

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, November 7, 2016

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

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (October 17, 2016)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Susan Schribeman addressed an upcoming meeting for the Creek Path. Ms. Schribeman noted the meeting will be held on November 21, 2016 and wanted the public to be aware.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no communications from the Mayor.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Notte asked the Board to add two (2) items. The first was under New Business, the FY 18 City Budget and the second item was Alderman DePoy's Recreation Committee report. The request was so moved (Allaire) and seconded (DePoy). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Treasurer Wilton; AIRBNB 1% RME Tax

Treasurer Wilton explained her request for seeking a referral to committee to discuss the need for collecting RME Tax on people renting out rooms as well as their homes. A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Davis) to refer the issue of AIRBNB and the 1% RME Tax to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Wilton; Equalization Tank Bond Loan Docs

Treasurer Wilton reviewed her request of the Board to authorize signatures on the Tank Bond Loan Documents. 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, Allaire) moving to circulate for signatures the loan document note and resolution and to authorize the Treasurer to sign. There was brief debate from Treasurer Wilton noting that she only needed the Board to authorize the Mayor and her signatures. Aldermen Davis and Allaire amended their motion to reflect the authorization of the Mayor and Treasurer to sign. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Etori; Finance Committee

Alderman Etori read his committee meeting from October 24, 2016. The report reviewed and sought approval of the LAZ Parking Budget. Alderman Etori reviewed details from the budget and associated cost affecting the budget. A motion was made out of committee to approve the budget as presented and Alderman Etori so moved. Alderman Davis seconded. **Motion passed.** Alderman Etori continued with his report noting the committee reviewed the FY 16 financials, specifically the surplus from that year and associated \$315,000 commitment to reducing the pension deficit. Treasurer Wilton

noted some difficulties associated with the request based on Charter Language and was going to get back to the committee with more information. This concluded the Finance Committee report.

Alderman DePoy; Recreation Committee

Alderman DePoy read his committee report from October 25, 2016. The report included three (3) individual reports. The first issue discussed was Punk in the Park, an event that has been held since 2000. Alderman DePoy noted a decision from Superintendent Wight about reducing the length of the event. The organizer stated that it would be impossible to hold the event if the time for amplified music was cut in half. All present at the meeting brained stormed for a solution. The issue is to remain in committee as the organizer works with the neighbors and rec department to come up with a solution.

The second issue discussed was the issue of a dog park within the city. Lyndsi Fisher, working with David Dress came before the committee to promote the idea of a dog park in Rutland City. Alderman DePoy explained the specifics and noted the Ms. Fischer and Mr. Dress are going to work on the concept and report back to the committee. The report was for information only.

The third issue discussed in committee was the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Members of Chapter 1, Vietnam Veterans of America, Jack Crowther and Andy Megrath asked the City to set up a fund to support the Vietnam Memorial in Main St. Park. The Chapter would donate \$10,000 to the City for perpetual maintenance and upkeep of the memorial. Maintenance would be performed by the Rec and Parks Department. A motion was made in committee requesting the City Attorney review and revise the draft agreement provided and once completed authorize the City Treasurer to set up the fund for perpetual care of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Main Street Park to be administered by the Recreation and Parks Department and Alderman DePoy so moved. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Robertson. Debate. **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, Davis) to move into the Board of Control Commissioners. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Request for 1st Class Liquor License, Fitz Vogt.

President Notte introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to circulate the application for signatures. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

President Notte noted the earlier added request of the FY 18 City Budget and sought a motion to send the proposed city budget, sections as appropriate to the General, Finance, Public Safety & Public Works Committees. The request was so moved by Alderman Allaire and seconded by Alderman Larson. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Larson then made note of a long time employee, Patty Dunchess retiring at the Police Department. Alderman Larson noted several accolades for Ms. Dunchess and asked the Board for a round of applause to show their appreciation for her hard work and dedication. The Board acknowledged Alderman Larson's request.

Alderman DePoy asked the Board to add the Recreation Budget to the committee process earlier approved by the Board. President Notte apologized for the oversight and asked if his request was a motion, Alderman DePoy responded yes, Alderman Davis seconded. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Ettori) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk