

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, December 16, 2019

Members present, President Davis, Aldermen Reveal, *Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Gillam, Clifford, DePoy and Whitcomb. Also present, Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and City Clerk Heck. Alderwoman Humphrey arrived at 7:05 PM.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (December 2 & 11, 2019)

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) approving the minutes of the previous meetings. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Jack Crowther spoke on Fluoride and asked that the Board cut \$7,500 from the budget eliminating fluoride in City water. Mr. Crowther has been a big advocate of eliminating Fluoride in the City water and has addressed the Board numerous times on the issue.

Kevin Loso of the Housing Authority presented a painting from Peter Huntoon from the Hickory Street Project. Mr. Loso thanked Mayor Allaire, Brennan Duffy and everyone within City Hall who helped support the project for the past 11 years.

Charles? Of 210 Lincoln Avenue thanked the Board for acting on the Bias Training and looked forward to hearing about the training when it is completed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Un-Table Mayoral Appointment; RRA Appointment, Tiffany Keune

A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) to untable the RRA nomination. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Clifford, Gillam) to circulate the ballot box. **Motion passed.**

Clerk Heck gathered the votes and presented them to Attorney Bloomer.

Mayor Allaire continued with his report on the CSJ Gym and how successful the venture has been and thanked the recreation department.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Davis sought to add the Standing Committee minutes from Alderman Clifford and his Public Works Committee. The request was so moved and seconded (Etori, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer asked to add an executive session for pending litigation. The request was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Gillam). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Brennan Duffy, RRA Director; BIAP Recommendation, Jupiter Rising Bakery

Brennan Duffy was present to introduce a request from the RRA Board to recommend a BIAP Grant to Jupiter Rising Bakery. Mr. Duffy noted the Business was moving downtown and presented a brief review of the project. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Whitcomb, Mattis) approving the \$5,000 BIAP Grant to Jupiter Rising Bakery. **Motion passed.**

City Engineer James Rotondo Combined Sewer Overflow, Long Tern Control Plan Request to Approve Step1 Engineering Services Agreement

City Engineer James Rotondo was present to introduce his request. Engineer Rotondo noted that the project under consideration has been under review of the State since April and they are finally ready to sign off on the scope of work. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Whitcomb) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) approving the Step I Engineering Services Agreement (ESA) with Weston and Sampson for Feasibility and Planning Services for the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) in the amount of \$336,400.00, with the final form of the ESA to be approved by the City Engineer. **Motion passed.**

City Engineer James Rotondo; Request to Approve REVISED Step 1 Loan Application

City Engineer Rotondo introduced the request noting that this request was the revised contract/application and sought that the Board move to circulate for signatures. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) to approve and circulate for signatures the

REVISED Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Step I Loan Application (Feasibility & Planning) for the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) in the amount of \$336,400.00. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Markowski, Treasurer's Report

President Davis noted the request from Treasurer Markowski and asked the Board for a motion to receive and file. The request was so moved and seconded (Gillam, Mattis). **Motion passed.**

Clerk Heck; BOA Meeting Changes 2020

President Davis introduced the request from Clerk Heck and read the changes requested. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Reveal) suspending the rules and taking action on the request.

Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Gillam) approving the request to change the normal Monday Aldermen Meetings to the following Tuesday on January 21, 2020, February 18, 2020 and September 8, 2020. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Clifford, Public Works

Alderman Clifford read his committee report from December 9, 2019. Alderman Clifford noted that this report pertained to a bond question on streets and sidewalk paving. Alderman Clifford noted that City Engineer Rotondo was present and presented a PowerPoint for the committee. Alderman Clifford noted that his report was for information only and sought no action.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no select Committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderwoman Ryan noted two new officer promotions at the Rutland City Police Department.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

There were no petitions, letters or miscellaneous communications to come before the Board.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no items to come before the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

There were no miscellaneous motions, resolutions or new business to come before the Board.

President Davis noted that the Board still had a request for an executive session, but asked the Board to share in wishing everyone at home a Merry Christmas. President Davis then asked Attorney Bloomer for the appropriate language.

Attorney Bloomer noted a motion, finding that premature general public knowledge regarding pending litigation to which the City is a party would clearly place the City at a substantial disadvantage because the discussion will divulge the City's strategy on pending litigation and will include confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the City. Alderman Reveal so moved and Alderman Gillam seconded. **Motion passed.**

Attorney Bloomer then asked for a motion to enter into executive session including the City Attorney, Mayor, Commissioner and Treasurer, to discuss the negotiation of a contract as allowed under Title 1, Section 313 a(1)(E) & 313 a(1)(F). Alderman Reveal so moved and Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

At 7:31 PM the Board moved into executive session.

At 8:07 PM a motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

There was no action requested and the Board moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk