

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021**

Present (Tele-Conference): President Whitcomb, Alderman Gorruso, Doenges, Savage, Neary, Franco, Clifford, Depoy, Talbott, Gillam and Davis. Also present; Mayor Allaire, Treasurer Markowski, Attorney Bloomer, Superintendent Peters, Bob Peterson, Kelly Kindestin (VLCT) and from Middlebury, Attorney James Carroll.

President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

President Whitcomb noted that the special meeting was called to discuss two (2) executive sessions requests and asked Attorney Bloomer for language.

Attorney Bloomer noted a couple options for executive sessions and sought guidance from the Board.

Attorney Bloomer then noted a motion finding premature general public knowledge regarding pending litigation, to which the City would be a party, would clearly place the City at a substantial disadvantage because the discussion will divulge the City's strategy in such pending litigation and will include confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the City. This language was so moved and seconded (Davis, Talbott) **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then noted a motion for entering into executive session (with the inclusion of the City Attorney, Attorney James Carroll (Middlebury), Kelly Kindestin (VLCT), Mayor and Treasurer) to discuss probable litigation, as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(E) and Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(F). This language was so moved and seconded (Clifford, Gillam). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer noted in regards to the CSJ purchase only one motion was needed to enter into executive session, with the inclusion of the Mayor, Rec Superintendent, Treasurer, Rec Maintenance Director, outside counsel Attorney David Rugh and City Attorney Bloomer to discuss a real-estate purchase as allowed under Title 1 Section 313 (a)(2). This language was so moved and seconded (Savage, Gillam). **Motion passed.**

At 5:39 PM the Board signoff and logged in to their executive session.

The Board was in executive session for about three hours. They never exited executive session, but did move to adjourn at approximately 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk