

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, April 4, 2016

Members present; President Notte, Alderwoman Robertson, Aldermen Allaire, Humphrey, Etori, Tommola, Donahue, Larson, Bloomer, *DePoy, and Davis. Also present, Mayor Louras, Attorney Romeo and Clerk Heck. *Alderman DePoy arrived at 7:07 PM.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (March 21, 2016)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Jack Crowther of Giorgetti Blvd spoke on fluoride and asked to review the Commissioners' authority when it comes to adding chemicals to the water supply.

David Zitto and Bob Holland of the VFW introduced a request to rename the old Dorr Drive Bridge in honor of Aldo ? and veterans of foreign wars. The request was referred to the Board of Highway Commissioners (Allaire, Davis). **Motion passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Untable Mayoral Appointments

President Notte noted that it was not listed, but noted at the last meeting there were three Mayoral appointments tabled and requested a motion to untable and take those appointments up. The request was so moved and seconded (Allaire, Davis). **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to circulate the ballot box for Sean Sargeant, three (3) year term for the Police Commission. **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck collected all ballots and presented them for verification to Attorney Romeo.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to circulate the ballot box for Sean Sargeant for the one (1) year term of Chair of the police Commission. **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck collected all ballots and presented them for verification to Attorney Romeo.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to circulate the ballot box for Thomas Valente for the three (3) year term for the Police Commission. **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck collected all ballots and presented them for verification to Attorney Romeo.

Attorney Romeo tabulated all of the ballots and presented the results to President Notte. President Notte read the results.

Sean Sargeant three (3) year term to the Police Commission YES 10, NO 1. **Appointment passed.**
Sean Sargeant one (1) year term Chair of the Police Commission YES 9, NO 2. **Appointment passed.**
Thomas Valente three year term to the Police Commission YES 11, NO 0. **Appointment passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Superintendent Wight; Request to Sell City Property

Superintendent Wight introduced her request and stated she was looking for permission from the Board to sell used items from the pool building at White's Play Ground. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Allaire) to suspend the rules and take the request up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Davis) authorizing the Recreation and Parks Department to sell a variety of items in the bath house at White's Pool at their lawn sale to be held on April 30, 2016 or if rained out when the Superintendent decides. **Motion passed.**

Nate Stansberry; Assistant Engineer, Hazard Mitigation Grant, Pump Station Generators

Commissioner Wennberg was present to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Grant request and gave a brief review of what the application needed and also asked for the Board to assign a city representative to sign the grant application. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the request up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Larson) authorizing the city representative (DPW Commissioner) to sign the agreement as described on page 1B of the packet and to proceed with the project. **Motion passed.**

Barbara Spaulding, RRA; Grant Resolution VCDP

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, Etori) to circulate the resolution for signatures for the VCDP grant application for the Southern Vermont Council on Aging. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Romeo; Request for Executive Session, Professional Legal Services

President Notte noted the request by Attorney Romeo and asked the Board as per past practice to move the request to the end of the meeting. There was no debate.

James Rotondo; City Engineer, Resolution of Support for FY 2017 Municipal Highway Grant Application

Commissioner Wennberg introduced the request from City Engineer Rotondo. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to circulate for signatures the resolution for the Vermont Agency of Transportation FY 2017 Municipal & Highway Grant application for class 2 roadways for the City of Rutland. **Motion passed.**

Jeff Wennberg; DPW Commissioner, Request for Pole & Wire Placement

Commissioner Wennberg introduced the request asking the Board to approve the utility pole placement with the seven standard conditions and to also authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement and easement as noted on pages 15-22 of the Board's packet. 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) approving the attached utility pole placement with the seven standard conditions and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement and easement. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman DePoy Chair; Recreation Committee

Alderman DePoy read his committee report from March 29th, 2016. It was noted that Superintendent Wight gave updates on Programs, Parks and Administrative items. The Superintendent then reviewed the list of improvements sought for the Giorgetti Park Field House. Alderman DePoy reviewed that list and noted the total amount requested was nearly \$121,000. All funding for these improvements would come from the Giorgetti Trust Fund. Alderman DePoy noted the approval from committee and so

moved the request. Alderman Davis seconded, noting the funding was from the Giorgetti Fund as well. There was no debate. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Allaire Chair; Public Safety

Alderman Allaire read his committee report from March 31st, 2016. The committee met to discuss the referred issue for professional services with the Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity. Upon reading his report, Alderman Allaire noted a motion from committee authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity with the amount not to exceed \$7,830.00. Alderman Allaire so moved his committees' recommendation to the full Board. Alderman Davis seconded. **Motion passed.** This concluded Alderman Allaire's Report.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no Select Committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderman Allaire; Regional Transportation Council Report

Alderman Allaire read a rather lengthy detailed report from his March 24th, 2016 meeting with the Rutland Region Transportation Council. The report noted project prioritizations and Systemic Local Road Safety Program 2016. The Council also discussed the suggested corrections to the National Highway System. The report brought some debate from the Board of Alderman. It was noted that the report was for information only.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Sherry Durgin-Campbell, Rutland Free Library; Grant Resolution Request

Abby Noland, Director of the Rutland Free Library, introduced the request and reviewed their request of a letter of support from the Board of Alderman. Ms. Noland noted the grant was through the Vermont Arts Council and was to update and make ADA compliant restrooms at the library. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Allaire) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Allaire) to circulate the resolution supporting the Rutland Free Library Grant Application for the up-grades as outlined. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Allaire spoke on new developments with parking downtown, specifically Cottage St. and Justice Sq. Alderman Allaire noted that the issue had been referred to General Committee and asked that it be moved to the Community and Economic Development Committee. Alderman Davis seconded. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis noted that the City Audit had been placed on their desk and asked that the Audit be referred to the Finance Committee for review. Alderman Larson seconded. **Motion passed.**

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

President Notte, Rutland Regional Medical Center; Sidewalk Purchase Request

President Notte introduced the request and sought Board action. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) to refer this request to the Public Works Committee. There was brief debate to the committee of referral. There was then debate to the sale of City property and from which committee to send it to. Alderman DePoy voiced his strong opinion against this request and asked the Board to not send it to committee. After further back and forth, the **motion to refer to Public Works passed.**

President Notte noted the Board still had an executive session request from Attorney Romeo and asked for the motion to take up that request.

Attorney Romeo noted a motion would be, finds that premature or general public knowledge of confidential attorney/client communications would clearly place the Board at a substantial disadvantage. The motion was so moved and seconded (Davis, Allaire). **Motion passed.**

A motion to go into executive session for the purpose of attorney/client communication made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body 7 invites the mayor and Commissioner of Public Works to remain. This motion was so moved and seconded ((Davis, Allaire). **Motion passed.**

At 8:05 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 8:48 PM a motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Etori) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Donahue, Etori) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk**