

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, July 21, 2014
UNOFFICIAL

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen *Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Brodowski, Larson, Wallstrom, DePoy and Davis. Also present, Mayor Louras, Attorney Romeo and City Clerk Heck. *Alderman Kiernan arrived at 7:08 PM

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Two items were submitted to be added to the agenda, Adjourned BOA Meeting for setting Tax Rate Minutes and a request sent over the weekend by Treasurer Wilton naming her the Post Issuance Compliance officer for NW Neighborhood Sewer Project. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to add both items to the agenda. **Motion passed.**

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (July 7th & 15th, 2014)

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to approve the minutes of the July 7th & 15th meetings. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

No one spoke from outside the rail.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Untable Mayoral Appointments

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to untable all of the Mayoral appointments. **Motion passed.** President Allaire noted three appointments to be untabled.

President Allaire noted a motion to circulate the ballot box for Anthony Romeo for Ward 3 Clerk would be in order. This request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck collected and tabulated the results for President Allaire.

President Allaire noted a motion to circulate the ballot box for Tom Valente for Cemetery Commissioner would be in order. This request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck collected all the votes and presented them to Attorney Romeo.

*Alderman Kiernan Arrives.

President Allaire noted a motion to circulate the ballot box for David Coppock for the City Planning Commission would be in order. This request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck collected all the votes and presented them to Attorney Romeo.

All results of the votes were then read by the President. President Allaire read 9 YES and 0 NO for Anthony Romeo for Ward 3 Clerk. Mr. Romeo is appointed. The President then read 9 YES and 0 NO for Tom Valente for Cemetery Commissioner. Mr. Valente is appointed. President Allaire reads 6 YES and 4 NO, for David Coppock for City Planning Commission. Mr. Coppock is appointed. The President then moved on to the next agenda item.

Recognition of Tree Planting on West Street, Rutland Blooms

Mayor Louras then thanked the City Forester, members of Rutland Blooms and all the sponsors for their vision and hard work on the West Street planting of over 70 flowering crab trees as a gateway to entering the City.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Attorney Romeo; Request for Referral to Charter & Ordinance, Amended Dog Ordinance

Attorney Romeo gave a brief overview of the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to refer the request to the Charter & Ordinance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Chief Schlachter; Request for Referral, Emergency Management Plan

Chief Schlachter reviewed the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to refer the request to Public Safety. **Motion passed.**

Preliminary Fiscal End 2014

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Wallstrom) to receive and place on file the report from the Treasurer. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Wilton; Post Issuance Compliance Officer

President Allaire noted that this request was added earlier and briefly explained the request. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** There was brief debate. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Donahue) to designate the Treasurer as Post issuance Compliance Officer for this Northwest project. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

William Notte; Chair, Charter & Ordinance, Taxi Ordinance

Alderman Notte read his report on instituting a new "Taxi Ordinance". The committee discussed the need for initiating this new ordinance. Attorney Romeo presented a draft with the recommended changes made at the committee meeting as well as fees associated with licensing. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Davis) to approve the adoption of the "Taxi Ordinance" with the noted associated changes and fees. Alderman Notte noted that the draft before the Board included all changes requested. There was brief debate from within the rail. Ken Cormier a local cab owner, brought two other issues he would like to see added to the ordinance. The first being handsfree radio communication and the use of child seats when transporting younger children. The Board debated these request for some time, notably child car seats as handsfree phone use was a law in the State of Vermont. Alderman Wallstrom asked the chair to consider additional language to include car seats. The debate was lengthy. **The original motion as stated by the committee chair and seconded passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Wallstrom, Brodowski) to refer the issue of Child Car seats in Taxi's to the Charter and Ordinance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Dave Wallstrom; Chair, Recreation Committee, Recreation Updates

Alderman Wallstrom provided an updated list as to what remained in his Recreation Committee. Alderman Wallstrom noted that this was his last meeting and wanted to present an up to date list of issue and projects within the recreation department. Alderman Wallstrom noted that his report was for information only.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

HR Committee

President Allaire, Chair of the HR Committee read his report from Thursday July 17th. The Chair noted his committee continued to look at the re-write of the City Personal Manual. The committee chair also noted what approach the committee will take in the process of the re-write. The Chair noted that his report was for information only.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dave Wallstrom; Capitol Improvement Committee

Alderman Wallstrom noted that this was his final report and reviewed the information gathered at his Capitol Improvement Committee. Alderman Wallstrom noted his report was for information only.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Abatement Request; Greg Rollins/Cavacas Associates, 33 Hazel Street

President Allaire read the request from Greg Rollins/Cavacas Associates for an abatement request for 33 Hazel Street. The President asked the Board to approve the Committee of Aldermen Siliski, Brodowski, and Larson, with Alderman Larson as Chair and to report back to the full Board on August 18th at 6:45 PM. This request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Brodowski). **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; Mike O'Malley 5K, 10-11-2014 @ Giorgetti Park

President Allaire presented the request and sought Board action. 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, DePoy) to approve the Special Events Permit for the Mike O'Malley 5K race to benefit Project Vision, held October 11th from 9:30 AM to 2 PM at Giorgetti Park. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; Winter in August, August 12, 2014 5-8PM

President Allaire presented the request and sought Board action. 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, Notte) approving the Special Events Permit for Winter in August, on August 12th from 5 – 8PM on Merchants Row in Downtown Rutland. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request; Feast of the Assumption

President Allaire presented the request and sought Board action. 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, DePoy) approving the Special Events Permit for the Feast of the Assumption Parish picnic to be held August 17th from Noon – 3PM on Convent Ave. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There was no items to come before the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Allaire noted there was no unfinished Business to report.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Dave Wallstrom; Request for Point of Personal Privilege

Alderman Wallstrom used this opportunity to officially resign from the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Wallstrom read a prepared statement and thanked all that he worked with over his time on the Board.

President Allaire acknowledged Alderman Larson who did present an issue of Unfinished Business. Alderman Larson stated that he has been in contact with Chief Baker in regards to the house arrest issue in neighborhoods. Alderman Larson noted that the chief will have data to share with the Board very soon.

Alderman Davis moved to send the issue of the City/Town sewer agreement to the Intermunicipal Committee. This request was seconded by Alderman Notte. **Motion passed.**

At 8:02 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck