

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2016

Members present; President Notte, Aldermen Allaire, Humphrey, Ettori, Siliski, Larson Bloomer, DePoy and Davis, Also present, Mayor Louras, Attorney Romeo, Commissioner Wennberg and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Donahue was absent.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (February 16 & 22, 2016)

A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Larson) to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Kim Griffin, Mike Coppinger and Susan Schribeman spoke on the Walk/Bike Summit that will be held in Rutland April 2, 2016.

Kathleen Krevetski spoke on Fluoride and asked the City to post on their website information about what chemicals make up fluoride being placed in the City water supply.

Superintendent Wight spoke about the voter approved pool bond and thanked the many individuals that made the vote a success.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Request for RFP; Police Department Strategic Plan

Mayor Louras introduced his request. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) authorizing the Mayor to invite proposals for services associated in developing a strategic plan for the Rutland City Police Department. **Motion passed.**

Request for RFP; Diversity/Bias Training

Mayor Louras again introduced his 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) authorizing the Mayor to invite proposals for services associated with enhancing city services through a greater understanding of inclusive and equitable practices by City employees. **Motion passed.**

After Mayor Louras made two public address announcements on the bike summit and an upcoming Police Data meeting. Alderman Davis moved to refer the two previous passed motions to the Public Safety Committee. Alderman Allaire seconded. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Brennan Duffy; RRA Director, Request for Referral to Committee

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

Barbara Spaulding; RRA, VCDP Grant Application

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, Allaire) to set the public hearing request for April 4, 2016 at 6:45PM. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg; RFP for Combination & Piedmont Ponds

Commissioner Wennberg presented his request for authorizing the Mayor to seek RFP's on the ponds. 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) to authorize the Mayor to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to conduct an engagement process and study of alternatives to address water quality concerns with Moon Brook, specifically as related to Combination and Piedmont Ponds. There was brief debate from outside the rail. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg: Request Authorization to Contract for Professional Services, Voter approved Bond Articles #2 & #3, Equalization Tank & Water Distribution Main Replacement

Commissioner Wennberg introduced the item noting that the Board had previously approved RFP's. Since both items had been voter approved the Commissioner was ready to recommend contracts from those proposals. Commissioner Wennberg noted both recommendations and sought the Board's approval. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract for professional services for the equalization tank installation project with Otter Creek Engineering. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg introduced his second request and sought the Board's approval. There was brief debate on the two proposals received as there was a substantial difference in price. Commissioner Wennberg noted that the City Engineer confirmed all specs were met and was comfortable recommending the low bidder. A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract for professional services related to the water distribution main replacement project with Otter Creek Engineering for the amount of \$23,500. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg; Authorization to Seek Proposals for Hydrologic and Hydraulic Model of our Wastewater Collection System

Commissioner Wennberg introduced his request and sought to get it referred to committee so the Board may have a thorough discussion on the issue. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to refer the issue to the Public Works Committee. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Chris Siliski; Chair, Finance Committee

Alderman Siliski read his committee report from February 23, 2016. The committee met to discuss the Giorgetti Fund and investment policy. Alderman Siliski was looking for the support of a resolution on the substantial investment of the Giorgetti Fund. Alderman Siliski reviewed the specifics and noted the BOA would still control how funds were used. Alderman Siliski moved to adopt the proposed resolution as written and submitted in the Board's packet. Alderman Allaire seconded. Debate. **Motion passed.** Alderman Siliski then moved to authorize the Treasurer's Office to solicit bids from qualified local and/or national investment firms using the guidelines referred in #10 of the attached document. Alderman Davis 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

S.E.P. Request; Rutland Region March For Babies Walk April-30-2016, 6AM –NOON

President Notte introduced the request. Motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) approving the Special Events Permit request for Rutland Region March for Babies Walk on April 30, 2016 from 6AM to noon. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; VFW Post #648 Loyalty Day Parade, Sunday, May 1, 2016 2 - 4PM

President Notte introduced the request. Motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Allaire, DePoy) approving the Special Events Permit request for VFW Loyalty Day Parade on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 2 – 4PM. **Motion passed.**

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Hop'N Moose Outside Consumption Request, March 12, 2016

Alderman Davis moved to authorize the Clerk to sign the outside consumption request. Alderman DePoy seconded. **Motion passed.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

President Notte; Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Resolution

President Notte introduced the request from the Commissioner. President Notte noted earlier that Alderman Donahue was absent because of the passing of his mother, but Alderman Donahue did note his preference on sending this issue to committee. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Ettori) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to accept the resolution as presented and to circulate it for signatures. There was a good deal of debate lasting fifhteen minutes. Upon completion of debate the **motion passed.** Alderman Davis immediately referred the issue to the Public Works Committee. Alderman Larson seconded. **Motion passed.**

President Notte noted a request from the Clerk for the board to confirm contact information as well as a Treasurer's Report that had been left on their desk.

Alderman Siliski took personal privilege and noted that his term was complete and wanted to thank the many people who have supported and helped him along his way. Several Alderman spoke in support of the Alderman's service.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk