

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, October 6, 2014
Public Hearing: 2014 VT Transportation Alternatives Grant

Members Present: President Allaire, Aldermen Davis, Larson, Brodowski, Humphrey, Donahue, *Siliski, *DePoy, Deputy Clerk Clark.

President Allaire called the public hearing to order at 6:45 PM and stated the reason for the mandatory hearing for the 2014 Vermont Transportation Alternatives Grant Application for the Killington Avenue Sidewalk Extension *(the Transportation Alternatives Grant Program is the old Transportation Enhancement program and has changed some of the criteria and renamed the program which the application deadline is approaching)*.

James Rotondo, City Engineer, spoke outside the rail providing a brief overview of the project stating he would be asking for the Board of Aldermen to authorize DPW to apply for a grant for the Killington Avenue extension project. *Alderman Siliski arrived. Mr. Rotondo said the city will be applying for the maximum funding limit of \$300,000.00, of which the city's portion's 20% match would be approximately \$75,000.00 coming from line item concrete & precast or construction and bridge work. *Alderman DePoy arrived.

Bill Powers and Tom Carpenter, Rutland City residents spoke outside the rail in favor of the project.

Alderman Larson asked when the city would expect to get the money. Mr. Rotondo stated he wasn't sure but would advise the Board when the city receives the money. Commissioner Jeff Wennberg spoke outside the rail explaining the process of the grant and the project.

Alderman Davis moved to adjourn the public hearing. Alderman Larson seconded and the motion passed. The hearing adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Clark
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President Allaire called the Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:00 PM and lead the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (September 15, 2014)

Alderman Davis moved to approve the minutes from September 15, 2014. Alderman Larson seconded and the motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Brennan Duffy; RRA, updated the Board on the Welcome To Rutland Gateway Signs that are almost completed and thanked four service clubs which donated \$2,000.00 each: Kiwanis Club of Rutland, Rutland Council 232 Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club of Rutland South and Italian American Club of Rutland. Mr. Duffy also thanked Green Screen Graphics, Carpenter & Costin, Rutland City Schools, Rutland Recreation Department, Dawn and John Canney and Rick and Deb Carrara for the planter boxes. Mr. Duffy also stated the scaffolding is down on the West Street Post office building. Alderman Siliski asked Mr. Duffy about the grant request for the winter's farmers market. Mr. Duffy said the plan is to hold off until the spring.

Kam Johnston spoke outside the rail reading a prepared speech regarding a property owner in Hubbardton regarding escrow accounts and foreclosures, based on a court document.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Louras asked for a motion to table a nomination for an interim Zoning Administrator requesting the Board replace Building Inspector Bob Barrett as acting interim Zoning Administrator, with Alan Shelvey as interim Zoning Administrator to be approved by the Board. President Allaire asked for a motion to move the request for an appointment for interim part time Zoning Administrator under additions and deletions to the agenda. Alderman Larson so moved with Alderman Davis seconding and the motion passed. President Allaire asked for a motion to add two additional items to the agenda: Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Council reports. Alderman Davis so moved with Alderman Larson seconding. The Motion passed.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Appointment for Part Time Interim Zoning Administrator; Alan Shelvey

Alderman Davis moved to table the appointment. Alderman DePoy seconded and the motion passed.

Regional Planning Commission & Transportation Council Reports (President Allaire reported out under Select Committees)

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

President Allaire requested moving the Killington Avenue Extension and Grant Application and circulate for signature. The Board agreed. James Rotondo, City Engineer, asked the Board of Aldermen to authorize DPW to apply for a fall 2014 Vermont Transportation Alternatives Grant and briefly explained the Killington Avenue Extension project to the Board. Mr. Rotondo said the city will be applying for \$300,000.00 with a 20% match from the city in the amount of \$75,000.00 coming from line item concrete and precast or construction and bridge work. Alderman Davis moved to suspend the rules. Alderman DePoy seconded and the motion passed. Alderman Davis moved to circulate the resolution for the Killington Avenue Sidewalk Extension for signature. Alderman DePoy seconded and the motion passed. The resolution was then circulated for signature.

Treasurer Wilton; Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Wilton briefly spoke of highlights from the report as of August 31, 2014, which she e-mailed the Board prior to the meeting. Treasurer Wilton provided a hand out of Zamais fund to the board and spoke briefly about the account.

Treasurer Wilton; Request to Authorize to Sign March 2015 School Ballot Bond

Treasurer Wilton stated attorney William Meub, attorney for the Rutland City School was present outside the rail, and stated there is a 2.5 million loan for various repairs for school buildings and is asking for the authority for the Mayor and Treasurer to sign the note, resolution and certificate that go along with the bond. President Allaire stated a motion to suspend the rules would be in order. Alderman Larson so moved with Alderman Notte seconding. Motion passed. President Allaire stated a motion to authorize the Mayor and Treasurer to sign the documents in which Alderman Notte so moved with Alderman Davis seconding and the motion passed.

Treasurer Wilton; Refinancing Note Request

Treasurer Wilton stated the current expense note is now called the Rutland Refunding Note explaining the 6 million dollar note taken out in 2010 is now down to 3.6 million and said that debt is split between water and sewer funds created by the deficit of the water and sewer funds and the litigation cost of the water roof repair (the original was rate was 3.6%, it is now 2.75%) and asked for authorization for the Treasurer, Mayor and Clerk to sign the note and resolution. President Allaire said a motion to suspend the rules would be in order. Alderman Larson so moved with Alderman Siliski seconding and the motion passed. Alderman Siliski moved to authorize the City Treasurer, Mayor and City Clerk to sign the certificate and note. Alderman Davis seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Wennberg; Employment Contract Renewal; Lewis Hotaling

President Allaire read a memo from Commissioner Wennberg regarding DPW to employ Lewis Hotaling on a limited part time basis and continue the employment contract for the current fiscal year. President Allaire said a motion to suspend the rules would be in order, in which Alderman Notte so moved with Alderman Larson seconding and the motion passed. Alderman Notte moved to authorize DPW to employ Lewis Hotaling on a limited part time basis via the renewal of the contract the Board has reviewed. Alderman Larson seconded. Alderman Davis asked Commissioner Wennberg what Mr. Hotaling function is. Commissioner Wennberg explained there is no change to his duties and terms and conditions and after overview of Mr. Hotaling's duties, the motion passed.

Rec. Superintendent Wight; Request to Amend Contract; Giorgetti Arena Project & Whites Pool

Cindy Wight spoke outside the rail explaining the upgrade to Giorgetti Arena is 2.3 million dollars to get the building up to code and the assessment of White's Pool is just under one million dollars (that does not include renovations to the bath house). Ms. Wight is asking for the contract to be amended to move White's Pool to the Giorgetti Arena and said the cost for the scoping study is \$26,000.00 and if approved suggested using Giorgetti Trust Fund to cover the expense. President Allaire asked if this issue should be referred to the Recreation Committee. After discussion, Alderman Larson moved to refer the issue to the Recreation Committee for further study. Alderman DePoy seconded and the motion passed with Alderman Donahue opposing.

President Allaire suggested moving into the Board of Control Commissioners. Alderman Larson moved to go into the Board of Control Commissioners. Alderman DePoy seconded and the motion passed.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Request for First Class License; SER Enterprises (Downtown Bar & Grill)

President Allaire said this is a new liquor license and stated a motion to circulate for signature would be in order, in which Alderman Davis so moved with Alderman Larson seconding and the motion passed. The liquor license was circulated for signature.

Request for First Class License; Joseph Sharps (Strangefellows Pub LLC)

Alderman Davis moved to circulate for signature. Alderman Larson seconded and the motion passed. The liquor license was circulated for signature.

Alderman Larson moved to go out of the Board of Control Commissioners. Alderman Davis seconded and the motion passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Ed Larson; Chair, Public Safety, Transitional Housing @30 Washington Street

Alderman Larson read his committee report which was for information only.

William Notte; Chair Charter & Ordinance, Zoning Change Request @167 St. John Street

Alderman Notte read his committee report in which a unanimous motion in committee was made to recommend to the Planning Commission that 167 St. Johns Street be included in the Gateway Business Woodstock Avenue Zone with a request they only review the proposal for technical deficiencies, in which he so moved with Alderman Larson seconding. The motion then passed.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

Human Resources (HR) Committee; Continued review of employee handbook Section 5

President Allaire read his committee report, which was for information only.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderman Brodowski; RCSWD

Alderman Brodowski said there is a need for a new scale on Smith Road and the approximate cost is \$115,000 to \$150,000 and also reported RCSWD donated the disposal fee for the demolition of 37 Pine Street.

Alderman Larson; Downtown Rutland Partnership (marketing & promotion strategies for fall & winter seasons)

Alderman Larson read his committee report, which was for information only.

President Allaire; Rutland Regional Planning Commission

President Allaire read his committee report, which was for information only.

President Allaire; Transportation Council; Killington Avenue Project & Strong Communities Program

President Allaire read his committee report, which was for information only.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Kam Johnston; Tax Abatement Request 2006-2007; 60 Pine Street

President Allaire asked for a motion to form a committee of Alderman DePoy, Davis and Allaire, Allaire as chair, and set a meeting for Monday November 3, 2014 @6:45 PM. There was no motion, no action was taken.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Davis reminded the Board they requested on a quarterly basis they receive an update from the Fire Chief in regards to officer's overtime. Alderman Davis asked the City Clerk to request the Fire Chief include the quarterly overtime report for the next Board of Aldermen's meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Alderman Larson asked for a referral to the City Attorney to look into the lease at the property at the Poor Farm. Alderman Davis seconded and the motion passed.

Alderman Davis moved to adjourn. Alderman DePoy seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. _

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