

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, October 4, 2021

Members present; President Whitcomb, Aldermen Gorruso, Franco, Savage, Neary, Talbott, Doenges, Gillam, Clifford, DePoy and Davis. Also present, Mayor Allaire and City Clerk Heck. Attorney Bloomer was absent.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (September 21, 2021)

A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Franco) approving the minutes of the previous meeting.
Motion passed.

Alderman Clifford asked President Whitcomb for a moment of silence to honor fellow Alderman Charles (Chub) Franzoni, who just recently passed. President Whitcomb acknowledge the request and held a moment of silence.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Chief Lovett gave a brief report on a grant opportunity to the Board. Chief Lovett noted this award needed no match for funds and he would keep the Board apprised of the results.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Allaire had no items for the BOA.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the addenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Brennan Duffy; RRA Director, BIAP Funding Two Ravens Games

Director Duffy was present to introduce the recommendation from the RRA Board approving a \$4,000 BIAP Grant to Two Ravens Games. Ed Larson owner was present and spoke briefly to the Board outlining his plans for the new business. 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 (Davis, Talbott) approving the \$4,000 BIAP Grant to Two Ravens Games. **Motion passed.**

Brennan Duffy; RRA Director, Referral Request, Vt. Transportation Alternatives Program Grant

Director Duffy introduced the request asking for a referral to committee to discuss the Vermont Transportation Alternatives Program Grant. Director Duffy noted the plan for funds to help redevelop or improve City owned property adjacent to the Amtrak Station. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) to refer the issue to the Community & Economic Development Committee. Alderman Neary recused himself from debate and voting sighting a work related conflict. **Motion passed.**

Brennan Duffy; RRA Director, WWRI Program Request

Director Duffy noted the recent request from Horizons Early Learning Center and the substantial investment being made to open that business. Director Duffy then noted the request for Water, Wastewater Reduced Rate Incentive application and asked the BOA to approve their request. There was brief debate. A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Davis) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Doenges, DePoy) approving the WWRI for Early Horizons Learning. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer; Amendments to Closing, Assumption & Priority Agreements

President Whitcomb introduced the request from Attorney Bloomer noting language for a motion. A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Neary) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Davis) authorizing the Mayor to sign both documents entitled First Amendment to Closing, Assumption and Priority Agreement, in substantially the form presented regarding the Housing Authority. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no reports of standing committees.

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 for the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was brief discussion from Alderman DePoy and Gorruso on the Consolidated Fiber Optic install around the City. Both Alderman noting pros and cons of the project.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

President Whitcomb noted Heartland had reached out to him to see about referring to Community and Economic Development Committee the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Application for discussion. The request was so moved and seconded (Gorruso, Gillam). Debate. **Motion passed.**

At 7:35 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk