



RUTLAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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Regular Meeting / February 25, 2014  
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, William Notte, Israel Mac, Claus Bartenstein, Stephanie Peters, Mike Gauthier, Ed Clark, Barbara Spaulding and Brennan Duffy.

Absent: Wendy Wilton.

Also attending: Cristina Kumka, Peg TV.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.
- II. Claus moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2014. Mike seconded. Motion was approved.
- III. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- IV. William moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$2,308.75. Ed seconded. Motion was approved.
- V. Barbara provided the following grant status report:

Downtown Transportation Grant: The Aldermen will be asked on March 3 to sign a resolution in support of a DTF application for \$50,000 with the match coming from DPW and Zambias. The application deadline is March 10.

City Master Plan: The master plan revisions were sent to the Board of Aldermen following the required public hearing by the Rutland City Planning Commission. A tentative schedule was also submitted to the Aldermen that would allow for their two public hearings and adoption of the revised plan by July 20, 2014 when the current plan expires. Alderman Notte has scheduled a Charter & Ordinance on March 6 at 6 pm meeting to review the changes. The Planning Commission was notified of the meeting.

Downtown Gateway Plan: The City received six proposals in response to its RFP for consultants to conduct an infrastructure planning document for the downtown gateways. The selection committee will review the proposals individually and meet Wednesday to discuss their top picks.

VI. Brennan provided the following project status report:

Mayor Louras nominated Pat Menduni to fill the vacancy on the RRA Board. The Board of Aldermen tabled the appointment for two weeks.

Business Incentives – The RRA will be presenting an Economic Development Incentive recommendation to the Community and Economic Development Committee that water and sewer rates be either frozen or reduced for businesses creating new jobs within the City.

Keith's II – Tax stabilization agreement request referred to Community & Economic Development Committee.

Hobby Lobby is scheduled to open on March 24, 2014.

Northwest Neighborhood Redevelopment – The required public hearing for the VCDP grant application for the rehabilitation of blighted properties in the Northwest Neighborhood is scheduled for 6 pm on March 17 in Aldermen's Chambers. The RRA needs to define its role in the process and may have to “hold” properties if no other agency is willing to do so. The City is considering a bond proposal for wastewater and sewer work in the Northwest neighborhood and it has been discussed to request \$200,000 in Zamias funds for infrastructure of sidewalks, trees etc. as the City's match toward the \$1,250,000.00 requested in grant funds.

Solar Arrays – Gro-Solar has requested a letter of support from the City (RRA and/or Mayor) to the Public Service Board for their proposed project toff Woodstock Avenue. William suggested Brennan draft a letter and bring a project map to the next meeting.

Property Tax Stabilization – Brennan submitted an op-ed piece to the Herald recommending support for residential property tax stabilization on the March 4 ballot.

VII. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 8:30 am.

These minutes approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

Barbara Spawlden for: Israel Mac  
Israel Mac, Secretary