

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, April 3, 2017

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Notte, Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, DePoy and Donahue. Also present, Mayor Allaire, Clerk Heck * Attorney Bloomer, * Alderman Larson. Alderman Cook was absent. *Alderman Larson was confirmed and sworn in under communications from the Mayor. *Attorney Bloomer was sworn in after being confirmed by the Board just after Alderman Larson was confirmed.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (March 20, 2017)

A motion was made and seconded (Etori, DePoy) approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Mayor Allaire asked the Board to add two (2) items to the agenda. The first was a new Mayoral appointment and the second was a request for an executive session. President Davis noted the requests and they were so moved and seconded (Etori, DePoy) to be added to the agenda. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg introduced Dave Schneider and Tim Smith, the city foresters and updated the Board on the City receiving recognition for being a Tree City USA recipient for the 27th consecutive year. Commissioner Wennberg thanked the Board for the funding of the new assistant forester and the plan for the city to harvest 150 acres of red pine trees within the city forest.

Maryann Pratico spoke about her experience with a local motel and smoking issues. Ms. Pratico is homeless and was requesting action from someone.

Superintendent Wight spoke about the Wellness Committee and the success of that committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

New Mayoral Appointment; Mayor Allaire noted his desire to appoint Matt Whitcomb to the RRA Board after some discussion with Brennan Duffy, RRA Executive Director. Mayor Allaire distributed Mr. Whitcomb's resume and asked the Board to table his appointment. The request was so moved and seconded (Notte, Etori). **Motion passed.**

Untable Mayoral Appointments; President Davis explained the process for untableing the Mayoral appointments and sought a motion to untable the Mayoral Appointments. The request was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Etori). **Motion passed.**

President Davis then asked for a motion to vote on the nomination of Ed Larson and circulate the ballot box. The request was so moved and seconded (Etori, DePoy). **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck collected the ballots and reported the results YES 6 NO 3, Alderman Larson has been confirmed to the Board of Aldermen. Clerk Heck swore in Alderman Larson and he took his seat.

President Davis then asked for a motion to circulate the ballot box for Matt Bloomer as City Attorney. The request was so moved and seconded (Etori, DePoy). **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck collected the ballots and reported the results YES 10 NO 0, Matt Bloomer has been confirmed as City Attorney, Clerk Heck swore in Attorney Bloomer and he took his seat.

President Davis then read the list of department heads to be voted on by paper ballot.

DPW Commissioner Jeff Wennberg two years (2)
Building Inspector Bob Tanner two Years (2)
City Clerk Henry Heck two years (2)
Recreation Superintendent Cindi Wight two years (2)
Zoning Administrator Tara Kelly two years (2)

President Davis again asked for a motion to vote on the remaining nominations. The request was so moved and seconded (Ettori, Ryan). **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck distributed and then collected all ballots and presented them to Attorney Bloomer. While Attorney Bloomer was tallying the votes, President Davis moved on in the agenda to Select Committees.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Alderman Ettori; Chair, Marketing Committee

Alderman Ettori read his committee report from his continuing Marketing Committee. Alderman Ettori noted the committee decided on a marketing firm and noted Mondo had been chosen to lead the marketing project.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Two (2) items were added outside the rail by Mayor Allaire.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

There were no reports or letters from department heads or officials.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no standing committee reports.

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Upon the conclusion of the report, President Davis read the results of the vote. Jeff Wennberg, Commissioner of Public Works, 10 YES and 0 NO. Bob Tanner, Building Inspector, 9 YES and 1 NO. Henry Heck, City Clerk 10 YES and 0 NO. Cindi Wight, Recreation Superintendent, 5 YES and 5 NO. Tara Kelly, Zoning Administrator, 9 YES and 1 NO. All appointments have been confirmed.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

SEP Request; 2017 Rutland March for Babies Walk, 4-29-2017, 6 AM to Noon

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Mattis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Ettori) approving the request for the 2017 Rutland March for Babies Walk, Saturday, April 29th from 6 AM to Noon, pending review of the application by the City Attorney. **Motion passed.**

GMP; Pole and Wire Request

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Ettori) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Ettori) approving the request with the seven (7) standard conditions. Alderman Humphrey abstained from voting as she is employed by GMP. **Motion passed.**

Rutland County & Vermont Farmers Market

President Davis noted the request to renew their license for the summer season and introduced Judy Dark, who was representing the Downtown Farmers Market. Ms. Dark noted that it was time to renew the application and looked forward to another great season at the Downtown Farmers Market. A motion was made and seconded (Donahue, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** President Davis noted the annual \$500 fee consistent with prior years and stated a motion to approve the summer market would be in order. The request was so moved and seconded (Mattis, DePoy). Alderman Larson abstained from voting as he is a vendor of the market. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

President Davis asked if any member of the Board had an item for this section of the agenda. Seeing none, she stated she had two motions she would like placed before the Board.

President Davis asked that City owned property be referred to the Community and Economic Development Committee for discussion. The request was so moved and seconded, (Ettori, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

President Davis also asked that the issue of changing the date water and sewer tax is due be referred to the Public Works Committee. This request was so moved and seconded (Donahue, Ettori). **Motion passed.**

President Davis asked if any Board member had an interest in volunteering to be on the Zoning Update Advisory Committee as Tara Kelly and Susan Schribeman needed one member of the Board. President Davis asked if anyone had interest serving to contact her by the end of the week.

With no other business to come before the Board, President Davis noted two motions to move into executive session. The first, finding that premature general public knowledge regarding two (2) pending civil litigations in which the city is a party, would clearly place the city at a substantial disadvantage. This request was so moved and seconded (Ettori, DePoy). **Motion passed.** And the seconded motion needed, we would enter into executive session to discuss the pending civil litigation as allowed under the revisions of Title 1, Section 313 a (1) (E). This request was so moved and seconded (Notte, Ryan) with the caveat, that the Mayor and Police Chief join the Board. **Motion passed.**

At 7:55 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 8:15 PM a motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Notte) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Notte) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck