CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, May 2, 2011

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

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

<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (April 18, 2011)</u>
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. **Motion passed.**

President Allaire opened the meeting recognizing Joe Tilden for his 10 years of service as a Rutland City Alderman.

President Allaire also reviewed a resolution prepared by Herb Font-Russell and the City delegation in support of the Western Rail Corridor.

<u>OUTSIDE THE RAIL</u>
Lynn Walsh from RUN spoke about the annual Green up Day, and asked residents to participate in the 41st State wide event. Ms. Walsh also spoke about the Police Commissions next meeting which will be held at Northwest School.

Wendy Wilton spoke about a citizen's health care forum to be held on Wednesday May 18, at 6:30 PM at the Godnick Center.

Tom Heubner of the RRMC spoke in support of the Giorgetti Recreation Bond, citing recreation as one of the three main components for attracting applicants into the area.

Dave Trapeni spoke against the Giorgetti Recreation Bond, stating that the City tax payers can not afford the project at this time.

Joe Giancola spoke in support of the Giorgetti Recreation Bond.

Chuck Piotrowski of Hazel St. spoke of his and his wife's support for the Giorgetti Recreation Bond, stating they move to Rutland specifically for recreation opportunities.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR</u>
Mayor Louras asked the Board to enter into a contract with Corettes and Associates as the City Auditor for the next three years. He stated that they have been the recent auditors and were the low bidder.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robinson) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for auditing services. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Louras spoke briefly on the earlier comment of the Courcelle Brothers facility being a recreation building. He stated that it was not capable of being a recreation facility and wanted the Board and viewers at home to understand its purpose was a maintenance facility.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Chief Schlachter asked the Board to approve the Basic Emergency Operations Plan. He stated the plans purpose and commented that the plan could be approved as stated with the addition of RAVNAH who was accidently left out.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to approve the request of the Basic Emergency Operations Plan as amended. Debate. There was brief discussion on the amount of materials contained within the document and the brief period of time given to review it. A question was asked about the time sensitivity of the approval. **Motion passed.** A motion was then made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to refer the issue to Public Safety Committee to further review the document. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Wilton gave a brief report on her earlier presented 3rd Qtr. Report; these are the highlights of her report.

- General Fund revenues are 74.3% after adjusting for tax revenue actually received by the end of March; expenses are 73.75%, both very close to YTD target of 75%
- Water and Sewer bills went out before end of March and are included in revenues for each fund.
- Water Fund, revenues 76.51% YTD, but includes standby water billing; expenses are 45.5%, but significant debt payments will occur in May & June
- Sewer Fund revenues 79%, expenses 68%
- Both Water and Sewer Funds have cash and that is a positive trend.

2. The reason the water fund has significant cash now (a question asked by Alderman Sargeant) is that after the financing of the WTP roof repairs, the receipt of the settlement, and the refinancing of the CEN there were significant due to/due from, between Water Fund and General Fund to reconcile, in addition to a reduction in WF debt service.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sharon Davis; Community and Economic Development

President Allaire asked to hold this committee report to the end of the meeting as the Board may need to enter into executive session.

Alderman Robinson gave a brief report from his General Committee meeting from April 26th. The meeting was on Capital planning and how the committee was moving forward.

Alderman Sargeant gave a brief update from Public Safety Committee on the relocation of the Division of Fire Safety Department. He stated that there was the introductions of Bill 446 from House member Peg Flory to have the Department of Safety prepare a study on the proposed relocation of the Division of Fire Safety from Rutland to Ludlow.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

None to Report

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Charles Romeo; Planning Commission

Alderman Romeo gave a detailed review from the April meeting of the Planning Commission. He spoke about the Regional Plan and actions on updating. He spoke of a CVPS initiative of Smart Power Metering starting in the fall of 2011. He stated that CVPS was looking to monitor usage. Alderman Romeo also spoke about the Commissioners meeting with Vermont Telecom Authority. The issue was about Broadband coverage through out the State.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Special Events Request; Farmers Market Parade, May 14, 2011

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to approve the request for the Farmers Market Parade from Wales St. to Depot Park on May 14th from 10 AM to 10:30 AM. **Motion passed.**

Special Events Request; Downtown Farmers Market, 5-7 thru 10-29

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to approve the request of the Downtown Farmers Market from May 7 thru October 29, 2011, from 10 AM to 2PM. **Motion passed.**

Sidewalk use Application; Sandwich Shoppe

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Romeo) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Romeo) to approve the request for a sidewalk permit, permitting tables and food consumption. **Motion passed.**

Special Events Request; Walk to End Alzheimers, Sept.10, 2011

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett) to approve the request of the application for a Walk to end Alzheimers on September 10th, 2011. **Motion passed.**

Special Events Request; 35th Annual Crowley Brothers Road Race, June 11 & 12

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett) to approve the request for June 12th. Debate followed with Alderman Notte questioning the June 11th events and the fact it was left out of the motion. Alderman Robinson corrected his motion to include all events listed on the application.

Alderman Larson questioned the fact that there would be a street closing from Saturday evening through Sunday afternoon. Michael Coppinger from the Partnership also voiced his concern. There was a great deal of debate at which time there was no representative from the event to answer questions.

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Wallstrom) to refer the issue to General Committee, to meet with representatives of the race to get questions concerning the Board answered. **Motion passed.**

President Allaire then moved on to a Special Events Request that was given to the Board that evening. The request was for the Memorial Day Service on May 30, 2011 at the West St. Cemetery, from 10 AM to 1 PM.
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to approve the Memorial Day Service request on May 30 from 10 AM to 1PM at the West St. Cemetery. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

None to Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to Report

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

As President Allaire was going to move on to Alderman Davis's Committee report, Alderman DePoy pointed out the arrival of a representative from the Crowley Road Race. President Allaire stated that based on the changes to the application this year and with no one from the organization to answer questions the Board had referred the issue to General Committee.
Paula Lannon spoke about the proposed changes, and answered questions pertaining to the Boards concerns. Alderman Larson was very concerned about the notification of area businesses of the road closing. The representative stated that her organization would notify and rectify all concerns of the Board.
A motion was made and seconded (Romeo, Notte) to reconsider the original motion to refer. After further debate, Alderman Romeo called the question and with a second from Alderman Barrett the reconsideration **Motion passed.**
A motion was then made and seconded (Romeo, Barrett) to approve the original Application for the 35th Annual Crowley Road Race to be held on June 11th and 12th 2011. Again after some questions were answered about the race route and the closing of streets the **Motion passed.**
At 8:26 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to move into executive session to discuss real estate options where premature or general knowledge could

place the City at a substantial disadvantage. The Board also stipulated that Mark Foley Jr. and Michael Coppinger remain in Chambers. **Motion passed.**

At 9:06 PM a motion was made and seconded (Notte, Sargeant) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to authorize the Mayor to sign, enter into a lease/ purchase agreement as presented in executive session. (This agreement pertained to the Cottage St. parking lot and the entities were Mark Foley Jr. and the City of Rutland). **Motion passed.**

At 9:07 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk