

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, December 4, 2017

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Humphrey, Ryan, Etti, Tommola, Mattis, Cook, Larson, DePoy and Donahue. Also Present, Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Notte was absent.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

President Davis called the meeting to order at 7PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Nov 20, 2017)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Bill Gilliam Jr. was present to invite the Board and to inform the public about a meeting of the Northwest section of the city. Mr. Gilliam noted a brief summary and time and location of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayoral Appointment; Mary Markowski as Interim-Treasurer

Mayor Allaire was present to inform the Board of his appointment of Assistant-Treasurer, Mary Markowski as Treasurer until the March 2018 election. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Mattis) tabling the request. **Motion passed.** Ms. Markowski thanked the Mayor for his support and looked forward to meeting with any member of the Board. Mayor Allaire also noted the 4th annual Police Department awards ceremony and listed the date and time of the event.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Attorney Bloomer, request for executive session for probable litigation. The request was so moved and seconded (Etti, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

There were no reports or letters from department heads or officials.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Humphrey; Finance Committee

Alderman Humphrey read her committee report from November 28, 2017 and noted there were three items on her committee's agenda. The first item discussed was vendor qualification. The committee also reviewed the FY19 Treasurer's Budget and reviewed financial quarterly reports. Alderman Humphrey noted her report was for information only and the FY 19 budget would be discussed at the Board's Budget meeting.

Alderman Larson; Public Works Committee

Alderman Larson noted his committee met twice in November, the 27 & 29, 2017 to discuss the FY 19 budgets and to further discuss the request from Commissioner Wennberg on an R.F.P. for new software for water & sewer billing. Alderman Larson noted his meeting from the 27th on the five (5) DPW Departments for their FY 19 Budgets will be discussed at a later meeting in December. Alderman Larson noted that his meeting on the 29th discussed the FY 19 Public Works Enterprise Funds and a request for an R.F.P. for outsourcing of water and sewer billing. Alderman Larson noted a motion in committee, (cutting State assessed fees of \$13,500) that was approved and would be presented to the full board at their FY 19 Budget meeting later in December. Alderman Larson also noted the discussion on the FATHOM outsourcing for billing. In Committee Alderman Larson moved to authorize the Mayor to seek proposal for an integrated fixed-network advanced water and sewer utility metering infrastructure (AMI) system with meter data management (MDI), utility billing and customer care service, with financing options. This motion passed 3-0 and Alderman Larson moved that motion to the full Board. Alderman DePoy seconded. **Motion passed.**

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 petitions, letters, or miscellaneous communications to come before the Board.

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

First Class Liquor Request; Techno Club

President Davis introduced the request and sought the Board's pleasure. Alderman Larson noted a concern with private information and sought for it to be redacted. Clerk Heck agreed with Alderman Larson and redacted his request on the application. Alderman Tommola then moved to refer the request to the Special Liquor Committee. Alderman Etti noted a conflict and recused himself from the request. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Mattis) to move out of the Board of Control Commissioners. **Motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Untable Taxi Ordinance

President Davis noted the request to untable the taxi ordinance for further discussion. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) to untable the Taxi Ordinance. **Motion passed.** Attorney Bloomer reviewed the amendments and answered all questions from the Board. A motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Donahue) to approve the ordinance as amended by Attorney Bloomer. There was further discussion. **Motion passed.**

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Donahue noted that Santi Claus would be at the Farmers Market this Saturday.

Alderman Etti noted that two (2) City owned property bids would be evaluated tomorrow under the new guidelines established for the sale of such property.

President Davis noted there was still a request for an executive session and sought language from Attorney Bloomer.

Attorney Bloomer noted a motion would be in order 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 in such probable litigation and will include confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the City. This motion was so moved and seconded (Etti, Ryan). **Motion passed.**

The second motion needed was to enter into executive session (with the inclusion of the City Attorney, and the Mayor), to discuss probable litigation, as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(E) and Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(F). The language was so moved and seconded (Etti, Ryan). **Motion passed.** At 7:29 PM the Board stood down to clear the room

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

At 8:44 PM a motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Ryan) to move out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 8:45 PM a motion was made and seconded (Mattis, Ryan) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk