CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, June 6, 2011

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Larson, Barrett, Notte, Kiernan, Robinson, Sargeant, Wallstrom, DePoy & Davis. City Attorney Costello and Deputy Clerk Susan Clark. Alderman Romeo was absent.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (May 16, 2011)
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to approve the previous minutes. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL
A group of students representing the Rutland Isahadori Student Exchange presented a check to the City in the amount of $1,816.37 to be deposited in the Hanamaki Relief Fund.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
Mayor Louras stated that he was presenting the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget to the Board for their review. There was a $106,000 reduction from the previous budget. After brief debate, a motion was made and seconded (Notte, Barrett) to refer the budget to the Public Works Committee. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Louras also informed the Board for his intent to close the Dana Recreation Building on June 10th, 2011. The Mayor stated the need to upgrade the fire sprinkler system to meet State code and the cost to do so is just too great. The Mayor stated operational moves utilizing Godnick and potentially the Courcelle Brothers facility. There was a lot of concern to programs and revenues generated by those programs from inside the rail. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to refer the issue of present and future recreation center to the Recreation Committee. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS
Jim Simonds Building & Zoning; Act 250 Notification for Panara Bread
A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Davis) to receive and file the act 250 permit notification. **Motion passed.**

City Attorney Costello; Banner Ordinance
Attorney Costello addressed the Ordinance change proposed in 2003. He requested the issue be referred. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Robinson) to refer the issue to the Charter & Ordinance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Shelvey; Proposed Water & Sewer Budgets and Rate Study for FY 2011-2012
This issue was addressed and referred to Public Works Committee outside the rail during Communications from the Mayor.

Treasurer Wilton; April Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Wilton reviewed all information pertaining to cash receipts and over due accounts, specifically Rutland Town accounts in water and sewer.

Treasurer Wilton; Parking ticket amnesty program follow up

Treasurer Wilton stated that only a few individuals took advantage of the amnesty program. She recommended any outstanding ticket seven (7) years old or older be written off. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Sargeant) to refer the issue to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Wilton; Accounts Receivable review, policy & procedure
Treasurer Wilton stated that there were $62,256.41 in uncollected receivables and asked for a referral to Finance Committee to discuss how to handle them. Treasurer Wilton also voiced her concern over the large amounts of insufficient fund charges from bad checks and stated that her office may need to obtain hardware for check verification prior to accepting checks. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Barrett) to refer the issues to the Finance Committee. Alderman Larson stated that he is Chair of Finance and may need to differ to his co-chair as issues may relate to retirement issues dealing with retired City employees and he is a retired City employee. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Wilton; Pension Valuation
Tracy Braun explained to the Board about actuarial valuation from the past three years noting issues that are concerning to the over all heath of the City of Rutland employee retirement system. There were numerous questions from Alderman. Treasurer Wilton provided handouts containing historical information pertaining to the pension.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Alderman Sargeant reported out on Public Safety Committee. His report regarded the Basic Emergency Operations Plan that had been previously approved by the Board on May 2, 2011. His report was for information only.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES
None to Report

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES
None to report

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION
Abatement Request; Dharam Hospitality 256 South Main Street
President Allaire stated that the request presented to the Board was for the waiver of penalties and late fees. President Allaire stated that the Board was unable to grant the request based on criteria set by the Board of abatement. Alderman Notte asked for the City Clerk to send a letter stating the ineligibility of the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to place the request on file after notifying the requestor of the Boards inability to abate. **Motion passed.**

Special Event Permit Request; "Buddy Walk"; Down Right Special of Rutland County
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to suspend the rules. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to approve the request of the Special Events Permit for the Buddy Walk to be held on Saturday October 1, 2011 from 9 AM - 3 PM in the Main Street Park. **Motion passed.**

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS
Outside Consumption Permit Request for Friday Night Live; Downtown Tavern 42 Center Str.
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to authorize the Clerk to sign the request. **Motion passed.**
Outside Consumption Permit Request for Friday Night Live; Last Call 58 Center Street
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to authorize the Clerk to sign the request. **Motion passed.**

New First Class Liquor License Request; Kelvans 128 Merchants Row
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to circulate the license for signatures. **Motion passed.**

New Outside Consumption Permit Request; Kelvans 128 Merchants Row
A motion was made and seconded (Barrett, Notte) to authorize the Clerk to sign the request. **Motion passed.** Alderman Notte spoke briefly on the time scheduled for outside consumption from the previous owner (Tapas) until 2AM versus the new request only asking until 11PM he felt it may help resolve past issues of noise complaints.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Robinson spoke on the issue involving the Downtown Partnership and RRA potentially finding funds to conduct a comprehensive parking study. Alderman Robinson said it had been several months since the discussion began and there had been no action since that meeting. There was a fair amount of debate from several Board members. No action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to refer the issue of the Revolving Loan Fund to the Community and Economic Development Committee. **Motion passed.**

President Allaire spoke on two issues; the first was an announcement from the Library Trustees in regards to a meeting on strategic plans for the library, to be held on June 14th.

The second issue President Allaire gave a brief report on the joint meeting between the Board and the Police Commission, in regards to their meeting on drugs within the City. He stated a mutual direction both parties felt would benefit the City and stated that they looked forward to working on this and others issues.

At 8:30 PM a motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Notte) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk