CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, December 2, 2019

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

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (November 18, 2019)
A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) approving the minutes of the previous meeting. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL
Brennan Duffy, Director of the RRA gave the Board an update on the Working Community Challenge Initiative. Mr. Duffy spoke about funding grant opportunities and how he was looking for affirmation from the Board in support of this initiative. There was brief debate and questions from the Board. A motion was made and seconded (Clifford, Whitcomb) suspending the rules and taking action on the request that evening. **Motion passed.** There was a fair amount of debate on the issue of how involved the City was looking to participate, core partner vs stake holder. Mr. Duffy noted he would like the City to be a "core partner". A motion was made and seconded (Clifford, DePoy) that the City would be a core partner in the planning grant application and Mayor Allaire or his delegate would be acting representative. **Motion passed.**

Julia Purdy of Watkins Avenue spoke about the recent developments with Dunklee Pond and presented a sketch of the pond found in her grandmother's parlor from 1916.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
Mayor Allaire had several items for the Board. Mayor Allaire noted the tree lighting ceremony and thanked all those responsible for their help. Mayor Allaire then presented the name of Tiffany Keune to replace Mike Gauthier on the RRA Board. Mayor Allaire thanked Mr. Gauthier for his service and was pleased to present Ms. Reune, and asked that his nomination be tabled until the next meeting. Mayor Allaire's request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Mattis). **Motion passed.** Mayor Allaire then asked the Board to approve his recommendation for BIAS Training and noted that the RFP's were opened during the Board of Finance meeting, there were two proposals and he was recommending Creative Discourse be awarded the contract. A motion was made and seconded (Humphrey, Mattis) approving the recommendation of Creative Discourse. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
Attorney Bloomer asked for an executive session to discuss FATHOM developments. The request was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Gillam). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS
There were no items requested.

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
There were no items requested.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS
There were no items requested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS
There were no items requested.

President Davis noted the earlier request from Attorney Bloomer and sought language to move into executive session.

Attorney Bloomer noted language 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 contract provisions to be negotiated. That language was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Reveal). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then noted language to enter into executive session (with the inclusion of the Mayor, Commissioner of Public Works, Business Manager, Treasurer and City Attorney) to discuss the negotiation of a contract as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A). That language was so moved and seconded (Reveal, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

At 7:24 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 8:29 PM a motion was made and seconded (Ettori, Reveal) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

There was brief discussion from Attorney Bloomer and President Davis, as Attorney was requesting at least four (4) different motions.

Attorney Bloomer then provided language for motion #1. A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a consulting agreement with Ann Marie Ronan for the purpose of AMI installation and transition support, not to exceed $130 per hour plus travel, effective retroactively to the date upon which Ms. Ronan began consulting for the City, subject first to the final review, negotiation and approval of the City Attorney. This language was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then provided language for motion #2. A motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the MOU with Advanced Utility Systems, as presented. This language was so moved and seconded (Whitcomb, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then provided language for motion #3. A motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with WaterSmart, substantially in the form presented, subject to final review, negotiation and approval of the City Attorney. This language was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then provided language for motion #4. A motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with Paymentus, substantially in the form presented, subject to final review, negotiation and approval of the City Attorney. This language was so moved and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb). **Motion passed.**

At 8:32 PM a motion was made and seconded (Reveal, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk