

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, August 4, 2014

Members present: President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Brodowski, Larson, DePoy and Davis. Also present, Mayor Louras, Attorney Romeo, and City Clerk Heck.

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 7PM.

President Allaire gave a brief introduction on the agenda outline and noted that based on information gathered at a VLCT seminar on Open Law Meetings the Board would be moving the Additions and Deletions portion to after Communications from the Mayor. There was no debate.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (July 21, 2014)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Lynn Walsh from RUN noted the National Night Out Event to be held at White's Pool.

Chris Heintz and Dave Pierson spoke on the newly formed Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Rutland County.

Lori from Elm St. spoke of a harassment issue.

Kam Johnston offered to help with serving on any Commission or Board. Mr. Johnston also asked for more transparency when the Board votes on Board or Commission appointments.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Louras asked the Board to table the appointment of Stephen Leach as 1st Inspector for Ward 3. The Mayor then explained his next request for appointment as an oversight and asked the Board to appoint Robert Barrett as acting Zoning Administrator until James Simmonds returns from vacation. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Siliski) to table the appointments. **Motion passed.**

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Allaire then asked the Board to add the request from GMP on a Pole & Wire Request. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Davis) to add the request. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Chief Schlachter; Request to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Airport Fire Service Contract

President Allaire read the request and noted Attorney Romeo was present to answer any questions as Chief Schlachter was on vacation. The President then noted if the Board sought to take the issue up a motion to suspend would be in order. That request was so move and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed to suspend.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to authorize the Mayor to sign. There was brief debate on the timing of the request and where the funds received for the contract should be placed (Fire Equipment Replacement Fund) Alderman Larson also asked who received the Grant admin fees **Motion passed.**

Brennan Duffy; Director RRA, Blighted Property Review Committee Request

President Allaire introduced the issue and asked Director Duffy to further explain the request. Mr. Duffy noted the request was to approve an independent review committee to certify dwellings within the City of Rutland as blighted. There was brief debate before a motion was made and seconded

(Davis, Notte) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) approving an independent review committee that will serve to certify a residential property as blighted and thus will make that property eligible for tax stabilization. The committee will consist of the RRA Board President, Mayor and City Clerk. No debate within the rail. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jon Kiernan; Chair, General Committee, Sale of City Property

Alderman Kiernan read his report on the sale of city property. Alderman Kiernan noted the committee went in and out of executive session with no action requested and the issue is to remain in committee. His report was for information only.

Jon Kiernan; Chair, General Committee, Capitol Planning

Alderman Kiernan read his committee report on capitol planning. Alderman Kiernan reviewed critical dates and the brief history of this committee. No action was sought by the committee and Alderman Kiernan noted that his report was for information only.

Ed Larson; Chair Public Safety, Emergency Operations Plan & NIMS Adoption Request

Alderman Larson read his report from Public Safety. Alderman Larson noted a proclamation asking for the Mayor's signature adopting the National Incident Management System and he so moved. This request was seconded by Alderman Davis. **Motion passed.** Alderman Larson then noted a request to approve the Emergency Operations Plan presented to the Board. Upon completing his report a motion was made and seconded (Larson, DePoy) to authorize the Board of Aldermen President to sign the plan. **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 Count Humane Society, Coin Drop, Oct. 11th from 10-2PM

President Allaire read the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Brodowski) approving the Critter Cash Coin Drop on Saturday, October 11th from 10 – 2PM on Merchants Row. **Motion passed.**

Rescheduled Open Air Picnic; Franklin, Cherry, and Brown Streets August 17, 2-6PM

President Allaire read the request for the rescheduled open air picnic on Cherry St. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the request up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) approving the rescheduled event for Franklin, Cherry, Brown Street picnic for August 17th from 2 – 6PM, pending proof of insurance. **Motion passed.**

Prior to the vote Alderman Donahue questioned why the Cairo Request for serving at the Fair was not on the agenda. The President stated he would look at his request as soon as he has finished this section of the agenda.

Kam Johnston; Abatement Request Parcel ID #540-140-14255

President Allaire noted the request and sought the Board's approval of the committee of Alderman Davis, Allaire and DePoy with Alderman DePoy as Chair and to report back to the Board on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:45 PM. The President waited for the request to be so moved. There was no action from the Board. The President noted the request for action. The Board still did not respond. President Allaire moved on in the agenda.

Pole & Wire Request from GMP

President Allaire noted the earlier approved addition to the agenda of this request and stated a rules suspension would be in order. This request was so moved and seconded (Larson, Davis). **Motion passed.** The President then noted the approval with the seven standard conditions would be in order. This request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). Alderman Humphrey noted her abstention from voting on this request. **Motion passed.**

At this time Alderman Donahue was able to ask about the Cairo request. Clerk Heck explained that their request did not need to come before the Board and had been sent to the Sate for their approval.

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

American Legion Post 31; Request for Outside Consumption

The President read the request for an outside consumption permit. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) authorizing the Clerk to sign. **Motion passed.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Siliski; Referral to Finance Com.: Budget Info. and Fund Description Policies

President Allaire read the request for a referral. Alderman Siliski then briefed the Board on his request to refer two issues to the Finance Committee. The first request was for a budget preparation policy. Alderman Siliski read that policy request and moved to send that request to the Finance Committee. His request was seconded by Alderman Davis. Alderman Davis noted her delight in the referral and hoped that projected revenues would also be included. There was further debate from the Board. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Siliski then moved on to his second request for a Fund Recording Policy. Alderman Siliski reviewed this request in great detail and sought to refer this request to the Finance Committee. The President asked Alderman Siliski to better define the request. Alderman Siliski stated he would like to refer the Fund Recording Policy as described in his formal request to the Board, to the Finance Committee. This motion was seconded by Alderman Davis. There was very brief discussion. **Motion passed.**

At 8:10 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck