

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Notte, Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Cook, Larson and Donahue. Aldermen DePoy was absent.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (February 5, 2017)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

No one spoke from outside the rail.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Allaire was present to speak on the Fire Chief Search committee and noted that the committee had made an offer to Mark Monroe of Derry NH. Mayor Allaire spoke on the experience and dedication Mr. Monroe has for filling the Chief's position. Mayor Allaire asked the Board to table the nomination and presented a resume to each Board member. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Larson) to table the nomination. **Motion passed.** Mayor Allaire also noted that the Fire Chief was also the Emergency Management Director and asked the Board to table the nomination of Mark Monroe as the EMD. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Ryan) to table that request. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Attorney Bloomer; Ratification of Joint Use Agreement for Creek Path

This request was moved to the end of the agenda as Attorney Bloomer felt the need to discuss the contents in Executive session.

Treasurer Markowski; Treasurer's Report, January

Treasurer Markowski was present to go over the highlights of the January Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Markowski noted two concerns with the continued decline of the unassigned fund balance at 7% and the increase in expense at 64% of budget which should be closer to 56%. Treasurer Markowski also asked that her report be referred to Finance Committee for further review. That request was so moved and seconded (Ryan, Etori). **Motion passed.**

Zoning Administrator Kelly; City Owned Property Committee Recommendation

Zoning Administrator Kelly introduced the request noting the City Owned Properties Committee received and reviewed two (2) applications for 114 Gibson Avenue. Upon the review process the committee weighed all options and moved to approve the recommendation of Mr. Rudolfo (Rudy) Jacobson. ZA Kelly explained Mr. Jacobson intentions with the property and expected investment of money and time. President Davis noted a letter from a neighbor at 108 Gibson Avenue, Mr. Richard Alberti asking the BOA to reconsider the application of Dan & Naomi Flanders at 116 Gibson Avenue.

There was brief debate from the Board before a motion was made and seconded (Notte, Ryan) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion Passed.** Alderman Notte moved to approve the committees' recommendation. President Davis noted wording from the Attorney and stated the proper motion would be to authorize the sale of 114 Gibson Avenue, pursuant to 6-2 of the Rutland City Charter and to further authorize the mayor to sign all sale related documents. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no standing committee reports.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Fire Chief Search Committee

President Davis noted the appointment and tabling of Mark Monroe.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

SEP Request; Shiver Me Shamrocks 5K Run/Walk, March 17, 2018

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Notte) suspending the rules and taking the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Notte) approving the requests for Shiver Me Shamrocks 5K Run/Walk on March 17, from 10 AM to 4PM. Alderman Ettori recused himself as he sits on the board of the Wonderfeet Museum, a recipient of this fund raiser. **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

Alderman Humphrey asked to acknowledge the Rutland City RAHA youth hockey league as members of that league were playing for the State title.

With no other business to come before the Board, President Davis asked for language to move into executive session. Attorney Bloomer stated that a motion would be in order to finding that premature general public knowledge regarding the negotiation of a contract would clearly place the City at a substantial disadvantage because the discussion will divulge the Board's position on the items to be negotiated and will include confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the City. Alderman Mattis so moved the request. Alderman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then noted a motion to enter into executive session (with the inclusion of the City Attorney, Mayor) to discuss the negotiation of a contract as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) and Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(F). This language was so moved and seconded (Ryan, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

At 7:17 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 7:22 PM a motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Notte) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer noted a motion ratifying the Mayor's execution of the Joint Use Agreement with GMP would be in order. Alderman Mattis so moved and Alderman Notte seconded. Alderman Humphrey recused herself from voting as she is employed by GMP. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Larson wished Alderman Colonel Tim Cook a Happy Birthday

With no other business to come before the Board, President Davis noted a motion to adjourn would be in order. The request was so moved and seconded (Cook, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk