



# **City of Mount Rainier**

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## **Minutes Mayor & Council Meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Called to Order & Pledge of Allegiance  
Review of Agenda  
Agenda needs to be amended as follows:**

- (a) Delete Official Reports**
  - (b) Delete Public Comment**
  - (c) Delete Approval of Minutes**
- Motioned: Councilmember Gandee  
Seconded: Councilmember Miles:**

**Remaining items are in tact  
(a) Pass Election Procedures with amendments  
(b) Agenda Amendment**

**Passed 5-0**

### **LGIT Presentation:**

Presentation of Grant Award by L.G.I.T. Exec. Director Jon Burrell

Training Grant for Police Dept. for reducing claims.  
Founded in 1987 Legislation and Maryland Associate of Countries  
Keep claims low  
Keep costs low  
Staff of 35  
They have their own legal dept.  
A mix of former local government professionals

### **Loss Ratio**

<b>Mount Rainier 2002</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>* less than 100 % is favorable.</b>
<b>323 %</b>	<b>&lt; 55%</b>	

### **Special Meeting**

**A grant check in the amount of \$ 2,400.00 for the Mount Rainier Police Dept. was presented to Mayor Knedler by Jon Burrell.**

**Councilmember Miles:**

**Can Mayor and Council submit a request for grant/ training regarding elected officials?**

**Message from MML:**

**There will be more information regarding Homeland Security Funding within the next month.**

**Presentation by the Circle Café:**

**Business Address= 3310 Rhode Island Ave.  
Mount Rainier, Md. 20712**

Handouts were given out.  
Seating capacity is 60-80  
Staffing is 6 initially  
A full staff is 12  
Hours are 6:am til 11:pm  
Light fare breakfast  
Lunch  
Light fare evening  
Organic Ingredients  
Support local suppliers  
No waiters/ waitresses

**Embrace Artist Community**

**Local art decoration walls  
Cups & Mugs designed by local potter  
Weekdays 8:am – 9: pm  
Weekends 8: am – until closing**

**Varying hours for special local events  
Joe's Movement Emporium  
Artspace**

**Beer/ Wine hours  
After 12:pm until closing**

**Anticipated opening May 2005  
Profitability questions related to beer and wine sales  
No off sales of beer, wine or liquor  
Internet access parts (for laptops)  
Gallery space upstairs  
Assumption that it is easier to pursue a beer and wine license before opening  
as opposed to after opening.**

**City has concerns about additional alcoholic beverage sales.**

**Bridge Funding, an application for permanent funding.  
Communication with Liquor Board regarding kitchen plan.**

**Old Business**

**Resolution 1-2005 (see attached)  
Amending the City Code on refuse collection  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading and vote  
All in favor  
5-0**

**City will only pick up for buildings zoned as residential.  
All others must contact with a commercial trash hauler to pick up their trash.  
Proof of a commercial trash hauler's contract must be provided to City Hall.**

**Changes to section 6  
Section 7-108 Fees City permit fees  
\$75.00 flat fee  
\$10.00 each business, non residential premise**

**Deleting section of collection from apartments.  
Removing section on collection from businesses**

**Delete section 11-107 C  
Clarification  
City does not pick up any refuse from non-residential, commercial, etc.**

**Moved by Councilmember Miles  
Seconded by Councilmember Gandee**

**Motion to approve amendment with City Attorney  
Move to approve amendments Councilmember Miles  
Seconded by Council**

**Resolution 1-2005  
Election Procedures Manual  
Moved by Councilmember Miles  
Seconded by Councilmember Gandee**

**Remove references to campaign contributions  
Remove references to referendum  
Ballot questions  
Citywide initiatives  
References to referendum  
Review/ revise charter for inconsistencies between Charter and County / State  
election procedures.**

**Motion to accept  
Amendments approved  
Vote 5-0**

**Councilmember Briones publicly thanks Councilmember Miles for the hard work**

**Resolution 1-2005 (Election Procedures Manual)  
Approved as amended  
Vote 5-0**

**Resolution 2-2005  
Attached budget  
\$ 8000.00 from the County Executive Office  
Emergency Preparedness**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Vote  
Budgeted expenditures  
Communication Equipment  
Medical Supplies  
Fire Extinguishers**

**Councilmember Haamid:  
Overview of grant and participants of the Emergency Preparedness  
Committee  
Naming of committee members  
Overview of grant  
Explanation of budgeted items**

**Mayor Knedler:  
What is the training on the use of defibrillator?  
Storage/ shelf life of pharmaceuticals**

**Resolution 2-2005  
Moved by Councilmember Gandee  
Seconded by Councilmember Miles  
Passed 5-0**

**Ordinance 2-2005**

**Mayor Knedler:  
Compensation cannot change until it takes affect for all Councilmembers.  
Compensation will take effect in 2007  
Compensation could take effect for the Mayor immediately (May 2005)**

**The city attorney provides input from the City Charter regarding all**

**Councilmembers receiving equal pay increases.**

**Special Meeting**

**Edit Salaries**

**\$6,800.00 for Mayor**

**\$4,800 for Councilmembers**

**Add language with Attorney's comments**

**Effective date for both Mayor and Council**

**Take salary raise after May 2005**

**Moved: Mayor Knedler**

**Seconded: Councilmember Gandee**

**Approved 4-1**

**Councilmember Miles abstained**

**Councilmember Miles:**

**A sitting Councilmember cannot receive a raise that they voted for.**

**The Mayor is an exception because he/she is elected separate from Council  
Reference Charter Section 304**

**First Reading**

**Resolution 3-2005**

**PGCMA Resolution for Livable Community**

**Adult Entertainment Legislation**

**First Reading by Councilmember Haamid**

**Provisions against strip clubs with liquor**

**Motion by Council Miles**

**Seconded by Council Haamid**

**Approved 5-0**

**Livable Communities Project Priority List**

**Funds available through C.D.B.G. Funds through the County Exec. Office**

**Additional funds for:**

**Community Tools Shed**

**34<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Tree Planting**

**Councilmember Miles to take lead on writing request for grand funding for the**

## **Tool Shed.**

- **Community Tool Shed to work with America in Bloom**
- **Develop a City Beautification Program work with Mount Rainier Nature Center.**
- **The county is looking for projects that link several cities together.**
- **All submissions due by Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2005**
- **The city will re-submit applications that were submitted last year.**
- **Submit items from Community Legacy application**
- **Vote for Public Hearing to challenge Bass License**
- **Deadline March 1, 2005 to challenge**

**The City would need to hold public hearing in Feb. 2005**

**The City needs to advertise in the “ Message” February 2005;the deadline for the February Message is January 26<sup>th</sup> issue.**

**Suggestion Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 @ 6:30pm, the public hearing on Bass Liquor challenge.**

**Motion by Councilmember Miles**

**Seconded by Councilmember Gandee**

**Motion to adjourn 8:39pm**

**Move to adjourn: Councilmember Gandee**

**Seconded: Councilmember Miles**

