; Development Review Board

President Davis introduced the next request. A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Ryan) tabling the Mayoral Appointments. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions.

President Davis waited until the ballots were tabulated and presented the results. Eight (8) YES and zero (0) NO. **Appointment was confirmed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Treasurer Markowski; FY 17 Audit Report

Treasurer Markowski briefed the Board on the audit findings and noted that the report noted a unqualified report. Treasurer Markowski asked for the audit to be referred to committee. A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Ryan) to refer the request to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.** Alderman Etori asked the clerk to warn that meeting for the 23rd of April.

Treasurer Markowski; FY 18 3rd Qtr Report

President Davis introduced the request. Treasurer Markowski noted the highlights of the 3rd qtr. Report, noting delinquencies, un-assigned fund balance, transit center and RRA. Treasurer Markowski then requested a referral of committee to discuss the findings in this report. A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Whitcomb) referring the request to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg; Catamount Trail Lease Renewal

President Davis introduced the request. Commissioner Wennberg was present to explain the request and asked the Board to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract extension. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Etori) suspending the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ettori) authorizing the Mayor to sign the lease renewal agreement with Catamount Trail Association from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

Motion passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Mattis; Charter & Ordinance

Alderman Mattis read her report from April 10, 2018. The committee met to discuss the fowl ordinance and its enforcement. During the discussion, Attorney Bloomer noted he had worked on a draft ordinance detailing stricter rules and enforcement. The committee and supporters of fowl were not in agreement with the draft and sought alternatives. A motion was presented in committee and moved to the full Board having the City Attorney draft language that would authorize the Health Inspector to seize nuisance fowl after the issuance of three (3) tickets. **Motion passed.** Alderman Mattis noted the report was for information only and the issue will remain in committee.

Alderman Notte; Public Safety

Alderman Notte read his committee report from April 10, 2018. Alderman Notte noted that once the meeting was called to order, the appropriate motions were called and passed to move into executive session. Upon exiting executive session a motion was made to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed fire chief contract, with the term of five (5) years to begin at the time of execution and Alderman Notte so moved. Alderman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Clifford; Public Works

Alderman Clifford read his report from April 12, 2018. The committee met to discuss the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and Customer Information System RFP to Fathom Water Management. Commissioner Wennberg explained all of the details associated with the request. After a thorough review of the associated costs and related nuances involved with the new system a motion was made and seconded with the recommendation to award the Integrated Fixed-Network Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and Customer Information System proposal to Fathom Water management, Inc. contingent upon approval by the Board of a final contract for services between the City and Fathom. Alderman Ettori seconded. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no select committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

SEP Request, VSMC 26th Annual 5K Run/ Walk, 4-28-2018, from 8-10AM

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb) suspending the rules and taking the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) approving the Special Events Permit for VSMC 26th annual 5K run/walk on April 28, from 8AM to 10 AM. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no items to come under the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Ettori asked that the referral of vacation carry-over sent to General Committee, be referred to the HR Committee instead. Alderman Notte seconded. **Motion passed.**

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

***Rutland Region Transportation Council Certification
Regional Board of Commissioners Certification***

President Davis noted that the Clerk had placed these requests into the packet. President Davis also noted that the information requested was already given and the paperwork was more of a formality. President Davis stated that the representatives for the Rutland Region Transportation Council were made, Mayor Allaire and Alternate, Paul Clifford, the Board just needed to confirm those appointments. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Clifford) suspending the rules and taking the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Ryan) approving those appointments. **Motion passed.**

President Davis then noted the Regional Board of Commissioner appointments as Mayor Allaire and alternate Paul Clifford. President Davis asked for their confirmation. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Whitcomb) suspending the rules and taking the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Ryan) approving those appointments. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Clifford asked to refer the issue at the Hide-A-Way Tavern this past week to Special Liquor, Alderman Etori seconded. Alderman Clifford requested the Police Chief be at this meeting. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Etori spoke of an upcoming event on June 2, 2018 called Neighbors Day VT. Alderman Etori wanted to refer the issue to the Community and Economic Development Committee for further discussion. Alderman Whitcomb seconded. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Ryan, Notte) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk