

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021**

Present (Tele-Conference): President Whitcomb, Alderman Gorruso, Doenges, Savage, Franco, Depoy, and Davis. Also present; Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer, Interim DPW Commissioner Rotondo. Aldermen Neary, Talbott, Gillam and Clifford were absent.

President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

President Whitcomb noted that the special meeting was called to discuss two potential items, fire contract extension at the regional airport and update from the State on BOA requested questions for soil removal with possible contaminates on a State rail road project within the City and asked Attorney Bloomer to brief the Board.

Attorney Bloomer noted the first request was to extend the fire contract at the regional airport and briefed the Board on the contract extension as the State was still negotiating with the City. The contract has been extended several times and needed to be extended again before it expired tomorrow.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** Alderman DePoy moved to approve the contract extension as requested by Attorney Bloomer for another three (3) months. Alderwoman Savage seconded. **Motion passed.**

President Whitcomb asked Attorney Bloomer if he wanted to give an update on the railroad crossing contamination question with soils and related cost. Attorney Bloomer noted he had been contacted by the State and they did update the estimates for soil verses concrete and timbers. Attorney Bloomer noted the State did not offer to pay for taking samples or removal of contaminates. Attorney Bloomer did note that the State did lower the estimate of potential contaminants that the City would be responsible for.

Alderman Gorruso noted a conversation with House Representative Peter Fagen that the State should be responsible for all costs, based on similar type rail road crossing projects completed within the City.

With no further debate or action requested a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gorruso) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:48PM

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk