

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Brodowski, Larson, Bloomer, DePoy and Davis. Also present, Mayor Louras, Attorney Romeo and City Clerk Heck.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (January 5, 2015)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Kathleen Krevetski spoke on fluoride in the water and her continued support to have it removed. Commissioner Wennberg responded to accusations presented by Ms. Krevetski, and reassured the public that there was no danger to the public with fluoride in the water.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Louras; Request for Transfer of Sick Time

Mayor Louras read the letter that he provided the Board in regards to a request for donated sick time. Mayor Louras explained the urgency of the request and sought Board approval. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to approve the transfer of sick/vacation time to Officer Maytin in the amount of 578.5 hrs. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Louras; Support for Wonderfeet Zamias Request

Mayor Louras wanted the Board to be aware of his support for the request of \$75,000 from the Zamias Fund.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Allaire noted the request from Attorney Romeo for an executive session at the end of the meeting and asked the Board for a motion to add. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Donahue). **Motion passed.**

President Allaire noted the large contingent present for the Wonderfeet issue and asked the chair to read her report. Alderman Davis began her report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sharon Davis; Chair, Community & Economic Development, Wonderfeet Museum

Alderman Davis gave a brief history to the evolvement of the Wonderfeet Museum and noted a motion from committee to approve the funding request from the Zamias Account in the amount of \$75,000 and so moved. The request was seconded by Alderman Larson. There was a great deal of debate and support for the project from within and outside the rail. Alderman Kiernan spoke on the issue of spending the Zamias Funds and did not support how the funds were used. The question was called and seconded (Larson, Brodowski). **Motion**

passed. President Allaire restated the motion to approve the funds from the Zamias Fund in the amount of \$75,000. **Motion passed.** There was a brief point of order from Alderman DePoy on the passed motions.

President Allaire asked to stand down for two minutes to allow the large group of supporters to exit chambers.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Commissioner Wennberg; NNSSP Scope of Work Opportunity

Commissioner Wennberg noted his request asked for a referral to committee where the request would ask for an expansion of the Northwest Neighborhood Sewer Separation Project as there was enough money available to continue with the sewer separation project. A motion was made and seconded (Siliski, Davis) per the Commissioners request to refer the issue of expanding engineering plans and evaluate the subsequent changes to the Public Works Committee. **Motion passed.**

LT. Geno; Presentation of Reduced City Speed Limit (25 MPH)

Susan Schribeman of the Planning Commission and Lt. Kevin Geno of the Rutland City Police Department presented a brief slide show and presentation on the issue of lowering speed limits within the City downtown area and specific streets within the City. Lt. Geno noted that there would be several public meetings and gave dates and locations for the Board and viewers at home. The presentation drew a lot of debate from within the rail. The presentation was for information only.

City Clerk Heck; License Renewal Process and Request

Clerk Heck briefly explained the license process for newer members of the Board and asked for the continued practice of approving all 1st and 2nd Class Licenses, Outside Consumption and Entertainment Permits. There were brief questions from the Board before the issue was moved to the Board of Control Commissioners portion of the agenda.

Treasurer Wilton; Treasurer's Report December

Treasurer Wilton reviewed the half way point in the Fiscal Year and looked at several funds and delinquencies, along with the General Fund, and due to, due from accounts. The report was for information only.

Attorney Romeo; "Presentation"

Attorney Romeo noted his request for a "presentation" and stated the vagueness was in order so his Law Clerk, Carl Andeer would not be aware that Attorney Romeo wanted to thank, and present him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work while at City Hall. Mr. Andeer accepted his award and thanked Attorney Romeo. Board President Allaire also thanked him for his hard work.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Melinda Humphrey; Chair, Recreation Committee, Pool Issues

Alderman Humphrey read a very detailed report from her committee meeting on the discussion of a municipal pool. The 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

Johnston abatement 60 Pine St. Taxable Shed FY 2013-14

President Allaire noted the request for a tax abatement and asked for the committee of Aldermen Donahue, Siliski, and Brodowski with Alderman Brodowski as chair, to report back to the full Board at 6:45 PM on Tuesday, February 17. President Allaire asked for a motion to reflect that request. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Larson). **Motion passed.**

Patricia Facey; Discussion, Dog issue at Pine Hill Park

Ms. Facey explained her request and outline, that was presented to the Board for a referral to discuss an ordinance for a unleashed dog in Pine Hill Park and other City Parks. A motion was made and seconded (Siliski, DePoy) to refer the issue to the Recreation Committee. **Motion passed.**

Aaron Kramer; Winter Parking Ban Request

President Allaire noted the request and sought action from the Board. A motion was made and seconded (Donahue, Brodowski) to refer the issue to Public Works. Debate. There was a good deal of discussion as to the committee of referral. Alderman Donahue withdrew his motion and moved to refer the issue to the Charter & Ordinance Committee. That motion was seconded by Alderman Siliski. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; 23rd Annual Vt. Sports Medicine Road Race

President Allaire read the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to approve the request of the 23rd Annual Vt. Sports Medical Center Road Race for Kids on the Move & Vt. Ski & Adaptive Sports, to be held on April 25th from 7AM – 1PM. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; Walk MS Rutland 2015

President Allaire read the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** President Allaire noted a motion to approve the MS Walk, Rutland 2015, on May 16th, 2015 from 9AM – 1PM would be in order. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.**

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

First Class Liquor Request; 52 Strongs Ave, Curtis King

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to circulate the application for signatures. **Motion passed.**

President Allaire then noted the request by the Clerk to approve all license renewals.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to authorize the Clerk to sign the 1st and 2nd Class Liquor Renewals. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to authorize the Clerk to sign the Outside Consumption Renewals. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to authorize the Clerk to sign the Entertainment Renewals. **Motion passed.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board of Aldermen.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

President Allaire noted an earlier request by Attorney Romeo for an executive session and asked if there was any other miscellaneous motions, resolutions, or new business to come before the Board. Seeing none, the President asked for a motion to find the premature release of information regarding pending litigation would place the City at a substantial disadvantage. This request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Romeo noted the next motion would be to go into executive session to discuss a pending civil action. This request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.**

At 9:10 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 9:32 PM the Board moved to come out of executive session (Davis, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

At 9:33 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk