

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT**  
**Board of Aldermen Minutes**  
**Monday, April 20, 2020**

Members Present; President Whitcomb, Aldermen Gorruso, Humphrey, Ryan, Ettori, Talbott, Mattis, Gillam, DePoy and Davis. Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Clifford was absent.

**7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted that the BOA was again meeting via teleconference and asked Clerk Heck to take a roll call vote of the Board.

Clerk Heck proceeded to take the roll. All were present as noted above, except for Alderman Clifford.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (April 6, 2020)**

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

**Motion passed.**

**OUTSIDE THE RAIL**

There was no one who wished to speak from outside the rail.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Allaire spoke on several topics including COVID-19 related updates, including updates from the State allowing access into the Clerk Vaults. Mayor Allaire noted construction and road crews' access to work. Mayor Allaire noted that the City was looking at ways to possibly give some relief to tax payers and his final item related to the Emergency BIAP to be discussed later in the meeting and fully supported the recommendations to approve all applications.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Alderman Davis noted Chief Lovett was present and thought he wanted to discuss the Emergency Management Plan and whether it should be added to the agenda. Chief Lovett confirmed his request to brief the Board and sought the Mayor's signature. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to add Chief Lovett's request to the agenda. **Motion passed.**

**REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS**

***Treasurer Markowski; March 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report***

Treasurer Markowski was on line and briefed the Board on her march Report. Treasurer Markowski noted that she looked at last year's finances as a gauge for this period and stated that the City was pretty much the same as the 2019 March mark. A lot of her report was very garbled. Treasurer Markowski asked that her report be referred to the Finance Committee. A motion was made and seconded (Ettori, Gorruso) to refer the March Treasurer's Report to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

***City Engineer Rotondo; Resolution of Support for FY 2021 Municipal Highway Grant Applications***

President Whitcomb noted the next request from City Engineer Rotondo and asked if City Engineer Rotondo was on the conference call. City Engineer Rotondo was present and explained that this was the third year that the City sought to apply for the \$175,000 highway grant for class 2 roads, for the mill and fill on Strongs Avenue. C.E. Rotondo briefed the Board on the request, with the associated cost and sought a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution of support for the following grant applications on the Board's behalf. That request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Gorruso). There was no debate. *There was no motion to suspend the rules.* **Motion passed.**

City Engineer Rotondo moved on to his next request, Municipal Highway Grant for Structures. C.E. Rotondo noted the grant request was for the replacement of the Allen Street Culvert, #20 over Hospital Brook. C.E. Rotondo noted the \$175,000 would help reduce the \$500,000 cost. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gillam) to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution of support for the replacement of the Allen Street Culvert on the Board's behalf. There was no debate. *There was no motion to suspend the rules.* **Motion passed.**

### ***Chief Lovett; Emergency Management Plan***

Chief Lovett noted the annual adoption of the Emergency Management Plan and briefed the Board on his request to authorize the Mayor to sign it. Chief Lovett noted the annual update to keep the plan current. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Garruso) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gorruso) approving the local Emergency Management Plan and to authorize the Mayor to Sign. **Motion passed.**

### ***RRA Director Duffy; Micro Business Emergency Loan Provision Requests***

RRA Director Brennan Duffy gave a brief introduction on the Micro Business Loan Provision Requests and asked how the Board would like to proceed. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gorruso) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded for debate (Davis, Gillam) to approve the BIAP Micro-Business Emergency Loan Provision as presented in its entirety. Debate was brief. **Motion passed.**

Director Duffy then stated that he had two (2) other BIAP issues to request from the Board. *Those requests should have been added under the additions and deletions part of the agenda.* Mr. Duffy continued with his requests noting that there was \$100,000 available for round one of the Emergency BIAP. The RRA and the BOA approved \$60,000, leaving \$40,000. The RRA Board approved another \$30,000 and sought approval from the BOA. Director Duffy also thought about seeing if the City would kick in \$30,000 from the Zamius fund to bring the Emergency BIAP back to \$100,000. A motion was made and seconded (Ettori, Ryan) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Ettori, Ryan) approving the request for the \$30,000 transfer from the BIAP fund to the Emergency BIAP fund. Debate. **Motion passed.** Alderman Davis asked Director Duffy to keep the BOA abreast of the second round and the applicants, in case the BOA needs to take further action. Director Duffy second request was setting better criteria for part-time equivalent. There was some debate to what Director Duffy was asking. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Davis) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gorruso) allowing the RRA to utilize Full-time equivalent in the application process for the Emergency BIAP program. Debate. **Motion passed.**

### ***Commissioner Wennberg; Approval of Scope of Work, pricing and funding for AMI fit-up (Executive Session)***

President Whitcomb noted the request and sought a motion to move that request to the end of the agenda. The request was so moved and seconded (Gillam, Mattis) **Motion passed.**

### **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**

There were no petitions, letters or miscellaneous communications to come before the Board.

## **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**

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

President Whitcomb did note the earlier request for an executive session from DPW Commissioner Wennberg and sought language from Attorney Bloomer.

Attorney Bloomer stated a motion 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 contract provisions to be negotiated. That Language was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Davis). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then sought language to enter into executive session (with the inclusion of the Mayor, DPW Commissioner, Business Manager, Treasurer and City Attorney) to discuss the negotiation of a contract as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A). That language was so moved and seconded, (Mattis, Ryan). **Motion passed.**

At 7:55 PM the Board logged off from their regular meeting.

At 8:05 PM the Board logged in and moved into executive session.

AT 8:55 PM a motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Gillam) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, DePoy) authorizing the Mayor to sign the statement of work with ITRON in substantially the form presented to the satisfaction of Attorney Bloomer and Mayor Allaire. A roll call vote was requested.

Clerk Heck was asked to call the roll.

Alderman Gorruso	NO	
Alderman Humphrey		YES
Alderman Ryan		YES
Alderman Etori		YES
Alderman Talbott		YES
Alderman Mattis		YES
Alderman Gillam		YES
Alderman Clifford	ABSENT	
Alderman DePoy		YES
Alderman Davis		YES

Eight (8) YES and One (1) NO **Motion passed.**

Prior to adjourning Alderman Davis asked DPW Commissioner Wennberg for information on cost savings to rate payers based on the contract with ITRON. The request was so noted.

A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Mattis) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry A Heck  
Rutland City Clerk