

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, January 4, 2016

Members Present: President Notte, Aldermen Allaire, Humphrey, Skates, Etori, Siliski, Donahue, Larson, Bloomer, DePoy, Davis, City Attorney Romeo and Deputy City Clerk

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (December 21, 2015)

Alderman Allaire moved to approve the minutes. Alderman Larson seconded and the motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Jack Crowther; 29 Giorgetti Boulevard

Mr. Crowther spoke about his thoughts of the issue of the Fluoride.

Kam Johnston; Pine/Maple Streets

Alderman Siliski asked Mr. Johnston for a specific address for the record. President Notte said to move along as the request is noted. Mr. Johnston suggested possible cuts to the budget; Fluoride and a new city pool. Mr. Johnston suggested a grant for use of other town's pools.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were none.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Attorney Romeo; Request for Executive Session for Legal Services

President Notte moved this item to the end of the meeting.

Barbara Spaulding; Grant Resolution

Brennan Duffy of the RRA spoke outside the rail regarding the application to the Vermont Strong Communities, Better Connections Program created by VTrans and Agency of Commerce and Community Development stating the RRA is requesting to reaffirm a \$4,000.00 commitment from the Zamias Fund as a match for the project. Mr. Duffy explained the project to the Board and said the application is due January 15, 2016. Alderman Allaire moved to suspend the rules. Alderman Davis seconded and the motion passed. Alderman Allaire moved to reaffirm the \$4,000.00 pledge as a local match and circulate the resolution for signatures. Alderman DePoy seconded and after brief discussion, the motion passed.

Susan Schreiber; update on Segment 5 of Rutland Creek Path

Ms. Schreiber; Regional Planning Commission, Paul Gallo; Chair of Creative Economy and Dan Biggs of Weston and Samson Engineering spoke briefly outside the rail updating the Board on the status of Segment 5 of the Rutland Creek Patch.

City Clerk Heck; Request for BOA Date Changes

Alderman Davis moved to suspend the rules. Alderman Larson seconded and the motion passed. Alderman Davis moved to approve the date changes as outlined by the City Clerk. Alderman Allaire seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Wennberg; Request for Referral; Bond Request for March 2016 Ballot

Commissioner Wennberg spoke outside the rail requesting a referral to committee for this issue to come back for the January 18th meeting. Alderman Allaire moved to refer the issue to the DPW Committee. Alderman Davis seconded and the motion passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Dave Allaire; Chair, Charter & Ordinance, Dog License Fee Request

Alderman Allaire read his committee report and stated a unanimous motion in committee was to raise fees as proposed by the City Clerk on the 8 ½ x 11 sheet provided to the Board, in which he so moved with Alderman Davis seconding and the motion passed. Alderman DePoy opposed. Alderman Allaire said the second issue in committee was to amend City Ordinance Title 13 Chapter 1; Dogs, allowing the Animal Control Officer to write Civil Tickets for unregistered dogs. Alderman Allaire stated the unanimous motion in committee was to approve the amendment to City Ordinance Title 13, Chapter 1; Dogs, in which he so moved with Alderman Davis seconding and after discussion, the motion passed. Alderman DePoy opposed.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were none.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

GMP; Pole & Wire Request

Alderman DePoy moved to suspend the rules. Alderman Davis seconded and the motion passed with Alderman Larson opposing. Alderman DePoy moved to approve the Pole and Wire permit with the seven standard conditions. Alderman Davis seconded. Alderman Humphrey abstained and Alderman Larson stated his opposition. President Notte stated the chair is in doubt and asked for a show of hands for those in favor, then those opposed. After a show of hands of 6 yes and 4 no, the motion passed.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Jon Skates; Personal Statement

Alderman Skates stated he has been promoted to General Manager of Casella in the Montpelier area and said since he will be relocating, he would be resigning from his seat on the Board of Aldermen effective tomorrow morning. Alderman Skates thanked his family, fellow Board members and the community for their support.

Alderman Larson; Request withdrawal

Alderman Larson stated based on information from Alderman Allaire he was withdrawing his request and will submit his request at the next meeting.

Treasurer Wilton; Pension Board Meeting

Treasurer Wilton reminded the Board of the Pension Board meeting tomorrow night at Longfellow School at 6:00 PM and another Pension Board meeting on January 14, 2016.

Executive Session; Legal Services

President Notte stated the chair will entertain a motion that finds premature general public knowledge of confidential attorney client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Board would clearly place the city at a substantial disadvantage, in which alderman Davis so moved with Alderman DePoy seconding and the motion passed.

President Notte then stated the chair will entertain a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of confidential attorney client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services, in which Alderman Davis so moved with Alderman DePoy seconding. President Notte stated the Mayor and City Treasurer will be joining the executive session. The motion then passed. The meeting went into executive session from 7:40 PM until 9:20 PM.

Alderman Davis moved to go out of executive session. Alderman Allaire seconded and the motion passed. Alderman Allaire moved to adjourn. Alderman Davis seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Clark
Deputy City Clerk