

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2018

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Notte, Humphrey, Ryan, Etti, Tommola, Mattis, DePoy and Donahue. 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 (February 20, 2017)

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Notte) approving the minutes of the previous meeting.
Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

No one spoke from outside the rail.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayoral Appointment; Chris Siliski, Rutland City Police Commission

Mayor Allaire introduced Chris Siliski as his appointment to the police Commission. Mayor Allaire noted several of Mr. Siliski's community involvements and asked the Board to table the nomination. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Donahue) to table the nomination until the next BOA meeting.
Motion passed.

Mayor Allaire also spoke briefly on the City receiving the Governor's Wellness award and the hard work the wellness committee has placed on this issue.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Davis noted two requests to be added to the agenda and sought language to add a Special Events Request for National Crime Victims' Rights and A first class liquor request under the Board of Control Commissioners. The requests were so moved and seconded (DePoy, Etti). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Brennan Duffy: RRA Director, Requests BOA Sign Resolution

Brennan Duffy, the executive Director of the RRA was present to introduce his request for the Downtown Transportation Fund Grant to continue work on gateway improvements seen over the last several years. Mr. Duffy noted several of those projects and noted the next phase was to continue with 'bump-outs' on the Eastern portion of West Street. Mr. Duffy explained how the project would be funded and sought the Boards approval of submitting an applications and show of support by signing a supporting resolution. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) approving the request and to circulate the resolution for signatures, supporting the application. There was brief debate with the time sensitivity and "tie-in" with the Planning Commission asking for a reduction in the speed limit downtown to 25 MPH. **Motion passed.**

A motion was then made and seconded (Mattis, DePoy) referring the issue of the 25 MPH speed reduction in downtown to the Traffic Safety Committee, with the Safety Committee notifying the BOA of its' meeting. The BOA will send a letter of support noting their approval of the speed reduction.
Motion passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no standing committee reports.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Fire Chief Search Committee. No report was given as the search continues.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

SEP Request; Meals on Wheels Coin Drop, 5-5-2018 from 10 AM – 2 PM

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Notte) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) approving the Special Events Permit request for Meals on Wheels for a coin drop on May 5, 2018 from 10 AM to 2 PM, on Merchants Row in front of the K of C. **Motion passed.**

VFW Post 648 Loyalty Day Parade, BOA Letter President Davis noted the request and stated that if anyone was going to march in the parade to notify the City Clerk and he would pass the names along to the VFW. A motion was made and seconded (Ryan, Ettori) to receive and file the request. **Motion passed.**

President Davis then noted the added request for a special events permit for, National Crime Victims' Rights. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Notte, DePoy) approving the request of National Crime Victims' Rights, on April 14, 2018 from 10AM to 5PM (including set up) with the closing of the southern portion of Prospect Street, with the caveat that the parking lot for Gill's Delicatessen will still be accessible. President Davis also noted the need of an updated insurance certificate and the sign off of the City Attorney. Alderman Notte so moved the insurance request to his motion. **Motion passed.**

Susan Schreibman; Chair, Planning Commission, Downtown Transportation Fund Grant Application
Ms. Schreibman spoke during the Downtown Transportation Grant Application request by Brennan Duffy earlier in the meeting.

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

First Class Liquor Request, RDR, INC

President Davis noted the request and sought the Board's desire. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Notte) to circulate the application for signatures. **Motion passed.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was brief debate on the Downtown Transportation Grant application and adding language to lower the speed limit in downtown. No action was taken or requested.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

The Board spent a bit of time acknowledging Alderman Donahue and thanking him for his hard work and dedication. The Board also noted the hard work from Alderman Larson, who also was leaving the Board. Mayor Allaire also thanked both Aldermen for their support and dedication to the City. Alderman Donahue spoke briefly and thanked everyone; especially the voters who helped him get elected to three (3) terms. Alderman Donahue noted he feels the board is doing a great job and he can leave knowing it is in good hands.

With no further items on the agenda, President Davis asked Alderman Donahue for a motion to adjourn.

At 7:35 PM a motion was made and seconded (Donahue, Ettori) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk