

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT**  
**Board of Aldermen Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

Members present; President Notte, Aldermen Allaire, Robertson, Etti, Tommola, Donahue, Larson, Gides, \*DePoy and Davis. Also present, Attorney Romeo and City Clerk Heck. Alderman DePoy arrived at 7:03 PM and Alderman Humphrey was absent.

**7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (February 6, 2017)**

A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Robertson) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.  
**Motion passed.**

**OUTSIDE THE RAIL**

Heather Cooper president of the library association spoke on the issues of the Fox Fund. Ms. Cooper defined the fund and its use as determined by the wish of Mrs. Fox.

Mike Messier spoke on Combination Pond and the upcoming meeting in regards to a vote on Piedmont and Combination Pond. Mr. Messier had concerns on whether absentee votes would be allowed.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

There were no communications from the Mayor.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

President Notte asked the Board to add two items to the agenda. The first was to be placed under unfinished business in regards to the refugee letter to the Department of State request from the Board and the second item was for an executive session for pending civil litigation. The request was so moved and seconded (Allaire, Davis). **Motion passed.**

**REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS**

***Treasurer Wilton; January Treasurer's Report***

Treasurer Wilton gave a brief overview of the January's Treasurer's report noting specifically tax sale related items and a brief review of the City's finances.

Treasurer Wilton gave the Board a brief update on the audit and noted a Pension Board meeting at the end of the month.

***City Engineer Rotondo; Resolution Requests, FY18 Municipal Highway Grant Applications***

City Engineer Rotondo introduced the requests explaining each of the projects and associated cost. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issues up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) to circulate the resolutions for signatures. There were brief questions from the Board. Engineer Rotondo answered all of those questions. **Motion passed.**

***City Engineer Rotondo; RFP Request Killington Ave Sidewalk Extension***

Engineer Rotondo reviewed the request and answered all questions from the Board. 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 Mayor to issue Requests for Proposals (RFP'S) for construction inspection for the Killington Avenue sidewalk extension project. **Motion passed.**

***Barbara Spaulding; RRA, Evelyn Street Redevelopment Study***

President Notte introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to circulate the Grant Agreement Resolution for the Evelyn Street Redevelopment Study for signatures. **Motion passed.**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

There were no Standing Committee reports.

**REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES**

There were no Select committee reports.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

There were no reports of Representatives.

**PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION**

***SEP Request; Shiver Me Shamrocks 5K, March 11, 2017 from 10AM – 3PM***

President Notte introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Robertson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Robertson) approving the request for a special events permit request for Shiver Me Shamrocks 5K road race on March 11, from 10Am to 3PM. **Motion passed.**

**BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Attorney Romeo noted his request added at the beginning of the meeting about the request from the Board on drafting another letter to the Department of State. Attorney Romeo stated he needed to correct the date of the letter but other than that he was looking for the Board’s approval to send it off. A motion was made and seconded (Tommola, Davis) to approve the draft letter and to have Attorney Romeo send it to the Department of State. There was brief discussion. Alderman Larson called for a roll call vote prior to the voice vote. President Notte asked the Clerk to call the roll. Clerk Heck call the roll.

Alderman Allaire		YES
Alderman Humphrey was absent.		
Alderwoman Robertson		YES
Alderman Etori	NO	
Alderman Tommola		YES
Alderman Donahue		YES
Alderman Larson		YES
Alderman Gides		YES
Alderman DePoy		YES
Alderman Davis		YES

Clerk Heck reported 8 YES and 1 NO, **Motion passed.**

**MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Etori spoke of the Regional Marketing initiative and moved to refer the issue of the Marketing firm hired by that initiative to the Board of Aldermen’s Marketing Committee. Alderman Davis seconded. **Motion passed.**

Alderman DePoy updated the Board on an issue from the last Meeting of the Board on a request that was referred to committee from Superintendent Wight, requesting \$10,000 for a new engineering study on White’s Pool. Alderman DePoy noted that Superintendent Wight had been in contact with the engineering firm and worked out the details for a new study with no associated cost to the City and asked the Board if they still wanted a committee meeting held, or if they were OK with the information provided. Most members stated that they were fine with the information provided.

President Notte then noted a request for an executive session earlier in the meeting from Attorney Romeo and sought a motion from the Board to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending civil litigation where premature or general public knowledge of discussing pending civil litigation would clearly place the city at a substantial disadvantage. The request was so moved and seconded (Allaire, Robertson). **Motion passed.**

At 7:32 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 7:40 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Etori) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robertson) to suspend the rules and take decision discussed in executive session up. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robertson) to authorize the Attorney to resolve the Giancola litigation as discussed in Executive Session. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robertson) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck