

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, April 1, 2019

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

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (March 18, 2019)

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb) approving the minutes of the previous meeting. Alderman Whitcomb noted the absence of a motion to General Committee under Communications from the Mayor. The issue referred was the secure residential facility being built at the hospital. That motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and passed. Clerk Heck noted the request. **Motion passed, approving the March 18, 2019 minutes.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Members of staff and residents of ARC were present to thank the Board and the voters for their continued support year after year with their funding requests.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Untable Mayoral Appointments

President Davis noted the tabled Mayoral Appointments and sought for the appointments to be untabled. That request was so moved and seconded (Tommola, Mattis). **Motion passed.** President Davis then sought a motion to circulate the ballots. That request was so moved and seconded (Mattis, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

President Davis then noted that the Clerk would hand out a sheet with all appointments instead of circulating the ballot box for each name. The vote was taken and confirmed by Attorney Bloomer, Clerk Heck confirmed the votes for Attorney Bloomer.

Mayor Allaire sought an appointment to the RRA Board and asked the Board to table the nomination of Matt Merritt to the Rutland Redevelopment Board. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) to table the name of Matt Merritt to the RRA. **Motion passed.** Mr. Merritt spoke briefly on his nomination.

President Davis then announced the results of the Mayoral Appointments.

Attorney Bloomer 10 yes 0 no, Commissioner Wennberg 9 yes and 1 no, City Clerk Heck 10 yes and 0 no, Zoning Administrator, Tara Kelly, 10 yes and 0 no and Recreation and Parks Superintendent Kim Peters 10 yes and 0 no. All appointments were confirmed.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderman Tommola asked to add the draft letter from House Rep William Notte discussed at their last meeting on the legalization of Buprenorphine. Alderman DePoy seconded. **Motion passed.**

President Davis also noted a Special Events Permit request from Vermont Sports Medicine Center, 27th Annual 5k run/walk. That request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Brennan Duffy; Director RRA, BIAP Funding Request

Brennan Duffy was present to ask the Board to approve the application from Rutland Integrative Health/Red Lotus Wellness for a \$5,000 BIAP grant. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) approving the \$5,000 BIAP Grant for Rutland Integrated Health/Red Lotus Wellness. There was a brief location question. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Duffy also sought the referral of the West Street Bump-out Project and an RRA update on grants to the appropriate committee. Both requests were so moved and seconded (Humphrey, Ryan) to the Community and Economic Development Committee. **Motions passed.**

Barbara Spaulding; RRA, VCDP Resolution

President Davis introduced the request by Barbara Spaulding. Brennan Duffy was present to speak on the request noting a resolution on behalf of the City was being requested. Mr. Duffy noted \$15,000 was being requested from Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) grant to conduct a market analysis and prepare a strategic plan for the Special Benefits District. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Etori) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Whitcomb) to circulate the resolution for signatures. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Markowski; Request for Referral, FY18 Financial Statements and Management Letter to the Finance Committee

President Davis introduced the request. Treasurer Markowski spoke briefly on the request and gave a brief overview. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Etori) to refer to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer; Request Executive Session, Related to Labor Relations Agreement

Per the Board's past practice, President Davis asked the Board to move this request to the end of the meeting. The request was so moved and seconded, (DePoy, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Gillam; Community & Economic Development Committee, West St. Solar Array

Alderman Gillam read his committee report from March 26, 2019. The committee met to discuss a request of designating a West Street property as a "preferred site" for a solar array. After hearing from the property owner, contractors, Mayor and DPW Commissioner the committee felt the need for further insight. Alderman Gillam noted the committee's recommendation was to hold another meeting and referred all letters & documents to the DPW Commissioner and City Attorney for their review and to report back at the next Community & Economic Development Committee meeting, with the Committee reporting to the full Board on April 15, 2019 and he so moved. Alderman Whitcomb seconded. **Motion passed.**

House Representative Notte Draft Letter

Alderman Tommola spoke on the issue noting the prior history of House Rep Notte asking for support of the Non-Support of H.162, legalizing Buprenorphine, presently an illegal opiate. A motion was made and seconded (Tommola, Mattis) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Tommola, Ryan) having the Clerk format, add signature lines and address to entities discussed. Debate followed on to whom the final draft would be sent to and H.162 specifically. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no select committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderman Gillam's Downtown Partnership updates were emailed to all.

Mayor Allaire noted that the Regional Planning Commission spoke about the West Street Solar Array project and were waiting to see how the Board reacted to the request.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

SEP Request VSMC 27th Annual 5k, 4-27-2019 8 – 11:30 AM

President Davis noted the added request and sought a rules suspension. That request was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Ryan). **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, DePoy) approving the Special Events Permit request for Vermont Sport Medicine Center 27th annual 5 K run/walk, 4-27-2019 from 8-11:30 AM. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

No items came before the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

There were no miscellaneous motions, resolutions or new business to come before the Board.

President Davis noted the earlier request for an executive session and sought language from Attorney Bloomer.

Attorney Bloomer noted a motion needed would find that premature general public knowledge regarding the negotiation of a labor relations agreement would clearly place the City at a substantial disadvantage because the discussion will divulge the Board's position on the agreement provisions to be negotiated. That language was so moved and seconded (Mattis, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer also stated a motion to enter executive session (including the Mayor, Treasurer and City Attorney) to discuss labor relations agreement as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(B). This language was so moved and seconded (Ryan, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

The Board moved into executive session at 7:39 PM.

At 8:23 PM a motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) to refer to the Rec Committee. **Motion passed.**

At 8:25 PM a motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk