

**Minutes
Public Comments
Mayor and City Council Meeting
October7, 2003**

Attendees: Council Members Haamid, and Gandee. City Manager Jeannelle Wallace.

Treasurer James Goosby

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements:

Council Miles: On October11, 2003 from 3pm to 5pm we will be having a Forum held for the Candidates running for the empty council seat at the Mt. Rainier Nature Center. Please come Meet the candidates.

Mayor: Knedler: We are planting Oak Trees and if you are interested in helping please let us know.

Official Reports:

Council Haamid: Bass Liquors did respond to the letter the City Manager sent. They explained they have Had problems and are now ready to renovate the interior of the store. Also I wanted to let you all know the Children are tearing things apart in the city, trying to set objects on fire. People who you see in the bus area drinking Please call the police.

Council Miles: I just want to encourage citizens to write Nick Francis-Executive Director of the Gateway CDC at PO BOX 306 Mt. Rainier, MD 20712. The letters should be letters of support. I don't think that the grant had a fair Shake. I also have written a letter to the Secretary of Community Development Administration. The yard waste needs to be but out either the night before or the day of the trash pick up because the city does not

Look appealing with trash everywhere.

Mayor: I would like to thank the citizens for their patience during the storm (Hurricane Isabel) especially the citizens who went without power for eight days

City Manager Wallace: I would also like to thank the citizens for being patient during the storm. I also would like to thank the City staff and the Police Department for coming to work during the Hurricane Isabel. I also just want to introduce who you would see first if you were to call the Police Department which is Rhema Sifri and Shirmeka Crank. I like to thank Paul Messersmith for helping me track the properties, which were not included in the Tax Levy Book. Code Enforcement has towed thirty cars due to violations.

Treasurer Goosby: As of August 31, 2003 we have \$317,197.00 in the Revenue account and \$172,000.00 in Expenses as of Monday, October 6, 2003. If you have any questions you can take your time and look over the Statement and ask any questions at the next meeting.

General Public Comment:

Amy Barrett: It's important that I stay and follow up on the issue of Joes. I am very disappointed and upset about the decision made to Joes and I just want the dialogue to continue with a few questions. My question for Intisar Haamid since you have voted no for Joes' move I am curious if you had an alternative plan for that vacant warehouse? What are you doing for the city?

Council Haamid: I have no future plans for that vacant warehouse. What I am doing for the city is trying to keep it clean and have Code Enforcement to tow abandoned cars away. I also try to work with the residents of the city.

Amy Barrett: I deal with the public urinating by Bass Liquors and a lot of negative issues. If we were to attempt to go into a positive direction it may be a solution to solve all these problems in the city.

Eugenie Anderson- Board Member of Joes: I have a question for Ms. Haamid is parking just the issue or is there a conflict in interest?

Council Haamid: There is a conflict in interest. I am not satisfied with what the lawyer stated.

Eugenie Anderson: What obstacles can we do or remove or to over come to change your mind? Or if the parking Issue was taken care of would you change your answer?

Council Haamid: Not with me.

Eugenie Anderson: So if we can resolve the conflict of interest do to former council member Kidd's stand would Your answer change?

Council Haamid: The issue with Kidd former stand on the council cannot be resolved.

Eugenie Anderson: I am just trying to take a proactive approach. I did hear some parking solutions at the last meeting. When you voted against this you have killed the opportunity.

Council Miles: There is time to still work around the council a full council may be able to reconsider the issue.

Mayor: The final decision has not been made and you can write letters to CDC. I would like to ask the City Council To let the citizens read the legal document?

Council Haamid: we are receiving another opinion from a lawyer.

Council Miles: Decisions will be made by the state in the future. If they are flooded with information it will have an impact.

Mayor: Conflict of interest was not raised the night of the vote.

Brooke Kidd: I would like to invite people to Joes for a community meeting Wed. October15, 2003 at 7PM this Meeting will be a design forum. On Wed. October29, 2003 at 7PM this meeting will be a program review. There is a Limit to the proposed theatre space to 150-160 people. We are working on the parking issue. The Legacy application will Help up have a permanent home. I would like to let the council know Joe's does work with the youth to keep them off The street.

Jack Engel: I like to thank the City Manager for the article on July compromises in the Message. I was very impressed and appreciative of this effort. House taxes are \$500.00 more this year and I know next year our property taxes will be Re-evaluated. I think Joe's would have an impact on our taxes to get reduced.

Resolution 22- Move to approve –Miles-2nd Haamid

Council Miles: My concern is we have no control over to who purchases these police auctioned vehicles. It seems as the younger generation are purchasing these vehicles and are misusing them as undercover police officers. I am requesting that the Spot light on the police cars be removed before the auction

Resolution 22 passes 3-0

1st reading Ordinance 11-2003:

Chief: Check the language on line 6-16. Reference to flagging vehicle does the language need to be added.
(Registration will be flagged).