

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, September 17, 2012

Members present: President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Romeo, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Robinson, Sargeant, Wallstrom, DePoy, and Davis, City Attorney Costello and City Clerk Heck.

At 7:00 PM President Allaire called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Tuesday, September 4, 2012)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Police Ceremony; Swearing in of Chief James Baker

A special ceremony was held inside the rail to swear in James Baker, the new City Police Chief. Chief Baker thanked his wife for her continued support and Chief Bossi for his 35 years of public service. The Chief gave a brief overview on his decision to enter into the interview process and his vision for the near future. He gave special thanks and support to the large contingent of sworn and non-sworn personal at the ceremony.

David Tibbs of 69 Jackson Ave. and Larry Dugan of Rutland, spoke on the chloramine issue.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Executive Session; Personnel Issue

The item of executive session was moved to the end of the meeting.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Evan Pilachowski; Commissioner DPW, Water Allocation Request for the Meadows

After a brief review from the Commissioner about the request a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robinson) to refer the issue to the Intermunicipal Committee. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sharon Davis; Chair, Community and Economic Development, Update Watkins School Project

Alderman Davis read her report stating the issue at hand was the discussion of the proposed sale and projected update on the housing project at the Watkins School location. The meeting brought concerns from the neighbors on the proposed project. Alderman Davis stated that the project was to go before the DRB on the 19th and her report was for information only.

Christopher Siliski; Chair, Finance Committee

Alderman Siliski read from three individual issues. He stated that his committee met to discuss the FY 2012 Audit first. This issue reviewed the upcoming audit and the potential of a 50% cost reduction based on the previous past performance of the prior audits. One concern Randal Northrop shared with the committee was on grant reporting and the need to improve on that issue.

Alderman Siliski then moved on to the next issue of the Rutland City Public School short-term bond request. Superintendent Moran was present to answer any question on the issue and to share an outline explaining the school's needs. This report was for information only.

The final report was Treasurer Wilton's request to approve the "Municipal Checklist for Internal Control". A motion was made to approve the internal control checklist and to authorize the Board President to sign. Alderman Siliski so moved to the full Board. Motion was seconded (Davis) and **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to refer the issue of grant study to the Community and Economic development Committee. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

None to report

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were two brief representative reports, one from the Planning Commission and one from the RCSWD. The Planning Commission was a minutes report on the Tremont zoning request, and the closing of the information booth on Main Street. The report from the RCSWD was an update on their previous meeting and their recent clean audit and another local prescription pill gathering was going to take place at the Diamond Run Mall.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Michael Coppinger; Downtown Partnership, Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Michael Coppinger came before the Board in regards to a request for Board approval on a revolving loan to Romeo Family LLC in the amount of \$13,000. Alderman Charles Romeo requisied himself from the issue. A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Sargeant) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, DePoy) to approve the application as outlined in the letter to the Board dated September 17, 2012 from Michael Coppinger. **Motion passed.**

Special Events Permit; Art in the Park, October 5-6 10 -5 PM

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Sargeant) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Sargeant) to approve the Special Events Permit for Art in the Park as stated. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

No items for the Board of Control Commissioners

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Sargeant brought the issue of the tabled appointment of Brendan Collins as alternate to the DRB. A motion was made and seconded (Sargeant, Davis) to untable the nomination. **Motion passed.** President Allaire confirmed the use of the ballot box, this request was so moved (Davis, Wallstrom) **Motion passed.** Clerk Heck circulated the ballot box and presented the ballots to Attorney Costello. There was a brief recess allowing the City Attorney to confirm the vote. The President read the results 10 yes 1 no the **appointment was confirmed** as an alternate to the Development Review Board.

A handout was presented to the Board on the Transit Center Parking Garage Analysis. This report was presented by Desman Associates with outlines of their findings. After a brief debate a motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to refer the issue to the Committee of the Whole, with the Partnership and RRA Director being notified of the Meeting. **Motion passed.**

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

The President asked the Board to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. At 7:58 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Kiernan) to move into executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 8:05 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 8:06 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk