

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, October 1, 2018

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Notte, 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 (September 17, 2018)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Joe Tilden gave an update on MVRTD and its ridership. Mr. Tilden noted an increase in the use of the northern route, specifically the Killington Area. Over all the bus continues to be a vital transportation option within the County of Rutland.

FATHOM Update: Jeff Wennberg was present to introduce this issue and also to introduce the folks from FATHOM who gave a brief update on the process of the project. Brad Dryer of FATHOM spent about 10 minutes with three (3) different charts explaining how the project was following a timeline and where in the process the project was at. Mr. Dryer noted CIS & AMI items. The City and FATHOM seemed very pleased with the project to date and expect all aspects to run smoothly. There was brief Q & A with members of the Board and Mr. Dryer.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Referral Request; RRA Renewal Services Agreement

Mayor Allaire noted the RRA contract was about to expire and sought a referral to the Community and Economic Development Committee to discuss a new contract. The request was so moved and seconded (Gillam, Notte). **Motion passed.** Mayor Allaire then asked the Board to designate him as the voting delegate for the upcoming VLCT Business Meeting. Mayor Allaire noted the past delegates and stated he would be attending the Fair. A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Notte) suspending the rules and taking the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Mattis) approving Mayor Allaire as the voting delegate for the City of Rutland at the VLCT Town Fair. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Clerk Heck; Outside consumption for Hop N Moose

President Davis noted the request and sought action from the Board. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ettori) to add the outside consumption request from Hop N Moose to the agenda.
Motion passed.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Suzanne Ellis; HR Director, RFP Request for Benefits Brokerage Services

HR Director Ellis was present to introduce her request for an RFP for Benefits Brokerage Services. HR Director Ellis gave a brief explanation of the request and answered several questions prior to a motion suspending the rules and taking the request up that evening. (Gillam, Notte). **Motion passed.** There was brief debate before a motion was made and seconded (Notte, Ettori) authorizing the request for RFP for Benefits Brokerage Services. **Motion passed.**

RFD; Chief Larsen, Hurricane Florence Deployment Response

Chief Larsen was present to thank and update the BOA on the recent trip Rutland City Firefighters took to the North Carolina area during the recent Hurricane Florence. Chief Larsen gave special thanks to the Firemen who serve in Vermont Taskforce 1 and note the large contingent of Rutland City Firefighters who are certified to serve on this Task Force. Chief Larsen noted the bond made between rescue squads during these type of events and the comradery being made. Chief Larsen thanked the City for allowing the development of these firefighters and their continued support. President Davis thanked the Chief and his men for their service and support of the City.

Treasurer Markowski; Treasurer's Report, June 30th Balances

President Davis introduced the item and sought a motion to receive and file the documents. That request was so moved and seconded (Ettori, Notte). **Motion passed.**

Kim Peters; Rec Superintendent, Giorgetti Rink Code Updates/Giorgetti Fund Request

Recreation Superintendent Peters was present to introduce her request. RS Peters noted original repair cost and stated that the rink ammonia safety concerns and associated repairs would cost over \$44,000.

The money left for improvements was about \$32,383 leaving a balance of \$12,086 and RS Peters was requesting those funds come from the Giorgetti Fund. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) suspending the rules and taking the request up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) approving the request of \$12,086 coming from the Giorgetti Fund. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg; Emerald Ash Borer Strategy Update

Commissioner Wennberg was present to update the Board on the potential of saving about 100 Ash Trees by chemically treating them. Commissioner Wennberg noted that the City Forester and Assistant Forester had found an alternative to taking down the trees and presented those findings. At a roughly \$5,000 per year cost, with the City administering the chemicals it could save approximately 100 trees. This report was for information only and no action was requested. Commissioner Wennberg will keep the Board informed on this project.

Commissioner Wennberg; Request for referral, Water & Sewer Ordinance Revisions

Commissioner Wennberg introduced the request and stated that this request was part of the FATHOM project and needed to amend Titles 17 & 29 of the City Ordinances to make the project viable. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Clifford) referring the revisions of Title 17 & 29 of the Revised Ordinances to the Charter & Ordinance Committee. **Motion passed.**

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 Rutland Rec; Halloween 5K

President Davis introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, DePoy) suspending the rules and taking the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) approving the Special Event Permit for the Halloween Parade. There was brief debate as the Clerk had listed the title wrong on the agenda. The permit was for the Halloween 5K for October 27 from 10 AM to 1PM. With no objections from the makers or seconders of the motions the BOA moved to pass the permit request for the 5K. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) to move into the Board of Control Commissioners.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Hop N Moose; Outside Consumption Request

President Davis noted the request and read the request. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) approving the request. **Motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Etori sought information on the approved RFP for the Mayor to gather insurance related costs at the last BOA Meeting. President Davis had no knowledge of where that issue stood and told Alderman Etori he would need to ask the Mayor directly.

Alderman Etori also requested more information on a request by President Davis and gathering information on non-property tax revenues. President Davis re-addressed that request, Alderman Etori seemed to have a better understanding after that conversation.

There was no other 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.

At 7:53 PM a motion was made and seconded (Clifford, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk