RUTLAND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes
October 24, 2018

Present: Susan Schreibman (SS), Larry Walter (LW) and Patrick Griffin (PG).

Also Present: Alderman Mattis, Tara Kelly, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator, and Barbara Spaulding, recording secretary.

Absent: Alvin Figiel (AF) and Dave Coppock (DC).

SS, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

I. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS** – PG said he would be participating in the Rutland Young Professionals panel talking about being on the Planning Commission.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 8, 2018.**

LW moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2018. PG seconded. LW asked that the word "each" replace "either" on page 2 paragraph 8 and to strike Alderman Mattis' comment at the top of page 3. Alderman Mattis had no objection. PG moved to approve the minutes as amended. LW seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

V. **OLD BUSINESS – Sign Ordinance Legal Review.**

SS had forwarded an email of the legal review of the Proposed Sign Ordinance by Atty. Charles Romeo dated 9/14/18. Atty. Romeo provided a marked up copy of the proposed sign ordinance with comments in the margins.

Tara provided copies of the email and the NHMA Municipal Sign Ordinances Dos and Don'ts that she received at a recent VLCT forum.

There were two main issues discussed. The first was whether or not to use the proposed sign districts vs. the current zoning districts. There was consensus to use the proposed sign districts because the zoning by-laws are being reexamined and therefore the zoning districts may change.

The second issue was content based signs and the Reed v. Town of Gilbert ruling that says municipalities may regulate size, locations, lighting, placement, number but not content.

The Planning Commission proceeded to review each comment with these two issues in mind and discuss whether or not to ignore or accept the proposed changes. Tara said she would make the changes to the Proposed Sign Ordinance based on the review.

Zoning Ordinance Update – None.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE – The following correspondence was received and filed.

8/15/2018 – VLCT Town Fair 2018, Oct. 3-4, South Burlington;
9/11/2018 – VLCT Fall Planning and Zoning Forum, Oct. 17, Lake Morey Inn; and
10/17/2018 – Rutland Housing Authority and Housing Vermont, invitation to open house, Hickory Street, Oct. 29 at 1 pm.

VII. ADJOURN.

LW moved to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:08 pm. The next meeting will be held November 14, 2018.

For the Commission:

Barbara Spaulding, Recording Secretary

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