CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Members Present; President Allaire, Aldermen Larson, Kiernan, Notte, Romeo, Siliski, Sargeant, Wallstrom, Davis, City Attorney Costello, and City Clerk Heck. Aldermen Robinson and DePoy were absent.

President Allaire Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Thursday Dec. 15, & Monday, Dec. 19, 2011)
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. President Allaire pointed out a date and day change on the December 15th minutes. **Motion Passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL
Christopher Loral of Chittenden came before the Board to discuss the potential of a methadone clinic coming to Rutland. Mr. Loral has worked in the mental health fields for over 9 years and stated that he does not believe that a methadone clinic specifically in Rutland would be a benefit.

He stated that Rutland had enough negative imagery and this clinic would only add to its negative image. Mr. Loral feels that Methadone clinics enable drug addicts, it does not cure them. He stated several examples that he could support a clinic if addicts were to earn their medication.

Alderman Sargeant moved to refer the issue of a proposed methadone clinic to Public Safety Committee. Motion was seconded by Alderman Davis. **Motion passed.**

President Allaire spoke on behalf of Representative Russell about a proclamation on the 250th birthday of the Town of Rutland. Mr. Russell presented Board President Allaire with a plaque signed by the Governor signifying the 250th birthday of the Town of Rutland.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS
Barbara Allen; RRA, Request to Set Public Hearing & Referral to Committee
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to suspend the rules and take the issue up. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to set a public hearing for February 6th at 6:30 PM in regards to the Vermont Community Development Program, (Forest Park) Phase II project. **Motion passed.**

A motion was then made and seconded (Davis, Siliski) to refer the issue of the VCDP Implementation Grant 2011 to the Community and Economic Development Committee. **Motion passed.**

Barbara Allen; RRA, Request to Authorize Mayor to sign Municipal Grant
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up. **Motion passed.**
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to authorize the Mayor to sign. **Motion passed.**

Barbara also informed the Board that Governor Shumlin had just awarded to the City of Rutland a 2012 Transportation Enhancement Award of $126,000 for segment two of the Rutland Creek Path.

Wendy Wilton; Treasurer, November Treasurers Report

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to receive and place on file the November Treasurer's Report. **Motion passed.**

<u>REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES</u>

Sharon Davis; Chair, Charter and Ordinance

Alderman Davis read her report which contained several motions. Her committee met to discuss parking ordinances with specific amendments made to the parking plan.

Alderman Davis first motion was to amend ordinance 5201. She starts by pointing out that handicapped space designation has changed to disability zone designation as stated by the State. She then stated fine violation increases to, overparked at a parking meter from $6.00 to $15.00 second offense from $15.00 to $37.50 and a third, and successive offenses from $20.00 to $50.00. The violations for overparked at a designated time zone increased from $6.00 to $15.00 first offense, second offense $10.00 to $25.00 and third offense from $15.00 to $37.50. The final amendment to this ordinance was a parking violation for the "Amtrak Lot". This violation incurred a $50.00 fine. (See attached amended Ordinance). These amendments were seconded by Alderman Romeo. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis stated that this concluded the changes to the ordinance. She then needed to ratify changes to other parking rates. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to increase the long-term meter rate from .10 per 15 minutes to .25. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to direct the Chief of Police to remove the private ticketing authority of the downtown plaza and to notify Centro, the plaza owner. Motion is to take effect on 2/1/2012. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to re-designate the municipal parking lot at the corner of Wales and Center St. known as the "Pit" as long term parking only. Alderman Siliski stated that he would eventually like to see that corner used as a green space. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Sargeant) to refer the issue of installing appropriate signage to reflect the lot "The Pit" as long term parking to DPW. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to refer the issue of changing the fee coupon in the "pit lot" from $1 to $3 to DPW. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Sargeant) to change the long term parking pass from $16.00 per month to $35.00. These passes can be used at long term parking and long term meters. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Sargeant) to refer the issue of the Amtrak Lot and the necessity to define boundaries, place signage and paint lines, as well as notifying the Police Department when they may start to enforce violations to DPW.

Alderman Davis then stated that the Board would continue to work with the RRA on way-finding signage for the parking garage.

Her report concluded with instructions to DPW to install more parking meters. It included replacing meters removed on Church St (from corner of West St. north up Church) as well as on Wales St. from Washington St. to Strongs Ave. leaving the designated spaces by the Police Department; and on the north side of West St. past Pine St. These meters were removed during road construction, and she so moved. This motion was seconded by Alderman Larson. **Motion passed.**

A final request from the Board was to have DPW and the Police Department report back to the Board of Aldermen when these issues are accomplished.

Sean Sargeant; Chair Public Safety
Alderman Sargeant noted that his committee met to discuss the issue of Police cruisers. He stated that because of the absence of Aldermen Robinson and DePoy and per their request, to be present when the issue was presented to the full Board, he would hold off reporting out his committee report until the next meeting.

<u>REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES</u>
<u>None to Report</u>

<u>REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<u>None to Report</u>

<u>PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION</u>
President Allaire spoke briefly on the abatements presented to the Board. He was looking for guidance from the Board in regards to the fact that 2 of the request did not meet the abatement criteria and could not be heard by the Board. There was brief discussion with the Board resolving to allow present and future Board Presidents and Clerks to only present valid request before the Board of Tax Abatement.

Request for Tax Abatement; Randy Roman 41 Cleveland Ave
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to receive and place on file, as the request did not meet the Boards abatement criteria. **Motion passed.**

Request for Tax Abatement; Dismas House, Parcel 11505
A motion was made and seconded (Romeo, Notte) to receive and place on file, as the request did not meet the Boards abatement criteria. **Motion passed.**

Request for Tax Abatement; Laura Gilman, 141 Harrington Ave
President Allaire was unsure of the criteria in relation to this request, so he asked Attorney Costello his view on the request. The Attorney stated that he felt it did meet lost or destroyed criteria. President Allaire then asked for a motion to approve the committee of Aldermen Notte, Romeo as Chair and Siliski to report back on February 6th at 6:45 PM. This request was moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.**

Special Events Permit, Cairo Shriner 5K Race, May 6th, 2012
As the Board looked to approve the request, there was some concern from Alderman Sargeant in regards to there was no map outlining the course and the applicant was requesting for street closers. A motion to refer the issue to General Committee was made and seconded (Notte, Davis). **Motion passed.**

*A late request for a first class license was presented to the Board and never made the agenda.

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

<u>BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS</u>
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Siliski) to circulate the license for signatures. (SLK Properties, LLC, DBA Sal's Downtown). **Motion passed.**

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

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>
Alderman Notte spoke of a bond issue to be placed on the March ballot that was in his committee and tabled (Public Works Committee). He stated that language was in place to untable that issue and he so moved. Motion was seconded (Siliski) and **Motion passed.** Alderman Notte read the proposed bond question to be placed on the ballot. "Shall bonds of the City of Rutland in an amount not to exceed $2,000,000 be issued to supplement available State and Federal Grants-in-aid and City reserve funds dedicated to financing a multi-year bridge repair and replacement plan?" Alderman Romeo seconded the motion to place the question presented on the March Ballot. Debate ensued as to educating the public on the use of the funds and the States contributions. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis thanked Commissioner Shelvey for the 2012-2013 paving list of streets to be repaved or repaired.

<u>MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS</u>
There were no new items presented.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk