

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, May 16, 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

**The first 13:42 of the meeting did not record, the patch from Peg TV failed. The Clerk has tried to gather as much information on the issues discussed outside the rail portion of the meeting as possible.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (May 2, 2011)

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to approve the minutes. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Peter Fagan was the first person to speak from outside the rail; he wanted the Board and public to be aware of the upcoming meeting on the Health Care Bill.

Susan Schreibman Spoke on several issues, one of those was a request for the Board President to sign the Way to go Challenge letter. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to authorize the President to sign. **Motion passed.**

Mike Coppinger brought two issues to the Board. The First was to update the Criteria for coin drops. Mike asked the Board to add Saturday as the day to hold coin drops. He stated that the Board only approved Saturdays yet it was not one of the criteria's stated in the outline. A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Barrett) to add Saturday as set criteria for coin drops. **Motion passed.**

The other issue Mike spoke of was in regards to the hanging of banners downtown. He stated designated locations and how and who to see if someone was looking to hang a banner. He stated that the Board had made and passed a motion on a specific ordinance detailing that information. The Banner Ordinance was never enacted as the previous City Attorney never completed the necessary outline for new ordinances. The present Board asked City Attorney Costello to complete their previous request of updating the Banner Ordinance.

Treasurer Wilton updated the Board on the next Pension Board meeting to be held on Tuesday May, 31 at 6 PM in the Longfellow School.

John Mattison addressed the Board and apologized for “using such unkind words” when he was quoted by the Rutland Herald after the Giorgetti Bond vote on Tuesday May 10. He stated that he was caught up in the moment.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Rutland Housing Authority Appointments. Mayor Louras stated that he thought he was going to need to bring some Housing Authority appointments before the Board but after speaking with Kevin Loso and Kevin Markowski and upon City Attorney Costello further investigating Charter and State Statue he was not needing to do so at this time.

Mayor Louras also brought the Board up to date on the Dorr Dr. Bridge closing over the weekend. Mayor Louras stated that engineers from the State were in town today looking at the situation and cleared the bridge to be reopened. He stated brief history of the bridge at Dorr Drive and Ripley Road and conveyed the frustration at the length of time it has and continues to take to get the bridge replaced. There was brief discussion from Aldermen especially Alderman Larson stating the need to post weight requirements well before the bridge so trucks could take the appropriate measures to find alternate routes.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Barbara Allen; RRA, Transportation Enhancement Grant

Susan Schreibman spoke for Barbara Allen who was not present. Susan stated that the RRA was looking for the Board to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent for another Enhancement Grant for phase 2 of the Creek Path project. She updated the Board on the phase one portion and stated the process moving into phase 2. A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Romeo) to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Ed Larson; Finance Committee

Alderman Larson read his report stating his committee met to discuss several issues. The first involved Grant Reporting Mechanisms. He stated that the Mayor and Department Heads detailed how they reported Grants; he also stated that Treasurer Wilton was looking for increased protocol.

Alderman Davis stated a motion for a policy that all Department Heads be required to file reports with the Treasurer at the start of the Grant, at the time of the Grant reimbursement activity, at the end of the fiscal year, and at the closing of the Grant. Alderman Larson said the motion passed at committee level and he so moved the policy to the full Board with Attorney Costello drafting the policy. Debate.

There was brief debate with Alderman Robinson asking if the motion was just to have language drafted and brought back to the full Board and Alderman Notte asked what the enforcement mechanism would be. There was further debate on the policy and if there was a need for more specific criteria. After this debate, the **Motion passed.**

The next issue discussed involved safe guarding City assets, specifically fuel cards and their policies. The committee felt it was a management issue to inform employees on the policy and at that time no further involvement from the committee was necessary.

The next issue was on a independent risk analysis and the Treasurer coming back to committee with a check list of needs and cost to perform such analysis.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

None to Report

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

None to Report

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Michael Coppinger; Special Events Permit; Friday Night Live

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

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robinson) to approve the request for a Special Events Permit, for Friday Night Live open air market from June 24, to August 12, 6-10 PM. President Allaire reread the motion and stated that the event would exclude July 1, **Motion passed.**

Michael Coppinger; Special Events Permit; Sidewalk Sale Days

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robinson) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to approve the request for Sidewalk Sale Days for shopping and Dining throughout Downtown Rutland on Saturday July 29th and Sunday July 30th from 9 AM until 10 PM. **Motion passed.**

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Outside Consumption Request; K of C, June 11 & 12

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to authorize the Clerk to sign the outside consumption request. Alderman Romeo abstained from voting. **Motion passed.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to Report

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

At 8:56 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Robinson) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk