

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2020

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Reveal, Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Gillam, Clifford, DePoy and Whitcomb. Also present, Mayor Allaire and City Clerk Heck. Attorney Bloomer was absent.

6:45 PM Public Hearing, March 3rd Bond Question

President Davis called the Public hearing to order at 6:45PM.

President Davis noted that this was a public hearing for the \$5 million dollar bond question. Engineer Rotondo was present to provide details and answer questions. President Davis noted that the Board saw the earlier presentation and asked if there was anyone outside the rail who had a question. One gentleman asked why the bond was not for the entire roads project, roughly for \$9 million. Engineer Rotondo noted reasons for the \$5 million dollar request. There were no other questions and President Davis asked for a motion to close the public hearing. That request was so moved and seconded (Clifford, Gillam). **Motion passed.**

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (February 18th & 26th, 2020)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Charles of Lincoln Street was present to talk about the recent explicit BIAS training and noted that he would recommend the BOA take the training at least once a year and thanked them for their recent session.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Allaire updated the Board and public on what was happening within the City, Rutland Hospital specifically on the Coronavirus. Mayor Allaire noted protocol and how individual cases would be handled.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Rec Superintendent Peters; Recreational Updates

Superintendent Peters was present to share two recent success stories from the Community Rec Center with the Board and noted that these types of stories happen on a regular basis, noting the importance of exercise and the community. Superintendent Peters noted that the summer program guide was out and looked forward to those summer events. Lastly some revenue and expense information was shared and a lease update was noted and stated that the Heritage Credit Union was holding the deed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no standing committee reports.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no select committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Same Sun; Request for "Preferred Site" designation

Representatives from Same Sun were present to update the Board on the request for a preferred site designation on the West Street solar array request from Charlie Coughlin a local businessman. A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Reveal) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** President Davis stated that she thought the motion would be to authorize the BOA Chair to sign the designation. Alderman Gillam so moved and Alderwoman Mattis seconded. There was some debate. Alderwoman Humphrey abstained from voting, work related conflict. **Motion passed.**

SEP Request; Summer Series at the Cupboard

As President Davis introduced the next request. Representatives of Same Sun interrupted and asked if the Chair could sign the designation. There was brief debate. The "Preferred Site" designation was signed and handed back to the Same Sun representative.

President Davis then went back to the Special Events Permit request. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) moving to suspend the rules and take action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Reveal) approving the request for the Summer Series at the Cupboard on July 2 & 22nd and August 5 & 20th with times starting at 7 or 7:45 PM. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

President Davis noted that 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 Clifford wanted to wish all candidates running for Aldermen good luck tomorrow.

There was no other Miscellaneous Motions, Resolutions or New Business to come before the Board.

President Davis noted a motion to adjourn would be in order. That language was so moved and seconded (Reveal, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

At 7:20 PM the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk