

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2016

Members present; President Notte, Aldermen Allaire, Humphrey, Robertson, Etori, Tommola, Donahue, Larson, Gides, *DePoy and Davis. Also present, City Attorney Romeo and City Clerk Heck. Alderman DePoy arrived at 7:02 PM.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

President Notte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (November 21, 2016)

A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Lyndsi Fischer of West Rutland spoke on two dog park sites, noting that it was official the town of West Rutland was donating two acres and the Rutland Hospital was donating two acres. Ms. Fischer gave a brief overview of the parks and expected opening dates.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no communications from the Mayor.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Clerk Heck; Change BOA Meetings

President Notte introduced the request and sought Board action. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Davis) approving the BOA date changes as presented by the Clerk.
Motion passed.

Brennan Duffy; Request for referral, Disposition of 42 Cleveland Ave

President Notte introduced the item. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to refer the request to the Community and Economic Development Committee. **Motion passed.**

Barbara Spaulding; SVCOA 143 Maple St. Renovation, Circulate Resolution for Signatures

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) to circulate the resolution for signatures. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman DePoy; Recreation Committee, Continued Pool Discussion

Alderman DePoy read his committee report from December 1, 2016. The committee reviewed the updated plans for the voter approved pool. Alderman DePoy gave a brief review of the prior meeting and the objectives of the newer design. There was a lot of discussion on the lack of "wow" factor and how the committee still had concerns on outlaying buildings and their associated cost. The issue is to remain in committee.

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 of miscellaneous communications to come before the Board.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no items to come before the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Tommola; Treasurer to seek RFP, Worker Comp and Liability Insurance

Alderman Tommola introduced his request for authorizing the Treasurer to seek RFP's for workers comp and liability insurance. Alderman Tommola noted the increased cost of each and felt the need to investigate alternatives. There was brief discussion on the request with some guidance coming from the City Attorney. Alderman Tommola presented a motion authorizing the Treasurer to seek RFP's for workers comp and liability insurances. This motion was seconded. There was lengthy debate to the motion. Alderman Tommola withdrew his motion and moved to refer the issue to the Finance Committee. This request was seconded by Alderman DePoy. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Larson noted two items he needed to discuss. The first issue was regarding a prior issue dealing with an approved request from the Paramount Theater and their brick fund raiser. Alderman Larson noted that the Board needs to review requests on a more thorough basis. Alderman Larson also challenged his colleagues to an ugly sweater contest at their next Board meeting.

Treasurer Wilton asked the Board to look at the non-union wage request in the FY 18 budget prior to their final budget meeting. There was brief debate prior to a motion to refer the issue to the General Committee (Davis, DePoy). There was a fair amount of debate. Alderman Davis withdrew her motion.

At 7:40 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robertson) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk