

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Tuesday, December 30, 2025

FY 2027 Budget Committee Minutes

Members present; President Allaire; Aldermen Adams, Cupoli, Clifford, Tadio, Talbott, Gillam, McClure, Whitcomb, Donahue, and Davis. Also in attendance were Mayor Doenges, Treasurer Markowski, Superintendent Cioffi, Chief Lovett, Commander Whitehead, Chief Prouty, Commissioner Protivansky, Lynne Holmquist, Kelsie Boudreau, Melissa Hoover-Brown, Ellen Coyle, Desarie Stone-Feliciano, Clerk Kapusta, Ed Bove, Sean Adkins, Tyler Dahlin, Pat Brougham, Scott Mangan, and Katie Langlois.

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Doenges opened the meeting with a brief statement.

President Allaire stated that suspending the rules would be done once to cover all motions. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gillam) to suspend the rules. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, McClure) to accept the updated budget from the Mayor dated December 30, 2025. Motion passed. This allows the Board to use the new budget as a starting point, without going line by line through the committee reports as those changes are included in the Mayor's Proposed Budget date December 30, 2025. The following committee reports will still need to be read and voted on: DPW Water; DPW Wastewater; and Parking.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Clifford) to receive and file the budget committee reports for Public Works dated December 11, 2025, Finance Committee dated December 8, 2025, General Committee dated December 4, 2025, Library/Recreation dated December 9, 2025, and Public Safety dated December 16, 2025. Motion passed.

Rutland Free Library Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Rutland Free Library budget for department 100-7-80-90 in the amount of \$910,200.00. So moved and seconded (Davis, McClure). Motion passed.

Mayor Doenges announced that the Library will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Community Development Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Community Development budget for department 100-7-10-00 in the amount of \$259,584.00. So moved and seconded (Talbott, McClure). Motion passed.

Legislative Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Legislative budget for department 100-7-11-00 in the amount of \$33,774.77. So moved and seconded (Davis, Tadio). Motion passed. Alderman Gillam voted no.

Clerk Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Clerk's budget for department 100-7-12-00 in the amount of \$513,365.70. So moved and seconded (Tadio, Davis). Motion passed.

Executive Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Executive budget for department 100-7-13-00 in the amount of \$133,867.70. So moved and seconded (Tadio, Davis). Motion passed. Alderman Talbott voted no.

Human Resources Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Human Resources budget for department 100-7-13-50 in the amount of \$129,002.46. So moved and seconded (Adams, Talbott). Motion passed.

Elections Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Elections budget for department 100-7-14-00 in the amount of \$36,180.50. So moved and seconded (Tadio, Talbott). Motion passed.

Treasurer's Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Treasurer's Office budget for department 100-7-15-00 in the amount of \$720,686.78. Motion passed.

Attorney's Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Attorney's Office budget for department 100-7-16-00 in the amount of \$316,582.68. So moved and seconded (Davis, Tadio). Motion passed.

CAIR Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 CAIR Committee budget for department 100-7-16-01 in the amount of \$500.00. So moved and seconded (Tadio, Adams). Motion passed.

Motion to approve the FY27 Total Attorney's Office budget for department 100-7-16 in the amount of \$317,082.68. So moved and seconded (Tadio, Cupoli). Motion passed.

Assessor's Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Assessor budget for department 100-7-17-00 in the amount of \$203,841.24. So moved and seconded (Davis, Talbott). Motion passed.

Building Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Building budget for department 100-7-18-00 in the amount of \$369,265.29. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Adams). Motion passed.

Planning and Zoning Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Planning and Zoning budget for department 100-7-18-50 in the amount of \$367,473.55. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Tadio). Motion passed.

Government Buildings Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Government Buildings budget for department 100-7-19-00 in the amount of \$525,145.77. So moved and seconded (Davis, Tadio). Motion passed.

Rutland City Police Department Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Police Department budget for department 100-7-20-00 in the amount of \$8,447,371.53. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Tadio). There was a brief discussion. Motion passed. Alderman Clifford voted no.

Rutland City Fire Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Fire Department budget for department 100-7-22-00 in the amount of \$4,628,606.14. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Tadio). Motion passed.

DPW Admin Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 DPW Administration budget for department 100-7-30-10 in the amount of \$1,281,893.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Tadio). Motion passed.

DPW Streets Division Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 DPW Streets budget for department 100-7-30-20 in the amount of \$2,533,856.00. So moved and seconded (Davis, Tadio). There was a brief discussion. Motion passed. Alderman Talbott voted no.

DPW Traffic and Street Lights Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 DPW Traffic and Street Lights budget for department 100-7-30-40 in the amount of \$443,000.00. So moved and seconded (Adams, Tadio). Motion passed.

DPW Vehicle Maintenance Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 DPW Vehicle Maintenance budget for department 100-7-30-50 in the amount of \$794,733.00. So moved and seconded (Cupoli, Adams). Motion passed.

Storm Water Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Storm Water budget for department 100-7-30-60 in the amount of \$74,500.00. So moved and seconded (Adams, Davis). Motion passed.

Motion to approve the FY27 Full DPW budget for department 100-7-30 in the amount of \$5,127,982.00. So moved and seconded (Davis, Adams). Motion passed. Alderman Donahue voted no.

Recreation Admin Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Recreation Administration budget for department 100-7-60-10 in the amount of \$704,749.02. So moved and seconded (Tadio, Davis). Motion passed.

Recreation Giorgetti Park Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Recreation Giorgetti Park budget for department 100-7-60-20 in the amount of \$106,168.57. So moved and seconded (Davis, Tadio). Motion passed.

Recreation Godnick Center Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Recreation Godnick Center budget for department 100-7-60-30 in the amount of \$17,282.93. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Clifford). Motion passed.

Recreation White Park Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Recreation White Park budget for department 100-7-60-40 in the amount of \$175,329.10. So moved and seconded (Davis, Talbott). Motion passed.

Rutland Recreation Community Center Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Recreation Community Center budget for department 100-7-60-45 in the amount of \$214,071.00. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Clifford). Motion passed.

Recreation Maintenance Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Recreation Maintenance budget for department 100-7-60-50 in the amount of \$1,116,007.64. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Clifford). Motion passed.

Recreation Programs Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Recreation Programs budget for department 100-7-60-60 in the amount of \$441,102.16. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Davis). Motion passed.

Motion to approve the FY27 Total Recreation and Parks budget for department 100-7-60 in the amount of \$2,774,710.41. Motion passed.

General Fund Miscellaneous Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 General Fund Miscellaneous budget for department 100-7-80-00 in the amount of \$385,866.40. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Tadio). Motion passed.

Pension Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Employer Contributions budget for department 100-7-97-00 in the amount of \$1,161,087.41. So moved and seconded (Cupoli, Talbott). Motion passed. Alderman Clifford disclosed that he a member of the pension.

Transfers-Out-PD, Fire, Rec. DPW

Motion to approve the FY27 Transfers Out budget for department 100-7-99-00 in the amount of \$445,000.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, McClure). Motion passed.

Motion to approve the FY27 Total Expenditures budget in the amount of \$27,490,094.33. So moved and seconded (Talbott, McClure). There was a brief discussion. Motion passed. Aldermen Clifford, Cupoli, and Talbott voted no.

Parking Meter Fund Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Parking Meter Fund budget for department 620-7-21-00 in the amount of \$113,100.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Talbott). There was a brief discussion. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Parking Meter Fund Transfers Out in the amount of \$15,000.00. So moved and seconded (Talbott, Adams). Motion passed.

Motion to approve the FY27 Parking Meter Fund for department 620-7-21-00 in the amount of \$128,100.00. So moved and seconded (Davis, Tadio). Motion passed.

Water Fund Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Total DPW Water Treatment budget for department 600-7-32-00 as presented in the amount of \$929,393.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Davis). Motion passed.

Water Fund Distribution Budget

Motion to cut line item 600-7-34-00-120-00 Seasonal Employee from \$725.00 to \$0.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Davis). Motion passed.

Motion to approve the FY27 Total DPW Water Distribution budget 600-7-34-00 as amended in the amount of \$852,998.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Talbott). Motion passed.

Water Meter Budget

Motion to approve the FY27 Total DPW Water Meter budget 600-7-36-00 as presented in the amount of \$392,542.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Tadio). Motion passed.

Motion to approve the DPW Water Fund budget in the amount of \$2,174,932.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Talbott). Motion passed.

Wastewater Treatment Budget

Motion to approve total DPW Wastewater Treatment budget 610-7-33-00 as presented in the amount of \$3,709,768.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Talbott). Motion passed.

Wastewater Collection

Motion to approve the total DPW Wastewater Collection budget 610-7-33-00 as presented in the amount of \$944,475.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Talbott). Motion passed.

Pump Stations – River Street, Grove Street, Dorr Drive, Clement Road, Belden Road, Northeast Drive, Laverne Drive, Marolin/Sherwood Road, and West Street

Motion to approve total DPW Wastewater Collections Pumping Stations budget:

610-7-31-10 Pump Station River Street \$30,400.00
610-7-31-11 Pump Station Grove Street (Country Club) \$3,500.00
610-7-31-12 Pump Station Dorr Drive \$5,900.00
610-7-31-13 Pump Station Clement Road \$20,500.00
610-7-31-14 Pump Station Belden Road \$3,000.00
610-7-31-15 Pump Station Northeast Drive \$3,500.00
610-7-31-16 Pump Station Laverne Drive \$3,500.00
610-7-31-17 Pump Station Marolin/Sherwood Road \$2,900.00
610-7-31-18 Pump Station West Street \$2,700.00

as presented in the amount of \$75,700.00. So moved and seconded (Gillam, Talbott). Motion passed.

Mayor Doenges thanked the Board and Department Heads and stated that this FY27 Budget is 6.43% higher than the previous year.

At 6:26 PM a motion was made and seconded (Talbott, McClure) to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Kapusta
Rutland City Clerk