

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, June 19, 2017

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen *Notte, Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Cook, DePoy, and Donahue. Also present Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer, and City Clerk Heck. Aldermen Larson was absent. Alderman Notte arrived at 7:42 PM.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (June 5, 2017)

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Etori) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Marion Pratico was present again requesting information on refugees and the Bus.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Allaire noted two items he would like added to agenda. The first was an appointment for interim fire chief. The request was so moved and seconded (Donahue, DePoy). There was brief debate. **Motion passed.** Mayor Allaire then presented a handout to the Board naming William Lovett, Deputy Chief as the interim Chief and asked the Board to table that appointment. This request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Etori). **Motion passed.**

Mayor Allaire then asked to add the issue of a Fire Chief Search Committee to the agenda. This request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Ryan). **Motion passed.** Mayor Allaire then introduced his request with a handout setting the criteria for the search and the process involved and read his handout. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Donahue) to accept the structure as used on the handout by the Mayor to put the search committee together. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Allaire finished his report thanking all of the people involved with the Strongs Avenue/Rutland Railroad painting project.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Treasurer Wilton; Treasurer's Report for May

A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Donahue) to receive and file the Treasurer's May Report.

Motion passed.

Treasurer Wilton; BOA President to sign Engagement Letter w/Sullivan & Powers

President Davis introduced the request from the Treasurer, noting the engagement letter supporting the hiring of Sullivan and Powers as the City's new auditor. President Davis stated a motion to suspend the rules would be in order. The request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Ryan). **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) authorizing the BOA President to sign the engagement letter. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

Brennan Duffy; Director, RRA, Maples Revolving Loan Fund Request

Brennan Duffy introduced the request and introduced Kevin Loso, Executive Director of the Rutland Housing Authority who spoke on the request. Mr. Loso gave a brief review of the project and the associated need to close the gap on funding. The request was to borrow \$30,000 from the Maples

Revolving Loan Fund. A motion was made and seconded (Ettori, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Ettori, Mattis) approving additional funds of \$30,000, from the Maples Revolving Loan Fund at 0% interest with the expectation of a balloon payment after 30 years. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Donahue; Charter & Ordinance Committee, City Parking Ordinances Request

Alderman Donahue read his committee report from June 14, 2017, noting his committee met to discuss the issue of updating language on parking ordinances, specifically the area between the roads and sidewalk. Through the discussion of the committee, a motion was made to present to the full Board requesting the City Attorney draft a potential ordinance change to address the parking concern brought to the Board by the police department with language for an overnight ban and full day ban on parking a vehicle in space between sidewalk and roadway and he so moved. Alderman Ettori seconded. There was a fair amount of discussion from the Board and Chief Kilcullen who was present. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no select committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Joe Tilden was present to update the Board on the Marble Valley Regional Transit District representative report. Mr. Tilden gave the Board rider number on some local routes and noted the city finishing first competing in the Bus Rodeo up North. Mr. Tilden's report was for information only.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

There were no petitions, letters, or miscellaneous communications to come before the Board.

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

There were several items of new business to come before the Board. The first from Alderman Cook involved the new fire chief and his potential contract. Mayor Allaire spoke briefly on that question.

President Davis noted two (2) items that she had, and stated that Fire Chief Jones asked for a referral of the issue, ISO Rating to the Public Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday. The request was so moved and seconded (Mattis, DePoy). **Motion passed.** President Davis then asked the Clerk to warn that additional item for the agenda. President Davis then noted a request from Alderman Larson asking to refer the issue of texting during an executive session to the General Committee. This request was so moved and seconded, (Donahue, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

At 8:51 PM a motion was made and seconded (Mattis, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk