

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2019

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen, Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Gillam, Clifford, and Whitcomb. Also present; Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and City Clerk Heck. Aldermen Reveal 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 (August 5, 2019)

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb) approving the minutes of the previous meeting. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Tony Romeo and Robert Congdon spoke on the Vermont State Fair and building on the future. Mr. Congdon noted several events coming this fall to the fair and invited everyone to join them.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Untable Mayoral Appointment; Tony Romeo, Police Commission

A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Mattis) to untable the appointment of Tony Romeo to the Police Commission. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Whitcomb, Gillam) to circulate the ballot box. **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck gathered all ballots and presented them to Attorney Bloomer. President Davis continued on in the agenda.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Davis asked for the Community Development report on CSJ funding request be untabled. That request was so moved and seconded (Etori, Ryan). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Treasurer Markowski; July Treasurers Report

Treasurer Markowski was present and handed out a brief summary on the first period (July) FY 20 Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Markowski noted several highlights and stated her office was preparing for the FY 19 audit.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Whitcomb; Public Safety Committee, Fire Engine #2

Alderman Whitcomb read his committee report from Thursday, August 15, 2019. The Committee discussed the request of Chief Engineer Larsen to replace Engine #2 with a more "suitable" fire truck. Chief Larsen noted that the present fire truck was too big to maneuver within the City and the water pump was not efficient. The Board discussed options associated with the request and moved to have the Chief seek proposals for the replacement of Engine #2 at zero net cost. Alderman Whitcomb so moved the motion out of committee. Alderman Etori seconded the motion. There was no debate. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no Select Committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no Representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

S.E.P. Request; YO! 5K, August 31, 2019, 9AM – 2PM, Northeast Neighborhood

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Etori) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) approving the request for YO! 5K on August 31, 2019 from 9 – 2PM in the Northeast neighborhood. Alderman Etori spoke briefly on the event, noting it raised money for great kid activities.

President Davis then noted the approval, 6-3 of Tony Romeo to the Police Commission.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

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

As President Davis moved on in the agenda, several Aldermen noted the vote for the Special Event Permit had not been taken. President Davis apologized and noted the motion to approve. It had been seconded and called for the vote. **Motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Clifford) to untable the College of St. Joseph funds request. **Motion passed.** The previous motion made was to approve \$10,000 from the Zamias Fund as a funding source for the college rebranding plan. There was discussion on the project and all of those participating, giving funds. Several Aldermen and Mayor Allaire spoke in support of the request. **Motion passed.**

Andrea Hathaway-Miglurie of the Fair Association spoke on the new Horse riding rink at the Fair. Ms. Miglurie noted the first annual Central Vermont Horse Festival and how she hoped to start indoor horse shows at the Mandigo Arena.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Etori asked to refer the CSJ initiative to the Marketing Committee. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Whitcomb asked to refer the issue of pedestrian crossing to the Traffic Safety Committee. There was brief discussion on the topic. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Clifford noted at the end of the month, Danny Manieri, a 40 year DPW employee would be retiring. President Davis spoke about Danny's commitment to the City and thanked him for his service.

AT 7:28 PM a motion was made and seconded (Clifford, Mattis) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk