

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, November 1, 2010

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Dress, Barrett, Notte, Larson, Tilden, Robinson, Sargeant, Coleman, DePoy, and Davis. City Attorney Costello and City Clerk Heck.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Monday, October 18, 2010)

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) to approve the minutes. Alderman Robinson abstained as he was not present at that meeting. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Lynn Walsh of RUN stated that there would be a meeting of the Southeast section of the City at Dana school on November 8, at 6PM with the Police Commission. A series of meetings involving the Police Commissions at various locations around the City will take place over the next several months.

Shawn Pemrick of 49 Evergreen Ave here in the City spoke on the issue referred to Charter and Ordinance Committee of retroactive billing and when the City would have an answer to the question if retroactive billing was legal.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Louras distributed the 2011 budget stating that the budget was down 2.26% from last year. The Mayor highlighted the budget and pointed out the areas that were reduced from the 2010 budget. There were several questions from the Board. President Allaire stated that the Board should start reviewing the budget ASAP as there is a great deal of work involved.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Evan Pilachowski; City Engineer, Storm water Impaired Waters Restoration Fund

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

A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) to circulate the application for signatures. **Motion passed.**

Wendy Wilton; Treasurer, Employee Credit Cards

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

A motion was made and seconded (Coleman, Notte) to authorize the Clerk to sign the request.

Alderman Coleman asked for a friendly amendment to the request asking that all receipts be collected and stapled to the statement and that statements be verified by the department head before the bill is paid. The seconder agreed to the amendment. **Motion passed.**

Andrew Costello; City Attorney, Request for Executive Session

1) *Civil Action*

2) *Negotiating or Purchase of Real Estate Purchase Options*

President Allaire asked for a motion to move the executive sessions to the end of the meeting. Alderman Tilden so moved and seconded by Alderman Notte. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sharon Davis; Chair Community and Economic Development, RRA Reorganization

Alderman Davis read her reports on reorganization of the RRA. She stated the history of the RRA and their responsibilities. She mentioned blighted properties and growing the Grand list. The committee

discussed the option of dissolving the organization. The final recommendation from the committee was to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the RRA. Debate. Alderman Tilden opposed the recommendation. Several others supported the motion. Ruth Ellen Weston of Church St. voiced her concerns and support. Shawn Pemrick questioned how the position was going to be funded, and why would the Board support a position not knowing how it would be funded. After further debate, Alderman Larson asked for a roll call vote, President Allaire asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Davis	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Coleman	YES	
Alderman Sargeant	YES	
Alderman Robinson	YES	
Alderman Tilden		NO
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Barrett	YES	
Alderman Dress	YES	

Motion passed. Alderman Davis stated that the issue was to remain in committee.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

None to Report

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderman Sargeant reported out on the DRB hearing in regards to the new CCV College relocation project on West St. He stated that the Review Board passed (3-1) the application. He detailed the demolition and stated that there would be no increase to storm water run off, a concern of the City's. He spoke of a parking agreement with the Transit Center and the college's commitment to pay the property taxes even though they are a non-profit. The last part of the report stated that the church that is to be demolished as part of the project, will be dismantled in such a way to be used in the project. The report was for information only.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

None

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Last Call; Request for Entertainment License

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to authorize the Clerk to sign. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Barrett) 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 8:22 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Coleman) to move into executive session to discuss civil action where premature or general public knowledge would place the City at a substantial disadvantage. **Motion passed.**

At 9:23 PM a motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Tilden) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 9:24 PM a motion was made and seconded (Sargeant, Robinson) to move into executive session to discuss negotiating or purchase of real estate purchase options where premature or general public knowledge would place the City at a substantial disadvantage. **Motion passed.**

At 9:53 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Tilden) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 9:54 PM a motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Dress) to move into executive session to discuss contract negotiations where premature or general public knowledge would place the City at a substantial disadvantage. **Motion passed.**

At 10:17 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Tilden) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 10:18 pm a motion was made and seconded (Coleman, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk