



Minutes for Mayor and Council Special Meeting/ Work-Session

Date: June 19th, 2007

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier Md. 20712

Presiding Officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

Council members present: Pedro Briones, Bryan Knedler, Jimmy Tarlau

Council members absent: Alta Morton

Pledge of Allegiance

Review agenda

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the Mayor and Council and Landmark Atlantic Holding LLC. It was a 90 day MOU for this group and it will expire July 3, 2007. There is a need to extend the MOU for another 90 days.

Council member Briones:

We have identified a developer that we would like to partner with so that the city will have some say in what gets developed here.

Council member Tarlau:

I am speaking against the proposal to extend the MOU. We shouldn't be exclusive. We should meet with Mr. Holland and avoiding him will delay the process.

Mayor Miles:

The MOU provides for the city to have Landmark serve as the Council representative. He speaks for this Council. WE are not excluding the Holland Group. We have chosen Landmark to work on our behalf.

Council member Knedler:

**Move to adopt the 90 day extension of the MOU
Second Council member Briones**

Council member Briones:

I'm happy we are extending this today and I am looking forward to working with Landmark.

Larry Solomon: (Owner of Thrifty Car Rental)

I was never notified from the Council regarding the property or proposal or any of the meetings.

Mayor Miles:

It became a cumbersome thing for us to do. The RFP was carried in the Mount Rainier News Letter also on the website and the Gazette News Paper. We did publish it. WE are still not clear on who the owners are.

Mr. Solomon:

I am very interested in development.

Resident Wayne Schmidt:

What is the MOU costing the city?

Mayor Miles:

Nothing

Council member Tarlau:

I will ask the Council to reduce the time from 90 days to 45 days.

Council member Briones:

Why did six developers send us letters of intent and then do nothing. We had a public process. A Comfort Inn or a Boutique Hotel is not in our interest. This is not what the city wants.

Resident Wayne Schmidt:

How far are we going with MOU's?

Cheryl Fountain (Business Owner)

Will the business owners have some input on what business will come?

Mayor Miles:

At this point that's out of order.

Council member Tarlau:

I move to amend the proposal to make it 45 days.

Mayor Miles:

90 days from July 3rd will put us at October 3rd 2007.

All in favor of the motion

Vote 3-1

Council member Tarlau – oppose

Parking Citations

City Manager

Increase time limit from 1 hour to 2 hours on meters in some of the business districts.

Party time Liquors against changes in meters.

Council member Knedler:

We are not changing meters in the 3200 block. Some business owners spoke in favor of 2 hour meters.

Council member Tarlau:

Put it on the agenda for the next meeting for the vote and that will give others time to address the Council.

Mayor Miles:

I recommend sending it back to Work-Session.

Council member Briones:

Against sending it back to Work-Session.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2007 (An Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Section 9-105 of the Mount Rainier Code, setting time limits for parking meters in designated areas.) Council member Briones

Second Council member Knedler

Vote 4-0

Adjourning Special Meeting at 8:30 pm

Work- Session

Agenda

Council member Tarlau: Move cell tower to #3

**Mayor Miles: I will move it to #4
Striking # 11-13-16**

Council member Tarlau:

**Move to approve amended agenda
Second Council member Knedler
Vote 3-0**

Minutes for 3-20-4-3 and 5-1

**Motion Council member Knedler to approve minutes if no corrections are sent by Friday.
Second Council member Tarlau
Vote 3-0**

**City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:
Home Based Businesses**

Do you want to treat Artist based businesses that are operating out of their homes the same as you treat other home based businesses? You have to have customers come to your door for it to be a home based business.

Council member Knedler:

I will ask Deneen O'Connor what is permitted as far as storage on the premises of a home business.

Resident Allen Binstock:

I think it's a mistake to take this route; your path does not support art. Come up to speed with what an Artist District is.

Council member Briones:

How do we ensure that folks who purchase flammable products are using them correctly?

Mayor Miles:

We need to look at this and have some dialogue about it on home businesses.

Resident Alex Bowe:

I caution the Council on over regulating. You should back off and let it grow.

Resident Charles Steck:

There is a growth process for artist.

Council member Knedler:

This law was written to deal with daycare and hair salons. The warehouses should have licenses because they are not homes.

Resident Robert Fiser:

The MRBA is not addressing the Artist Community.

Citation Notification

Chief Scott:

We have never sent notices on parking tickets. To send a second notice we would incur a lot of fees. We sent out 11,000 notices. We made some mistakes. WE don't have enough staff to send second notices.

Council member Tarlau:

People should be allowed to come down and pay the original fine.

Mayor Miles:

I will not support paying the original fine.

Chief Scott:

Once the ticket is placed on the car we consider it delivered.

Council member Knedler:

We need to give more than 15 days.

Chief Scott:

Change it to 30 days.

Council member Briones:

Supports the 30 day notice.

Council member Tarlau:

I suggest next Work-Session to draft a resolution for payment in 30 days instead of 15 days and also propose a second notice being sent out.

Cell Tower

Mayor Miles:

The tower is not a permitted use in this city.

Council member Tarlau:

There is an issue of policy for us. The compressor was making a lot of noise. .

Council member Knedler:

This is not a permitted cell tower. It's not permitted in a residential zone. Originally it was the tower for the Fire Department. I'll wait to have a public hearing on the cell tower. Are we going to allow other cell towers in the city?

Mayor Miles:

At this time it has to go before the telecommunications committee.

Council member Briones:

I agree with Council member Knedler to have a public hearing and hear more form the public.

Zoning Manager:

There is noise from the HVAC system. The noise issue has been resolved. T-Mobile, TTFCC have not filed an application. American tower owns the tower and Mr. Fisser owns the land the tower sits on. Sprint wants to expand the compound. Can the tower handle the extension of 10 feet? T-Mobile wants the extension.

**Council member Tarlau:
When is the next meeting?**

Mayor Miles:

The first week of July schedule a meeting with everyone about the presence of the cell tower and with all the players. Daneen O'Connor, Charlie Wilson and Mr. Schmidt.

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council Public Meeting is July 10th, 2007.

**Motion to adjourn
Council member Briones
Second Council member Knedler**

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm