

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Members present; President Notte, Aldermen Allaire, Humphrey, Ettori, Siliski, Donahue, Larson, Bloomer, DePoy and Davis. Also present, Attorney Romeo and City Clerk Heck.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (February 1, 2016)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Minga Dana, Marble Valley Regional Transit's Executive Director, spoke about supporting the BUS and thanking the city for their years of support.

Tim Johnson of 112 Robbins St. spoke about speeding vehicle traffic on his street and was looking for advice from the Board on where he could find help with this issue. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to refer the complaint to the Traffic Committee. **Motion passed.**

Marilyn Griffin and Jack Crowther spoke about fluoride and their support to rid Rutland of fluoride in their drinking water.

Mike Coppinger and Cindi Wight spoke about the winter carnival held this past weekend. They expressed gratitude and thanks for the many volunteers and organizations involved in making the winterfest a great success.

Three students from Rutland High School and members of a local swim team spoke in favor of the pool question on the March Ballot, asking to support the building of an outdoor pool at White's playground.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no communications from the Mayor.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderman Larson asked to add his representative report. President Notte asked for the request to be added to the agenda. A motion was so moved and seconded (Davis, Allaire). **Motion passed.** There were no other items to be added or deleted from the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Treasurer Wilton; Vacation Carryover Request, Catherine Taggart

President Notte introduced the 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, Davis) to authorize the carry-over of 134.75 hrs. of vacation time for Catherine Taggart. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Dave Allaire; Chair, Charter & Ordinance Committee

Alderman Allaire read his committee report from Thursday, February 11, 2016. Alderman Allaire noted that his committee met to discuss passing a no-smoking ordinance on the public sidewalks adjacent to the Rutland Regional Medical Center. A motion out of committee was to recommend to the full board to adopt the ordinance as presented with the amendment on E-Cigs and Vaping. Debate. The Board spent nearly 25 minutes debating the issue. A motion was made and seconded (Ettori, Humphrey) to amend the original motion with the amendment noting a distance of 10 feet instead of a 100. There was debate until Alderman Larson called the question. Motion calling the question passed. The motion to amend the original motion failed. Debate continued. President Notte moved to call the question when Alderman Bloomer asked for a roll call vote. President Notte asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Allaire		NO
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Ettori	YES	
Alderman Siliski		NO
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Larson		NO
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy		NO
Alderman Davis		NO

Six (6) NO, three (3) YES, **Motion failed.**

Alderman Ettori immediately moved to refer the issue of removing the sidewalk in question to the Public Works Committee. **Motion failed for lack of second.**

Alderman Larson moved to refer the failed smoking ordinance back to the Charter and Ordinance Committee. This motion was seconded by Alderman Etori. Debate. **Motion failed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Matt Bloomer; Chair, Human Resources Committee

Alderman Bloomer read his committee report from February 9, 2016. The report was a continued review of the employee handbook. The group set a new meeting time of March 8, 2016 and the report was for information only.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderman Larson, Downtown Partnership

Alderman Larson read his committee report on the Downtown Partnership. Alderman Larson updated the Board on future events and specific goals. His report was for information only.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

RAVE 2016; Event to be Held July 9 & 10, 2016 at the Fairgrounds

President Notte noted that this request was information only as the event is held on private property and the fee was waived years ago by the Board as the event is for a non-profit with all proceeds going back to the community.

S.E.P. Request; MS Rutland Walk, May 14, 2016, 9AM – NOON

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, Etori) approving the 2016 MS Rutland Walk to be held May 14, 2016 from 9AM to noon. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; Girls on the Run 5K Run/Walk, May 28, 2016, 10-11AM, Rutland Fairgrounds. President Notte introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Allaire) approving the Girls on the Run 5K walk/run, for May 28, 2016, from 10AM to 11AM at the Rutland Fair Grounds. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; Coin Drop Meals on Wheels, May 7, 2016, 10-2PM

President Notte introduced the request. 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) approving the coin drop request for Meals on Wheels, being held on May 7, 2016 from 10AM to 2PM in front of the Knights of Columbus on Merchants Row. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; Coin Drop City Cat Allies, August 20, 2016, 10-2PM

President Notte introduced the request. 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) approving the coin drop request for Vermont Volunteer services for Animals, City Cat Allies being held on August 20, 2016 from 10AM to 2PM in front of the Knights of Columbus on Merchants Row. **Motion passed.**

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Clerk Heck; Request to revisit Uncle Sam's Licensing Permits

President Notte introduced the request and sought Board action. There was some discussion as to how the Board wanted to proceed. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, DePoy) to approve all requests, (First Class Liquor, Outside Consumption & Entertainment). **Motion passed.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Siliski- Referral to Committee – Giorgetti Investment

Alderman Siliski reviewed his request and sought a referral of Giorgetti Investment to the Finance Committee instead of Recreation. This request was seconded by Alderman Davis. **Motion passed.**

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Etori noted information within the packet that the Board may find useful from Barbara Spaulding on the grant associated with the Northwest Neighborhood Project.

With no further business for the Board, President Notte asked for a motion to adjourn to a time certain for a Public Meeting on Bonds, Pool and any Ballot Questions, Monday, February 22, 2016, in Chambers at 5:30 PM. The request was so moved and seconded (Larson, Davis). **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk