



GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024
City Hall, Lamontagne Conference Room - 1st Floor

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Committee Members Present: Alderman Adams, Alderman Barbagallo, Alderwoman Savage, Alderwoman Tadio.

Others Present: Mayor Doenges, Tyler Richardson, Human Resources Director Ellen Coyle, Building Inspector Mark Sadakierski, Gordon Dritschillo of the Rutland Herald, Legal Intern Kat Alvarez Rios, Board President Talbott, Alderman McCann, Alderman Whitcomb, Alderman Gillam, Alderwoman McClure, Alderwoman Davis, Devon Neary of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, City Attorney Megan LaChance, City Treasurer Mary Markowski, City Assessor Katie Langlois, City Clerk Tracy Kapusta.

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

1) Community Development

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to level fund Community Development at 240,000 and motion passed 4-0.

2) Legislative Budget

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to fund the Legislative Budget of 32,475.74 and motion passed 4-0

3) Clerk Budget

Clerk Kapusta presented the proposed budget.

Alderman Barbagallo motioned to approve the City Clerk budget in the amount of 515,256.61 and motion passed 4-0.

4) Elections Budget

Clerk Kapusta presented the budget as proposed.

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to approve elections budget in amount of 17,048 and motion passed 4-0

5) Executive Budget

Mayor Doenges presented the budget as proposed.

Alderman Talbott suggested making a cut for annual report printing to 2,000 from 4,000. Agreed to by Mayor Doenges and updated.

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to approve executive budget in amount of 232,527 and motion passed 4-0.

6) Human Resources

HR Director Ellen Coyle presented the department budget as proposed.

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to approve the HR budget in the amount of 118,523.80 and motion passed 4-0.

7) Attorney's Budget

City Attorney Megan LaChance presented the department budget as proposed.

Attorney LaChance noted the addition of an Assistant City Attorney causing a large jump in the budget.

Alderwoman Davis noted finding legal help with municipal experience would be difficult and that it may be beneficial to outsource more work instead of less. Additionally, she noted, Rutland is one of only three municipalities in the state with inside legal counsel.

Attorney LaChance indicated the feedback she has received is that municipalities without access to counsel often operate without legal advice due to lack of access to it.

A discussion ensued regarding the future balance of funding internally versus externally, and it was agreed that the discussion should continue as a separate subject in another meeting.

Alderwoman Savage motioned to approve the attorney's office budget, without CAIR, in the amount of 342,492.46 and motion passed 4-0.

Alderwoman Savage motioned to approve total CAIR budget of 500 and motion passed 4-0.

Alderwoman Savage motioned to approve total City Attorney budget, including CAIR, of 342,992.46 and motion passed 4-0.

8) Assessor Budget

City Assessor presented the budget as proposed.

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to approve the City Assessor budget in the amount of 182,412.69 and motion passed 4-0.

9) Building & Zoning Budget

Mark Sadakierski presented the department budget as proposed.

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to approve Building budget of 364,967.25 and motion passed 4-0.

Alderwoman Savage motioned to approve Zoning and Planning budget of 336,077.50 and motion passed 4-0.

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to approve total Zoning, Planning, and Building budget of 701,044.76 and motion passed 4-0.

10) Government Buildings Budget

Mayor Doenges presented the budget as proposed.

Alderman Barbagallo motioned to approve Government Buildings Budget in the amount of 556,725 and motion passed 4-0

11) General Fund Miscellaneous Budget

Mayor Doenges presented the budget as proposed.

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to approve the General Fund Miscellaneous Budget in the amount of 380,284 and motion passed 4-0.

Alderwoman Tadio motioned to approve the total General Fund with Library for 1,259,676 and motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.