

City of Rutland, Vermont
Board of Alderman

Charter & Ordinance Committee

Meeting May 20, 2021, meeting call to order at 5:30pm

Present: Alderwoman Davis, Aldermen Neary, Clifford, Gillam, Franco, acting Public Works Commissioner Rotondo, Mayor Allaire, Judy, Rutland Herald Gordon Dritschilo

There was a major discussion.

- How the present shopping cart ordinance is not working.
- Lack of enforcement Police and Public works departments
- cost to the city to collect, to store and disposal of the carts.
- Who is responsible for control of cart leaving the shopping areas?
- A need to pick them the up on weekly basis.
- A need to communicate with stores on what is happening now with neighborhoods.
- Mayor was not in agreement of DPW collections and storage and Police department enforcement due to budget and labor issues at this time.
- Have MVRTD the Bus reps find out what is the policy on carts on transit system.

The consensus of the Committee: to refer to the City Attorney.

To send a registered letter to the stores,

Walmart, Price Chopper, Tops, Dollar General

In the letter theses issues need to be addressed

- Enforcement of ordinances
- What will be the immediate plan within 30 days to have all carts picked up.
- Signage in the shopping area, about carts not leaving the parking lots.
- The need for a long-term plan on collections of carts
- Copy of the Shopping cart ordinance Title 31, Chapter 4 §4446, 4447, 4448, 4449, 4450 to be enclosed
- Any collection cost to Rutland City will be billed to the stores, if stores do not pick up the carts.
- A suggestion that the Board of Alderman will add new language to the Ordinance on mandatory wireless electronical tracking system to keep carts on property.
- required 30-day response of the letter, from the stores.

Also refer to city attorney

Provide a draft of samples, the additional language for to the Ordinance Chapter 4 on mandatory wireless electronical tracking system to keep carts on property.

- The issue remains in committee and will work with city attorney on possible new language to Title 31, Chapter 4 §4446, 4447, 4448, 4449, 4450 Shopping Carts

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm