

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2016

Members present; Aldermen Notte, Allaire, Humphrey, Ettori, Tommola, Donahue, Larson, DePoy, Davis, and Alderwoman Robertson. Also present, Mayor Louras, Attorney Romeo and City Clerk Heck.

City Clerk Heck opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Louras then swore in all newly elected Aldermen.

Clerk Heck opened the floor for Board President nominations.

A motion was made and seconded (Ettori, Davis) nominating Alderman Notte as Board President.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) closing the nominations.

Clerk Heck called the motion closing the nominations. **Motion passed.**

Clerk Heck then noted the nomination of William Notte as Board President and called the question. **Motion passed unanimously.**

President elect Notte took his seat as chair and welcomed all too tonight's meeting. President Notte addressed the Board and audience about his future plans as President and looked forward to the next year as President of the Board.

Mayor Louras then swore in all election officials. (Ward Clerks and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Inspectors).

Clerk Heck then spoke briefly acknowledging all those involved in the election process. Clerk Heck thanked all in his office and acknowledged each newly elected election official present. Clerk Heck gave special thanks to three of his officials who were retiring from a very long career working the polls.

Following the presentation, President Notte continued with the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (March 7, 2016)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Rutland Area ARC- March is National Developmental Disability Awareness Month

Several Representatives from ARC spoke about services and March being National Developmental Disability Awareness Month.

Susan Schribeman from Rutland Regional Planning Commission gave an update on the Center Street Marketplace Project.

Superintendent Wight invited all present and listening to attend the newest park opening in Rutland on Baxter Street.

Lori from Elm Street noted her impression of increased drug activity in her neighborhood.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Louras introduced his newest appointments stated below and sought Alderman action.

Sean Sargeant, 3 yr Police Commission

Sean Sargeant, 1 yr Chair of Police Commission

Thomas Valente, 3 yr Police Commission

A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Larson) to table the nomination for Sean Sargeant 3 year term on the Police Commission & 1 year as Chair of the Police Commission and Thomas Valente 3 year term Police Commission. **Motion passed.**

Diversity/Bias Training; Mayor Louras Recommends VT Partnership for Fairness & Diversity

Mayor Louras explained his request to the Board and looks forward to answering any questions. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to refer the request to the Public Safety Committee. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderman Larson requested the addition of his representative report to the agenda. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Ettori) to add the request to the agenda. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Kate Tibbs; Update Aldermen on New Program from BROC

Kate Tibbs from BROC reported to the Board about a new program being initiated dealing with hoarding. Ms. Tibbs announced the start of the Southwestern Vermont Hoarding Task Force and stated their goals and need locally.

Treasurer Wilton; February Treasurer's Report

President Notte noted the report from Treasurer Wilton and stated a motion to receive and file would be in order. The request was so moved and seconded (Allaire, Bloomer). **Motion passed.**

Assessor Keefe; Request to Carryover Ten (10) Vacation Days

President Notte introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) approving the request to carryover ten (10) vacation days. **Motion passed.**

Superintendent Wight; Request for Referral

President Notte read the request from Superintendent Wight. The request listed repair/replacement items for Giorgetti Rink. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, DePoy) to refer the request to the Recreation Committee. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Matt Bloomer; Chair, Marketing Committee

Alderman Bloomer read his committee report from March 9, 2016. The Committee discussed their agenda and goals for the future. Alderman Bloomer noted that his report was for information only.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ed Larson; Representative Downtown Partnership

Alderman Larson read his representative report. It was noted that the major focus of this Downtown Partnership meeting was to discuss the Special Downtown Benefits District Tax vote that was forth coming. Alderman Larson noted voting requirements and language associated with the vote. His report was for information only. Debate followed with Alderman Davis requesting end results of the survey. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Bloomer) to refer the issue of the special vote to the Community and Economic Development Committee. Debate followed. **Motion Failed.**

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

S.E.P. Request, RHS, Global Issue Network (GIN) Walk, April 7, 2016 5:30 – 6PM

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 request for the Rutland High School Global Issue Network Walk for April 7, 2016 from 5:30 to 6PM. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request, 24 Annual Kids on the Move Road Race VSM, 4-30, 2016 7 AM – 12 PM

President Notte introduced the request and sought board action. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) approving the request for the 24th annual VSMA Road Race for Kids on the Move 5K walk/run race, to be held April 30 from 7AM to noon. **Motion passed.**

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 Larson; Request for Referral to Charter & Ordinance, Ruggiero Request

Alderman Larson introduced a request from landlord John Ruggiero asking for an opportunity to review City ordinances related to responsibilities of tenants with respect to the health, safety and welfare of Rutland Citizens. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Ettori) referring the request to the Charter and Ordinance Committee. Debate followed. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Notte; Request to Refer the Issue of Recall Petition to the Charter & Ordinance Committee

President Notte briefly introduced his request and sought a referral to committee. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) referring the request to the Charter and Ordinance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis asked for a referral of the parking situation on Park and Library Avenues to the Traffic Committee. Alderman Davis's concern deals with getting traffic through when vehicles park on both sides. The request was seconded by Alderman Larson. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Allaire noted pending committee assignments and asked new chairs to contact the old chair to see what was in committee.

At 8:02 PM a motion was made and seconded (Robertson, Tommola) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk