

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2016

Members present; President Notte, Aldermen Allaire, Humphrey, Robertson, Etori, Tommola, Donahue, Larson, Davis and City Clerk Heck. Alderman DePoy was absent.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (June 6, 2016)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Kelly Cross, Dave Trapini, Dave Ferrows, Mark Candon and Maurice Fredette shared concerns with the refugee resettlement plans. Stephanie Jones and Carol Tuschi spoke in support of the resettlement plans.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor had no items for the agenda.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Notte noted a request from Treasurer Wilton about an RFP for legal services for the Pension Board and sought action from the Board. Aldermen Davis and Etori so moved and seconded the request to add it to the agenda. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Barbara Spaulding; RRA, Amendment to Web Portal Contract

President Notte introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) authorizing the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Collaboration 133. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

Barbara Spaulding; RRA, Request to set Public Hearing for VCDP Application

Barbara Spaulding; RRA, Maple's Revolving Loan Request

President Notte introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robertson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robertson) to set the public hearing for August 1, 2016 at 6:45 PM. **Motion passed.**

The Board then looked at the second part of the request where the Housing Authority was looking to apply for \$20,000 30 year 0% interest loan from the Maples Revolving Loan Fund. There was debate on the request prior to a motion being made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to refer the issue to the Community & Economic Development Committee. There was brief debate on the motion. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Wilton; Treasurer's Report, May 2016

Treasurer Wilton reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May, 2016. Treasurer Wilton noted that a lot of this report would be discussed in detail at the July Finance Committee meeting along with Year End and setting of the tax rate. Treasurer Wilton stated that this May report mirrored last year's May report as far as fund & bank balances were concerned. Some highlights of this report dealt with delinquencies and the fact that both the tax and utilities delinquencies were both \$100,000 better than last year. Pool cash was better this year and revenues and expenses are right where they should be for this period. Treasurer Wilton finished her report noting specific pension issues and there future discussion at the July Finance Committee meeting.

Treasurer Wilton; Request for Signatures, Pool Bond Documents

Treasurer Wilton spoke on this issue and stated the request for signatures was part of the City obligations with the Bond Bank. 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, Allaire) authorizing the Mayor and Treasurer to sign and the Clerk to attest their signatures.

Treasurer Wilton Added Item; RFP Legal Services

Treasurer Wilton noted her request for an RFP to hire legal services for the Pension Board. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) authorizing the identifying and hiring of a Pension Attorney for the aforementioned reasons. Alderman Larson abstained as he is a pension recipient. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Romeo; Revolving Loan Fund Agreement

President Notte noted the request from Attorney Romeo who was not present and proceeded to read what the actual request was. The Board is asked to suspend the rules and take two specific actions:

1. Approve the attached grant agreement with the Rutland Redevelopment Authority (RRA); and
2. Approve the attached amendments to the Agreement with Heritage Family Credit Union (HFCU) to add the RRA as a party and provide for the deposit of the initial capital by the RRA.

The alternative, it is requested that this request be referred to the appropriate committee. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Etori) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening.

Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Etori) authorizing the attached grant agreement with the Rutland Redevelopment Authority (RRA). **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded approving the attached amendments to the Agreement with Heritage Family Credit Union (HFCU) to add the RRA as a party and provide for the deposit of the initial capital by the RRA. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Romeo; Confirmation of Selection for Title/Closing Attorney Services

President Notte read the request from Attorney Romeo asking the Board to suspend the rules and move to confirm the selection of William J. Bloomer, Esq. of Bloomer & Bloomer P.C. for the performance of professional legal services to perform title and closing work on the acquisition of two properties as part of FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as provided in the attached response to the RFP. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Etori) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) approving the selection of William J. Bloomer, Esq. of Bloomer & Bloomer P.C. for the performance of professional legal services to perform title and closing work on the acquisition of two properties as part of FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as provided in the attached response to the RFP. Alderman Bloomer asked to be recused. President Notte so noted the request. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg; App for State Grant, Combination & Piedmont Pond Study

Commissioner Wennberg introduced the request and briefly reviewed a prior history of the City taking possession of Combination Pond. Commissioner Wennberg respectfully requested that the Board authorize and circulate for signatures the attached application for a Stormwater Impaired Waters Restoration Fund (SWIRF) grant in support of the Combination and Piedmont Ponds planning and engineering study. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Etori) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Etori) to circulate for signatures the attached application for a Stormwater Impaired Waters Restoration Fund (SWIRF) grant in support of the Combination and Piedmont Ponds planning and engineering study. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sharon Davis, Chair, Community & Economic Development, Downtown Parking

Alderman Davis read her committee report from June 16th. The committee met to discuss the possibility of changing the time limit on parking meters from 2 hour to 3 hours downtown. The committee discussed the various devices used for keeping track of time purchased and what it would take to adjust those devices to expand to three (3) hours. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Donahue) to increase the time to three (3) hours when the kiosks are installed (Kiosk only area). **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis also gave a brief update on Laz Parking and noted that the garage will be moving to a 24hr service and spoke briefly on new overnight rates. The Laz Parking issue is to remain in committee.

Alderman Davis also spoke on an update from Michael Coppinger on handicap parking needs downtown. The issue had been referred to the Board of Highway Commissioners, yet Mr. Coppinger had no knowledge that it had been discussed. The issue is to remain in committee while Mr. Coppinger gathers more information.

Ed Larson; Chair, Public Works Committee

Alderman Larson read his committee report from June 16th. The committee met to discuss two issues referred by Commissioner Wennberg. The first issue was to select a consultant to produce a Hydrologic & Hydraulic Model of the Wastewater Collection System and to have the Aldermen sign an authorization for the City DPW to apply for State funding to pay for the consultant work. Commissioner Wennberg and Engineer Rotondo were present to provide information and to recommend the bid of Weston & Sampson Company. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Davis) approving the recommendation of Weston & Sampson Company to be the consulting firm to assist in the development of a Hydrologic & Hydraulic Model of the Combined Sewer System. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Larson continued with his report noting that the committee then focused on the financial consideration of the State Funding Loan. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Davis) approving

the Board of Alderman to circulation of the State Loan Application for signatures and submission to the State of Vermont. There was a brief explanation from Commissioner Wennberg on the request prior to the vote. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no select committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

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

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Outside Consumption Request, Hop N Moose, Friday Night Live

Outside Consumption Request, Downtown Bar & Grill, Friday Night Live

Outside Consumption Request, The Saloon, Friday Night Live

President Notte introduced each request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) for each request to authorize the Clerk to sign. **Motions passed for each request.**

Outside Consumption Request, The Saloon, Special Event

President Notte introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robertson) to authorize the Clerk to sign. There was brief debate as to the event and some concern with the event being close to the traffic lane while the street is opened. There was a brief liability question that Attorney Romeo will need to answer when he returns from his leave. **Motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Davis asked for Board of Finance minutes and Traffic Committee minutes be included in the BOA packet.

A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Davis) to resend the issue of parking kiosk back to the Public Safety Committee for further review. Alderman Larson wants to discuss the number of kiosk and there placement. Alderman Humphrey asked for an additional/amendment to the request asking for the issue of payment methods be added and discussed at the meeting. The maker and seconder of the original motion had no issue with the request and agreed to add it to their motion. **Motion passed.**

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderwoman Robertson noted that she is a member of the Animal Control Board and based on her previous meeting with this Board, felt that the City's definition on vicious dogs in our ordinance needed to be reviewed. A motion was made and seconded (Robertson, Davis) to refer our language stated in our ordinances on what constitutes a vicious dog, to be reviewed and possibly changed to the Charter & Ordinance Committee. **Motion passed.**

At 8:24 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Etori) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk