

Rutland City Charter & Ordinance Committee

June 28, 2023 Meeting

Members Present: Chair Savage, Vice-Chair Cupoli, Alderman Barbagallo, Alderwoman Hooker, Alderwoman Tadio, Alderman McCann

Others Present: President of the Board of Alderman Michael Talbot, Alderwoman Davis, Alderwoman McClure, Alderman Gillam, Attorney Bloomer, Treasurer Markowski

Minutes:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

After the meeting came to order it was determined that the parking language on the agenda had not been properly warned to include the proposed fines. It was decided that a discussion on this portion could not be held, so it was struck from the meeting.

Attorney Bloomer explained that with the implementation of the new 1% local options sales tax, Title 12 -Rooms, Meals, and Entertainment Tax would need to be amended so the entertainment portion wouldn't be taxing anyone twice in the same transaction.

Treasurer Markowski remarked that she liked the new language in the proposed amendment to the entertainment portion of Title 12 prepared by Attorney Bloomer, who also explained that if the local option tax were to be removed then the entertainment portion would still apply.

Alderman McCann asked the amount already being captured by the entertainment tax. Treasurer Markowski said this was a small portion of Title 12 and that approximately \$15,000 had been captured by this tax this year. Alderwoman Tadio asked what that covered, and Treasurer Markowski explained that the rooms, meals, and entertainment taxes collected under Title 12 goes to the City's bottom line and that going forward the entertainment portion will be included with the local option tax. She also commented that entertainment was a small portion of the \$525,000 budgeted for the Rooms, Meals, and Entertainment Tax and it is likely that its portion would be made up by the recent opening of several new restaurants.

Alderwoman Davis asked what the 1% local option sales tax applies to. Attorney Bloomer explained that it would apply to anything that state sales tax is charged on.

Alderman Barbagallo asked about determining the correct amount that would come to Rutland due to the shared zip code with Rutland Town and Mendon and Treasurer Markowski said that was up to the businesses to track that in their reporting to the State.

Alderwoman Tadio made the motion to adopt the full language in the amendment to Title 12 as presented in committee. The motion passed 5-0 and I so move.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.