

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, January 6, 2020

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Mattis, Gillam, Clifford, DePoy and Whitcomb. Also present; Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and City Clerk Heck. Aldermen Reveal and Tommola were absent.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (December 16 & 18, 2019)

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) approving the minutes of both December 16th & 18th. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

A woman Allie Bryer living in Brandon and a member of the Rutland NAACP spoke briefly on the upcoming Bias seminar.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Request Executive Session to Discuss, Negotiation of a Real-Estate Purchase

Mayor Allaire wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked the Board to start with his second request for an executive session and explained the reason for which he stated was to discuss the purchase of the CSJ gym. That request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Clifford).

Infrastructure Bond Ballot Question

Mayor Allaire then noted a request to refer the issue of the Bond for paving and sidewalk repair to the Public Works Committee. Mayor Allaire noted the earlier introduction of this bond from City Engineer Rotondo at a previous committee meeting and wanted to discuss the specifics to place this question on the March 2020 ballot. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Clifford) to refer the request to the Public Works Committee. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Davis noted two (2) requests from DPW Commissioner Wennberg and sought to add long term contracts for customer information utility platform and proposed revisions to water/sewer allocation regulations to the agenda. The request was so moved and seconded (Clifford, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

President Davis then noted a request from Attorney Bloomer to add an executive session for probable litigation. This request was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Gillam). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

President Davis then asked Commissioner Wennberg to speak on his added requests. Commissioner Wennberg noted the second request was not time sensitive, but needed to be discussed and the first request was a much more urgent need. Commissioner Wennberg explained the first request was for a long term contract with a vendor for a Customer Information Utility Platform. A motion was made and seconded (Clifford, DePoy) to refer the request to the Public Works Committee. **Motion passed.** Commissioner Wennberg noted the second request and gave a brief background to it. A motion was made and seconded (Clifford, DePoy) to refer the issue to the Public Works Committee. **Motion passed.** President Davis moved on with the agenda.

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

SEP Request; Cold Rolled Fat Bike Festival, Feb 2, 2020, 9AM – 4PM, Pine Hill Park

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, DePoy) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb) approving the Cold Rolled Fat Bike Festival on Ground Hogs Day, from 9Am to 4PM at Pine Hill Park. A representative to the event gave a brief introduction to the event. **Motion passed.**

SEP Request; Winter Fest Center St. Sledding, Tues, Feb. 18, 2020, Noon-10 PM

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Whitcomb) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) approving the Winter Fest Center Street Sledding on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 from noon to 10 PM. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) to move into the Board of Control Commissioners. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Clerk Heck Requests Authorization to Sign all, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class Liquor, Outside Consumption and Entertainment Permits for Business Licensing 2020-2021

President Davis noted the request from Clerk Heck asking the Board to authorize him to sign all license renewals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Liquor Licenses, Outside Consumption and Entertainment Permit requests for 2020-2021. Alderman Depoy moved to authorize the Clerk to sign all of the aforementioned requests. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Mattis) to come out of the Board of Control Commissioners. **Motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Several items were discussed with President Davis noting she had heard back on the Bias Training and asked Clerk Heck to gather possible dates and time from the Board so they may set that training.

Alderwoman Ryan noted the opening of Little Haveli, an Indian restaurant and store on Main Street.

Alderman Etori spoke briefly on the Vermont Youth Group.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

President Davis noted that there were no miscellaneous motions, resolutions or new business for the Board and asked Attorney Bloomer for language to enter into executive session.

Attorney Bloomer noted that the Board would take the request of Mayor Allaire first and sought a motion to enter into executive session (with the inclusion of the Mayor, Recreation Superintendent, Treasurer, Police Chief and City Attorney) to discuss the negotiation of a real-estate purchase as allowed under Title 1, section 313(a)(2). That language was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Gillam). **Motion passed.**

At 7:17 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 7:44 PM a motion was made (DePoy, Mattis) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.** No action was requested.

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

Attorney Bloomer sought a motion finding premature general public knowledge regarding probable 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 probable litigation and will include confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the City. That language was so moved and seconded, (Mattis, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then sought language to enter into executive session (with the Mayor, Police Chief, Treasurer and City Attorney) to discuss probable litigation, as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1) (E) and Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(F). That language was so moved and seconded, (Mattis, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

AT 7:45 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 8:00 PM a motion was made (DePoy, Mattis) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.** No action was requested.

The Board immediately moved to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk