



Minutes for the Mayor and Council Meeting

Date: July 10, 2007

Place: One Municipal Place Mount Rainier, Md. 20712

Presiding Officer: Vice Mayor Alta Morton

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

Absent: Mayor Miles

Staff in attendance: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Michael Scott, Public Works Director Luther Smith and City Clerk Janis Lomax

Pledge of Allegiance

Review agenda

Approve agenda as amended

Council member Knedler

Second Council member Briones

Vote 4-0

Reports

Council member Tarlau:

Seniors at Rainier Manor are excited about attending an official Council Meeting held at their facility.

Council member Briones:

The history of the MOU with Landmark Developer will be in the next Mount Rainier News letter.

Council member Knedler:

Call police about noise and not the Council members. The noise ordinance is very clear cut.

City Manager:

Code violations are centered on trash and vegetation. Code violations still exist with trash and tops not on the cans. There is an increase in vehicle accidents in the circle. We will discuss with SHA on July 31, 2007 at 10: am.

Council member Tarlau:

What is the status of the CDBG GRANT?

City Manager:

The next process is that we need to put out a bid package together indicating the repairs or improvements that we want to have made and then have various vendors respond. We will be doing that within the next week or so and give them 30 days to respond with an RFP.

Staff will be attending the July 23, Community Legacy Workshop in Crownsville Maryland.

Vice Mayor Morton:

Have we had any further conversation with GS Procter as to where they are?

City Manager:

No, and I did not sign their last check because we did not have their report.

Council member Briones:

How soon can we draw down on the CDBG money?

City Manager:

It's a reimbursable so it's after you spend it you will get reimbursed.

Chief Scott:

We have had some success on Perry Street. Where ever people get involved crime goes down and I went out and met with people. That went very well. Crime statistics should be by Friday for this month. It's important to ask for ID if some one knocks on your door claiming to be from some company.

Luther Smith (Public Works Director)

**If you're walking your dog please clean up behind your dog.
Trash cans need lids.
Summer interns are with us and they are cleaning the streets.
If you have any request for your area give Public Works a call.**

Council member Tarlau:

What about pot holes?

Luther Smith:

Our black top places have closed down. I'm going tomorrow to pick some up.

Council member Tarlau:

How does the Monday holiday affect the trash pick up?

Luther Smith:

Friday we will pick up recycle. Once the trash truck problem has been resolved everything will be picked up on Wednesday. Tuesday would be the best day to pick up bulk trash.

Council member Knedler:

**Move to suspend Council meetings for the month of August.
Second Council member Briones
Vote 4-1**

National Night is August 7th, 2007

**Resolution 9-2007(A Resolution appointing members for a two year term to the City of Mount Rainier Design Review Board.) First Reading
Rejoin Iclie will cost \$600.00
Name David Hilmy to committee.**

**Council member Knedler:
Allocate \$800.00 to committee which \$600.00 is for Iclie and that gives those 200.00 to work on other projects.**

Council member Tarlau:

We have a bunch of committees that don't do anything. We need to look at the committees we have.

**Move Council member Knedler
Second Briones
Vote 4-0**

Move to adopt Resolution 10-2007 (A Resolution finding that acquisition of a new trash truck is in the best interests of the City of Mount Rainier and approving an installment purchase agreement with Municipal Services Group, Inc. for the acquisition and financing of such trash truck.)

**Council member Briones
Second Council member Knedler
Vote 4-0**

MUTC Representative

We had a deadline of May 15th, and Cheryl Fountain submitted her resume on time. Ms. Bliss submitted her application late. We should hold to the deadline.

Council member Tarlau:

Is the deadline a county deadline or a city deadline?

**Vice Mayor:
City deadline**

Council member Briones:

**Move to nominate Ms. Fountain for MUTC
Second Council member Morton**

**Knedler-Yes
Briones- Yes
Morton –Yes
Tarlau – abstain
Vote 3-1**

Council member Knedler:

Park and Planning lobbied against this legislation on McMansion bill control. Send a letter to our delegation asking to resubmit the legislation put pressure on Park and Planning.

Council member Briones:

Are other Municipalities other than College Park submitting a request for legislation?

Mayor Miles:

Yes

Council member Tarlau:

Explain what the bill does

Council member Knedler:

The Municipalities have the right to restrict the height size and set backs and it only applies to residential.

Motion to accept Council member Morton

Second Council member Knedler

Send letter to delegation about Mc Mansion bill

Vote 5-1

City Hall bulletin board

The location will be under the holly bushes in front of City Hall.

Motion Council member Morton

Second Council member Briones

Vote 4-0

Resolution 11-2007 (A Resolution approving a Police Services Agreement for Police Patrol Services in the Town of Brentwood between the City of Mount Rainier and the Town of Brentwood)

Town of Brent wood approved \$190,000.00

\$162,000.00 total cost of package. Pay quarterly 40,000.00

Council member Tarlau:

What about overtime?

Chief Scott:

Overtime is built in

Mayor Miles:

It is a Brentwood funded Officer. It will be effective July 1st, 2007

Chief Scott:

Corp. Kenworthy is our full time Officer.

Council member Briones:

Move to adopt 11-2007

Second Council member Morton

Vote 4-0

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 9: pm to discuss property acquisition.

Council member Knedler:

Motion to go into closed session to discuss parking lot acquisition and other property acquisition to eliminate urban blight.

Second Council member Briones