

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Agenda
Monday, March 18, 2019

Members present; Aldermen Davis, Reveal, 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

Clerk Heck called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Clerk Heck noted that the first order of business would be to have Mayor Allaire swear in all newly elected Aldermen. The Board then would need to elect a President.

Mayor Allaire swore in Aldermen Reveal, Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Gillam, Mattis, and DePoy. The Aldermen took their seats. Clerk Heck then opened the nominations for Board President. Alderman Clifford nominated Alderman Davis. Alderman Gillam seconded. Clerk Heck asked if there were any other nominations. Seeing none, Clerk Heck asked for a motion to close the nominations. That request was so moved and seconded (Clifford, Ryan). **Motion passed.**

Clerk Heck then called for the vote nominating Alderman Sharon Davis as Board President. **Motion passed.** President Davis took the chair and welcomed all and looked forward to working with everyone over the next year. President Davis noted she had re-worked the committee assignments and noted the Clerk would be forwarding them on. President Davis then moved on with the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (March 4, 2019)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Marlene Allen of Same Sun spoke on a proposed solar project at the Central Vermont Motorcycle location on West Street. Ms. Allen was specifically asking the Board to designate the site as "Preferred" as allowed under Net Metering Rule 5.100. There was a fair amount of discussion and project review before a motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Clifford) referring the issue to the Community & Economic Development Committee. **Motion passed.**

House Representative Notte was present to update the Board on what he called concerning issues being voted on in the House then moving on to the Senate. Representative Notte spoke about a vote to de-criminalize an opiate and asked the Board & Police Commission to endorse a letter asking The Governor and Senate to not support this new law. Representative Notte also spoke on legislation looking to possibly lower the legal voting age and non-citizens. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) authorizing Representative Notte to draft a letter addressing H-160 and being signed by both the BOA and Police Commission. Debate. **Motion passed.** On the voting issue there was a motion made and seconded (DePoy, Clifford) to draft a letter of support to not lower the age to vote. Debate. A motion was made and seconded (Humphrey, Ryan) referring the issue to the General Committee. Debate. **Motion passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Allaire was present to handout his list of Department Head Appointments. Mayor Allaire read aloud his list of nominations noting that the Building Inspector had not been filled and thanked Bob Tanner for his service. Mayor Allaire noted that position would be filled shortly and asked the Board to table his appointments until the next meeting. That request was so moved and second (Clifford, Gillam). President Davis explained the appointment process to Alderman Reveal. **Motion passed.** Mayor Allaire noted Jody Breault was back in the HR capacity for a short period to help with the interview process of that position. Mayor Allaire also briefed the Board on his and Commander Prouty's visit to the State House and the 19 Million dollar project starting at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Davis noted two requests to be added to the agenda. The first was a Special Events permit from Rutland County Out of the Darkness Walk. That request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Gillam).

Motion passed. President Davis then asked to add a second class liquor request. That issue was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Etori). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Treasurer Markowski, Treasurer's Report, February

President Davis noted the request and sought a motion to receive and file. The request was so moved and seconded (Etori, DePoy). **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 representative reports.

Alderman Whitcomb spoke on Project Vision and their recent work with various support groups.

Alderman Etori spoke on Project Vision and homelessness and his wish for more community members being involved with Project Vision.

Alderman Ryan spoke on the comradery within Project Vision and all the people working within the building.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

SEP, Walk A Mile Rutland County, 4-28-2019, 9AM – 3PM Depot Park

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Etori) suspending the rules and taking action that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb) approving the Walk a Mile Rutland County on April 28, 2019 from 9 AM -3PM in Depot Park. **Motion passed.**

Annual Farmers Market Fee Application Request.

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) suspending the rules and taking action that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) approving the application fee request of \$500 for the season of the Rutland Downtown Farmers' Market. **Motion passed.**

SEP, Rutland County Out of the Darkness, September 14, 2019 8 AM – 1PM, Main Street Park.

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) suspending the rules and taking action that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Clifford) approving the Rutland County Out of the Darkness Walk, September 14, 2019, from 8 AM – 1PM, in Main Street Park. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, DePoy) to move into the Board of Control Commissioners. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

President Davis introduced the request noting it was for a second class liquor license for Little Haveli a new store/takeout restaurant and sought a motion to circulate the license for signatures. That request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Ryan). **Motion passed.** Alderman Reveal abstained as he owns a bar. Rina Harchind was present to answer a few questions from the Board.

A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) to move out of the Board of Control Commissioners. **Motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Allaire spoke about the earlier solar request and noted as the City's representative to the Regional Planning Commission they were meeting tomorrow evening and stated that he would inform the Board if there was a recommendation on that project.

With no other business to come before the Board, President Davis asked newly elected Aldermen Reveal for a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Reveal moved to adjourn, Alderwoman Ryan seconded, **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk