

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, June 21, 2010

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Dress, Barrett, Notte, Larson, Tilden, Robinson, Sargeant, Coleman, DePoy* (Arrived 7:16 PM). City Attorney Costello and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Davis was absent.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Monday, June 7, 2010)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

William "JR" Bullock stated to the Board that he was involved with a large project on Stratton Rd. He commented that when he spoke with Engineer Pilachowski he was unaware of an allocation fee for sewer. JR wanted to see if the Board would waive that fee. A motion was made and seconded (Sargeant, Notte) to send the issue to Public Works Committee. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None to Report

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Wendy Wilton, Treasurer;

1) Approval of Stafford Tech Ctr. Bond

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

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Barrett) to approve the note, and circulate for signatures as well as authorizing any other needed signatures. Motion passed.

2) Allen ST. Grant Revenues Interfund Transfer Request

Treasurer Wilton stated that the City was due a reimbursement on the Allen St. project. With material cost slightly lower than estimated the City will see additional Grant revenues in the amount of \$17,165.16. Of these funds \$11,654.24 is revenue to General Fund to reimburse streets and catch basins. Her specific request is to allocate these additional General Fund revenues to the Crescent and West Street projects and to transfer \$11,654.24 in grant revenue from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. A motion to suspend the rules was made and seconded (Notte, Larson). Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Larson) to approve Treasurer Wilton's request. Motion passed.

3) Treasurer's Report (Sent by Email)

Treasurer Wilton stated that the report was emailed to most Alderman and delivered to Aldermen Tilden, and Coleman. The report was for information only.

4) Pension/OPEB Presentation

Treasurer Wilton gave an in depth review of the City of Rutland's Pension and OPEB Plan. The Power Point presentation illustrated realities and solutions for the future success of these plans. The paper presentation is on file in the Clerk's Office.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Dave Dress; Chair Charter and Ordinance

At 7:08 PM Alderman Dress asked to move his report up as a member in the audience was present to speak on the committee's issue. Alderman Dress read his report and asked for a motion stating the negative vote on the request for a Charter Change on the selections process for replacing Aldermen. There was brief debate as to the motion and a reason for a vote on a negative action. Beth Barra spoke again on the issue stating her concerns with the current process. The Board debated the issue and expressed their views. A motion was made and seconded

(Dress, Notte) to approve a Charter Change to reflect Ms. Barra's language for appointments. A roll call vote was requested. The clerk called the roll.

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

The motion failed to garner enough votes to request a Charter Change. Motion failed.

The second portion of the meeting discussed Charter language that limited action the BOA had in the budget process. A motion to meet with the City Attorney to discuss Charter Change language was made and seconded (Dress, Barrett). Motion passed.

Dave Dress; Chair Charter and Ordinance, Form of Govt.

Alderman Dress read his report. The committee spent this meeting finalizing the structure of its vision of city government. The committee also asked Chair Dress to request time from the Board President to have both government committees present there concepts to the full Board. President Allaire stated that he would look into the request.

William Notte; Vice-Chair General Committee

Alderman Notte read his report. He stated that the committee met to discuss the request of David Boynton for an entertainment permit for the Village Snack Bar. After answering questions that concerned the committee, a motion was made and seconded (Notte, Robinson) to approve the request. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

None to Report

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderman Robinson gave a detailed report on developments with the Downtown Partnership with aid from the RRA on a Grant to study traffic in the downtown area. He spoke on the downtown designation criteria and its benefits to the City. He also reported on the Downtown Partnership website and its function to help promote downtown. The cost was approximately \$6,000 and Alderman Robinson prompted the partnership to request funds from the Zamias Fund. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, DePoy) to send the issue to Community and Economic Development Committee. Motion passed.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

At 7:25 PM President Allaire moved the issue of a water allocation request from SMMA to this portion of the agenda. The request needed to be heard ASAP. The City Engineer had approved the request. A motion to suspend the rules was made and seconded (Tilden, Notte). Motion passed. The President asked for a motion approving the request. Alderman Tilden so moved and Alderman Notte seconded. There was brief debate. Motion passed.

Special Events Permit; Neighborhood Block Party, August 7, 2010, 1 to 6 PM

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

A motion was made and seconded (Tilden, Larson) to approve the request of the United Methodist Church. Motion passed.

Special Events Permit; Assumption Festival, August 15, 2010

A motion was made and seconded (Tilden, Notte) to suspend the rules. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Larson) to approve the request. Motion passed.

Abatement Request; Patricia Light, 106 Robbins Street

President Allaire asked for a motion to assign the committee of Aldermen Robinson, Sargeant and Coleman with Alderman Coleman as chair to report back to the full Board on August 2, 2010 at 6:45PM. The motion was moved and seconded (Notte, Barrett). Motion Passed. Alderman Larson voted no.

Abatement Request; Gordon Spaulding, 90 Grove Street

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Sabby's; Outside Consumption Request; Friday Night Live and Ethnic Festival

A motion was made and seconded (Dress, Barrett) to authorize the Clerk to sign the request. Motion passed.

Downtown Tavern; Outside Consumption Request, Friday Night Live and Killington Classic Event

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, DePoy) to authorize the Clerk to sign the request. There was brief debate on an insurance rider. Motion passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to Report

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

President Allaire stated that he had requested a short executive session with the City Attorney. There was a brief update from Alderman Notte on the upcoming Friday Night Live. With no other issues a motion was made and seconded (Notte, Larson) to move into executive to discuss personal issues and pending litigation where general or premature knowledge would place the City at a substantial disadvantage. Motion passed.

At 8:43 PM the Board moved into executive session.

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

At 9:24 PM a motion to adjourn to a time certain of Monday June 28th, 2010 at 6PM was made and seconded (Notte, Robinson). Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Heck

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk