CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2020

Members present; President Whitcomb, Aldermen Gorruso, Humphrey, *Ryan, Ettori, Talbott, Mattis, *Gillam, Clifford, DePoy and Davis. Also present; Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Gillam was absent. Alderwoman Ryan and Alderman Gillam logged in around 7:02PM.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (September 8, 2020)
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Mattis) approving the minutes of the previous meeting. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL
Brian Root of 5 Sharon Drive spoke at length about water and ice related issues in his driveway throughout the year. Mr. Root noted several calls to City Hall requesting help. Commissioner Wennberg was on the conference call and stated that someone would be looking into the complaint.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
Mayoral Appointment; Police Commission
Mayor Allaire noted the resignation of Chris Siliski from the Police Commission and thanked him for his service. Mayor Allaire then presented the Board with the nomination of Jeanette Langston and provided details for her requested appointment. Ms. Langston addressed the Board. Mayor Allaire asked the Board to table this nomination. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Clifford). **Motion passed.**

Mayor Allaire spoke of the VLCT Town Fair being held next week and asked the Board to approve Commissioner Wennberg as the City's voting delegate. A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Davis) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** Mayor Allaire then briefed the Board on the upcoming opening of City Hall and noted that the Safety Committee was developing protocol and policies for the safety of the employees and public. A motion was so moved and seconded (Gorruso, Davis) appointing Commissioner Wennberg as the City Delegate. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS
Attorney Bloomer; Executive Session Request; Negotiation of a Contract
Per the Board past practice the request was moved to the end of the agenda.

Treasurer Markowski; Treasurer's Report, August
Treasurer Markowski provided a brief review of the August Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded (Ettori, Mattis) to receive and file.

Barbara Spaulding; RRA, CDBG CARES ACT Funding Resolution
Barbara Spaulding noted the attached resolution in regards to the CDBG CARES ACT funding for the BROC increase in refrigeration/freezer capacity and sought the Board authorize President Whitcomb to sign the resolution in support of the application. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** Alderwoman Ryan abstained as she is employed by BROC.
A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Clifford) authorizing President Whitcomb to sign on behalf of the Board. **Motion passed.**

Clerk Heck; Coronavirus Municipal Records Digitization Grant, Update
Clerk Heck briefed the Board on an award for Digitization of City Land Records and gave a brief report on how this grant will work and how it will affect future records research. Clerk Heck also noted ballot boxes installed outside of City Hall and noted he was able to get those paid for by the Secretary of State.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Alderwoman Ryan; Community & Economic Development
Alderwoman Ryan noted her committee met on September 17, 2020 to discuss the Center Street street scape and the success associated this summer with turning portions of the street into outside dining. Alderwoman Ryan noted a survey (Center Street Pilot Study Results) on the project and briefed the Board on those findings.

The committee then discussed more in-depth plans and an associated grant for future plan designs. The committee discussed how the grant could kick start plans for a scoping study to support design concepts and traffic studies. A motion out of committee was to support the resolution for the Bike Ped Grant and for the $6,000 City match to come from BIAP money and Alderwoman Ryan so moved. Alderwoman Davis seconded. **Motion passed.**

<u>REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES</u>
There were no select committee reports

<u>REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>
There were no representative reports.

<u>PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION</u>
There were no petitions, letters, or miscellaneous communications to come before the Board.

<u>BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS</u>
There were no items requested for the Board of Control Commissioners.

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>
There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

<u>MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS</u>
Alderman Gorruso requested a referral to the traffic Committee the issue of wrong way traffic on Terrill Street. Alderman Clifford seconded. This request brought the Stratton traffic issue back up and a report from Traffic Committee representative Mattis on the statues of the Traffic Committee not meeting since March because of COVID. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Clifford updated the Board on his Public Works Committee meeting later in the week.

Alderman Depoy asked to refer the issue of the Board meeting in person and sought to have that discussion. Alderwoman Humphrey noted a very recent discussion with Attorney Bloomer on that issue and noted additional criteria with the executive order still in place, but noted it is time to have that discussion with City Hall opening.

Alderman Gillam asked to refer the issue of noisy mufflers to committee and sought to refer it to Charter & Ordinance Committee. Alderwoman Davis seconded for debate. The debate centered on the referral to committee and how it can be enforced. After further debate the maker withdrew his motion and moved to refer the issue of vehicle noise to the Police Commission. Alderwoman Davis seconded. **Motion passed.**

With no further business to come before the Board, President Whitcomb asked Attorney Bloomer for executive session language.

Attorney Bloomer noted 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 items to be negotiated 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 (Davis, Ettori). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then sought language to enter into executive session (with the inclusion of the Mayor, Police Commission Chair, Treasurer and City Attorney) to discuss the negotiation of a contract as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) and 313 (a)(1)(F) That language was so moved and seconded, (Davis, Gorruso). **Motion passed**.

President Whitcomb moved into executive session.

At 8:08 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 8:25 PM a motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Mattis) to come out of executive session, **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Gorruso) to authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City the contract with Chief KilCullen in substantially the form presented. **Motion passed.**

At 8:27 PM a motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk