

Minutes December 7th, 2004 Mayor & City Council Meeting

Attendees: Mayor Knedler, Councilmembers Malinda Miles, Carol Gandee, Pedro Briones Intisar Haamid, Assistant City Manger James Booth and City Manager Jeannelle Wallace.

Review of agenda

Amendments: Add and introduce new employee from our Public Works Department, Ruth Sandy.

Moved and Seconded

All Approved

Events

Wednesday December 15, 2004 @ city hall a forum will be held and the topic of discussion is what will be done with the old Police Station at 3409 Rhode Island Ave.

MRBA meeting will be 6:30 pm Wednesday December 8th, 2004 @ 3249 Rhode Island Ave. The Annual Holiday Party will follow the business meeting.

MUTC Meeting will be held tomorrow Monday December 13th 2004 @ 8:00 pm.

Introduction

The City Manager Jeannelle Wallace introduced Ruth Sandy of Public Works as the new Administrative Assistant.

Chief Keeney introduced new Police Officers for the Mount Rainier Police Department, Jermaine James and Terrell Flannagan. Mayor Knedler swore in the 2 officers.

Mr. Mitchell, Vice President for AHD Inc. management for Queens Manor Apts. gave an update on activity @ the Queens Manor Apartments.

86% = 277 units complete.

217 (2) bedroom units.

Completing a waiting list for 17 2&3 bedroom units. Each unit has a new kitchen, bathroom, refurbished carpet and smoke detectors in each unit in case of fire. Each building has a new roof, fire insulation panels, new flooring, new doorbells, and each building is secured, tenants must come down and open the door for their guest. We have replaced 2000 feet of sidewalk, curbs and gutters.

Community Room and Artist Loft should be completed by February 2005.

Mr. Mitchell, Vice President, AHD Inc.

Our understanding was that AHD would provide a police station and security as indicated in MOU.

Councilmember Miles:

What has been done about the pest, the units were infested?

Mr. Mitchell:

Each unit was exterminated and behind each unit boric acid was used.

Councilmember Miles:

Explain the issue with the permits.

Mr. Mitchell:

The matter has been rectified.

Councilmember Haamid:

Could we have a copy of the stats presented?

Mr. Mitchell:

Yes

Mayor Knedler:

How much money has been put in the project?

Mr. Mitchell:

The project was geared at 15 million; we are 1-2 million over budget. The first of May or the end of April we will have a grand opening.

Councilmember Miles:

How many artist lofts will be set aside?

Mr. Mitchell:

We will get back with you with that information.

Councilmember Haamid:

What about low-income residents?

Mr. Mitchell:

There are no section 8 apartments.

Ward 1

Senior Emergency Preparedness Committee to date; Pastor Grandison is helping with contact information from area churches; for shelters, food, etc. Resident of Mount Rainier Regina Wardwell working with FEMA and wants the Council to determine how to spend the \$8,000.00 on e.g. Emergency Preparedness Committee. The Council needs to discuss at a work -session in January 2005.

Councilmember Miles attended swearing in ceremony for County Council.

Councilmember Briones:

Steve Shaff owner of Community Vision Consultants; approached the Councilmember.

He is now in ownership and partnership on the building that was B&B Carryout and they have requested a class B liquor license. The proposal is for the building to become a restaurant.

Councilmember Briones is working on E-Government initiative so people can get service through e-mail.

Joe's Emporium had an excellent event, a fundraiser at their new facility.

Anyone who wants to volunteer to work with the Mount Rainier Dog Committee, please contact any committee member.

Public Comment

Darryl Stuckey owner of 3210 Perry Street is here to see what the community wants to do about condominiums on both of his properties. He was originally on the board for the Artspace.

Resident Theres Nemil:

KB Food Mart has put out signs; their whole window is one liquor advertisement.
Sam Reynolds, owner of K Food Mart, the phone booth needs to be moved and agreed to clean up the store and move the sign out of the window.
Mr. Reynolds plans to go to settlement on the Funeral Home in January 2005.
Mr. Reynolds is working to put on awnings etc. painting, and new tiles on property.

Resolution 25

City Manager states that Auditors agreed to \$16,000.00 as the FY 04 auditing amount.

Amendment:

Moved: Councilmember Gandee
Seconded: Councilmember Briones
All in favor 4-0

Councilmember Miles not included in the vote; she left for the evening.

Approved Resolution 25 with Amendment

Moved: Councilmember Briones
Seconded: Councilmember Gandee
All in favor 4-0

Motion: Councilmember Gandee
Bonuses for City Employees
Full time \$100.00
Part time \$ 50.00
Seconded: Councilmembers Haamid & Briones.
All in favor 3 & 1 abstention

Adoption of FY 03 Audit

Motion: Councilmember Gandee to adopt
Seconded: Councilmember Briones

Diane Mock was asked to send electronic version for the web.
All in favor 4-0



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Meeting Adjourned