

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, February 4, 2019

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Gillam, Clifford, DePoy and Whitcomb. Also present; Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and City Clerk Heck.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (January 22, 2019)

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

Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Frank Hass spoke on several issues concerning him including fluoride, Wal-Mart pricing, missing benches around town and asking Mayor Allaire to correspond with Rutland, North Dakota. Mr. Hass would also like to see Rutland become more solar responsible.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Allaire had no items for the Board.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Brennan Duffy; Director RRA, WWRRI & BIAP Taso Restaurant

Brennan Duffy was present and introduced the request for Taso's Restaurant opening on Center Street. Mr. Duffy noted the Water & Wastewater Rate Reduction Incentive (WWRRI) and BIAP forgivable loan requests in which Taso's qualifies. Mr. Duffy noted the RRA recommendation to the full Board and sought their approval. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Ryan) suspending the rules and taking the request up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) approving the \$10,000 BIAP loan with a three year term, at 0% interest, with all payments deferred for three years and the loan to be forgiven at the end of the term provided all requirements have been met. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) approving the WWRRI including the Allocation Fee. It was noted that the WWRRI was for a 5 year period with a 50% reduction year one (1) then 40% reduction year two (2) then a 30% reduction year three (3), a 20% reduction year four (4) and 10% reduction for year five (5). **Motion passed.**

James Rotondo; City Engineer, Appointment of Municipal Project Manager

James Rotondo, City Engineer was present to ask the Board to designate him as the Municipal Project Manager for the Meadow Street Stormwater Separation/CSO Reduction Project. Engineer Rotondo noted that this project was discussed at the earlier informational meeting. Engineer Rotondo noted that this was more of a house keeping measure meeting the VTrans grant program requirements. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb) suspending the rules and taking the request up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, DePoy) approving the request to appoint James Rotondo as Municipal Project Manager for the Meadow Street Stormwater Separation/CSO Reduction Project and to circulate the appointment document for signatures. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Tommola; General Committee, Chief Larsen MOU

Alderman Tommola read his committee report from January 28, 2019. Alderman Tommola noted that his committee met to discuss the MOU presented at an earlier meeting between Mayor Allaire and Chief Engineer James Larsen. Alderman Tommola noted the history of the request asking the Board to approve eighteen (18) additional weeks of vacation. The report detailed the lack of qualified officers to fill shifts, as 5 of the 6 officers had left, taken leave or were unavailable. This placed Deputy Chief Lovett and Chief Larsen to fill those shifts. Upon the completion of his report, Alderman Tommola so moved the motion out of committee approving the Mayor’s MOU. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. Debate. Alderman Whitcomb immediately moved to amend the Mayor’s Memorandum of Understanding and noted a copy of that amendment had been handed out and proceeded to review those amendments. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. Debate followed for 15 minutes. Upon the completion of the debate, the Board questioned how to proceed with the motions. Attorney Bloomer noted the first vote would be for the amendment. President Davis called for a vote on the amended language. **Motion passed.** President Davis noted that Alderman Tommola’s original motion of approving an additional 18 weeks of vacation to Chief Larsen was next, as amended. A roll call vote was requested (Tommola). President Davis asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderwoman Humphrey		NO
Alderwoman Ryan	YES	
Alderman Etori		NO
Alderman Tommola	YES	
Alderwoman Mattis	YES	
Alderman Gillam	YES	
Alderman Clifford	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Whitcomb	YES	

Seven (7) YES, and two (2) NO, **Motion passed.**

Alderman Etori; Marketing Committee, Updates

Alderman Etori read his committee report from January 30, 2019. Alderman Etori noted that his committee met to discuss the Regional Marketing Initiative update and Transition plan. Alderman Etori noted that Mary Cohen and Tyler Richardson were both present to update the committee on Real Rutland campaign. Alderman Etori also noted the transition plan from Mondo Mediaworks and how the committee was dealing with that transition. There was a motion out of committee, made by Alderman Whitcomb to contribute \$16,000 for the Marketing Initiative from the Zamias Fund and Alderman Etori so moved. Alderman Whitcomb seconded. There was brief discussion from Mary Cohen and Mayor Allaire. **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; 5K For The Fight, May 4, 2019, Giorgetti Park

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) approving the request for a Special Events Permit 5K for the fight, on May 4, 2019 from 10 AM to noon at Giorgetti Arena. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no items 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 Clifford asked for a referral of a sidewalk issue to the DPW Commissioner. Alderman Whitcomb seconded. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Whitcomb sought a referral to Public Safety and asked Chief Larsen to share his initiatives and improvements at the fire department. Alderman Clifford seconded. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Etori noted a rental housing topic within the RRA and sought more information. He specifically requested from the RRA a rental housing plan update. President Davis noted the request. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

With no other business to come before the Board, President Davis sought a motion to adjourn. The request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Ryan). **Motion passed.**

At 8:51 PM the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk