

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT**  
**Board of Aldermen Minutes**  
**Monday, March 6, 2017**

Members present, President Notte, Aldermen Allaire, Humphrey, Robertson, Etori, Donahue, Larson, Gides, DePoy and Davis. Also present Attorney Romeo and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Tommola 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 21, 2017)**

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

**OUTSIDE THE RAIL**

No one spoke from outside the rail.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

There were no communications from the Mayor.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

President Notte noted a request from Treasurer Wilton and sought to add the request for an RFP for City Audit to the agenda. The request was so moved and seconded (Donahue, Davis). **Motion passed.**

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

***Chief Engineer Jones; Fire Contracts; Requests to Refer***

Alderman Allaire moved to send the Vermont Urban Search & Rescue MOA to the Public Safety Committee. Alderman Davis seconded. **Motion passed.** Alderman Allaire then noted the second contract and asked several questions about the renewing of the fire service contract with the airport. Deputy Chief Lovett answered all of Alderman Allaire's questions. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Larson) authorizing the Mayor to sign the proposed contract.  
**Motion passed.**

***Attorney Romeo; Request for Executive Session for Confidential Attorney-Client Communications.***

President Notte asked the Board to move the request to the end of the meeting as done in past practice. There was no objection.

***ADDED ITEM; Treasurer Wilton: Request for RFP City Audit***

Treasurer Wilton introduced the request stating the City's usual auditor was getting out of the audit business. Treasurer Wilton wanted to start a search for a new auditor as soon as possible, thus the request for the RFP. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) authorizing the City Treasurer to seek a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the city audit. **Motion passed.**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

***Alderman Etori; Finance Committee, Dog Park Financing***

Alderman Etori read his committee report from February 27, 2017, noting a request for funds for the development of a dog park in Rutland City. Lyndsi Fischer and Dave Dress representatives of the park spoke about the request and the park. There was debate among the committee about future funding and the associated cost with the location of the park at the Rutland Regional Medical Center. The committee also wanted to leave the \$10,000 Zamias request in committee for further discussion. Alderman Etori noted there was no action taken and his report was for information only.

**REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES**

There were no Select Committee Reports.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

There were no Representative Reports.

**PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION**

No items under Petitions, Letters and Miscellaneous Communications came before the Board.

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

**BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS**

***Request to Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Class Liquor, Outside Consumption and Entertainment Permit for Nite Lite Club, 24 Merchants Row***

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to refer the request to the Special Liquor Committee.  
**Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) 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**

Alderwoman Robertson spoke about this being her last meeting and thanked everyone for their support.

President Notte then thanked both Alderman Larson and Alderwomen Robertson independently for their service and time to the City.

President Notte noted a request for an executive session from Attorney Romeo for confidential attorney-client communications. Attorney Romeo noted the language for entering executive session. Sighting premature or general public knowledge of attorney-client communications would clearly place the Board or person at a substantial disadvantage, Aldermen Allaire and Davis so moved the motion.  
**Motion passed.** A motion to enter executive session for attorney-client communications for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Board, Aldermen Allaire and Davis so moved.  
**Motion passed.**

At 7:21 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 7:30 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robertson) to come out of executive session.  
**Motion passed.**

Prior to the Board adjourning and as a final send off, Alderman Larson asked for a roll call vote with a roll call in the reverse. Clerk Heck called the roll including the President.

President Notte	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Gides	YES	
Clerk Heck skipped Alderman Larson as his gesture of allowing Alderman Larson the final vote.		
Alderman Donahue	YES	
Alderman Tommola was absent		
Alderman Etori	YES	
Clerk Heck skipped Alderwoman Robertson to acknowledge her leaving the Board.		
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Allaire	YES	
Clerk Heck then called on Alderwoman Robertson		YES
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The Board then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck  
Rutland City Clerk