



**Minutes for Mayor and Council Meeting
Broadcasted live at Rainier Manor**

Date: 10-2-2007

Place: 3001 Queens Chapel Rd. Mount Rainier Md. 20712

Presiding Officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

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

Council members absent: None

Staff in attendance: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, Asst. City Manager Mike Jackson,

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Mr. Wheeler, president of the Tenants Association for Rainier Manor thanks the Council for coming out and what they've done for the city.

Mayor Miles:

We are honored to be here. Next there will be introduction of staff by Mayor Miles and I'd like to thank Rainier Manor residents for having us.

Brad Froam: (Will Campos Office)

I'm here on some specific agenda items. Thanks for the opportunity>

Michael Jackson is being introduced as the new Assistant City Manager.

I'm proud to be an employee of the city as well as a resident. Feel free to approach me at any time.

Humphrey Management (Management of Rainier Manor)

We welcome the Mayor and Council and thank you for having your meeting here.

Review of Agenda

Parking issue will be for warded to the next Work-Session

Council member Tarlau:

We should keep the presentation on the agenda.

Mayor Miles:

I apologize to Nick Francis if his item has to come off the agenda.

Roll call for the parking item coming off the agenda

Council members

Briones –no

Knedler –no

Morton –no

Tarlau –yes

This item is taken off the agenda and placed on Work-Session for the 3rd Tuesday in October.

Council member Tarlau:

Mr. Tarlau states his objection to removing the parking item off the agenda.

Gateway CDC item taken off the agenda.

Revamping the Parking Task Force

A report on Parking Task Force will be given to the Mayor and Council and Nick Francis.

Motion to approve agenda with the deletion of Gateway CDC.

Motion Council member Alta Morton

Second Council member Bryan Knedler

Vote 4-0

Official Reports

Ward II

Council member Knedler:

I'm thanking Brad Froam for help with attempting to amend the Gateway Art Sector Notification and for all the work you've done.

Ward I

Council member Tarlau:

The progress of the skate park is that the county has done a topological survey and it's going to the designers. After this they will come back to the community and have some community input on the designs.

Thanks to Mrs. Wallace on getting the lights fixed at 3806 37th, Street. It wasn't wired correctly. If lights are out call Ms. Wallace and report it. Those are things that can get done easily.

Council member Knedler:

In attempting to amend Gateway Art Sector design standard to revert back to the R-55 zoning. Thanks to Brad Froam. There's going to be a Public Hearing on proposed changes and it will go to the planning board on 10-5-2007 and to the County Council on 10-30-07. Thanks for all the work you've done.

Mayor Miles:

If there is a red X in front of your drive way don't park there because paving is taking place.

Mayor's Crime Speech

This city has black on black crime; another black youth was killed on Rhode Island Ave... This city must take some responsibility for what's happening here. We need to have some other outlet for our children; this city must put our dollars where our mouths are in terms of our children being our major resources. Our ex-

Council member Intisar Haamid resigned from our Extreem Teen Center because she couldn't get the support and the city's priority is not our teens. The City of Mount Rainier doesn't have a basketball court for its youths. This is a serious concern to our community. I am challenging you residents to take some responsibility.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

We are working on funding from Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development and Community Legacy program so we can develop 3409 Rhode Island Ave. for a state of the art library and community center. We have programs at the Nature Center but they are for elementary school children not our teenagers. The city will have a half basketball court again. The Honorable Will Campos office gives us a lot of support. The Mayor and Council will address the parking situation with D.C. so that our residents can park in front of their homes on Eastern Ave. without being ticketed by District of Columbia police.

Luther Smith (Public Works Director)

There are problems with signs going up in the city and there is an ordinance against it. Find another way to advertise.

Trees= the city has taken down dead trees because of disease and other things such as draught.

Property Clean Up= If the city cleans your property we will charge you for it. It would be cheaper for you to hire a contractor.

The city is back on track with our trucks.

If you want a handicapped sign you must go to M. V.A. and follow the process.

Mayor Miles:

Can some of you adopt a tree and take of it?

Chief Scott:

Crime stats are posted on my blog weekly.

16 of 18 positions are filled.

Our officers made 68 arrests along the business district.

A resolution is being drafted to dispose of 3 vehicles.

Please check the Message for the crime maps; we have posted them for our residents to know where the crimes are occurring.

Council member Tarlau:

Ms. Wallace, when will lights be installed beside Nisey's Boutique?

City Manager: Hopefully soon we are having problems with the contractor.

MJ Parks:

I'm inviting residents, citizens and young people to join Little Friends for Peace and have Extreem Teen Center be collaborated as a peace house so we can bring the in and start them with instruments of peace.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 6-2007 (This ordinance amends the Mount Rainier Code to extend the time for payment of parking and traffic citations also, to require the city to send second notices.

Motion to adopt Council member Knedler

Second Council member Briones

Vote 4-0

Ordinance 7-2007 (Approving pay scale for non union employees)

This ordinance is tabled to a special meeting prior to the work-session on the third Tuesday of October. The approval of this ordinance will be discussed and there will be an attachment of pay scale of 2007-2009.

Mayor Miles:

**The Mayor and Council will consider the FOP 85 Salary Schedule
7% July, 2007 = Base
3% July 2008 Increase by 3%
3% July 2009 Increase by 3%
This is what we negotiated and agreed upon by management.**

Mayor and Council went into negotiations to re-open the contract on February 2007 with the management team sitting. We were not able to reach an agreement and extended the contract. The contract expired and the extension is for 3 months. I will recommend to Council that they approve and except contract as presented.

**Council member Knedler:
I was not aware that benefits to a spouse included registered partners.**

Council member Tarlau:

I'm thanking the Mayor, Chief Treasurer and the City Manager for the pay increases. Pay increase is 13% which is about 4.3% a year which is average. I'm congratulating the Mayor for a job well done.

**Motion to approve collective bargaining agreement as negotiated by our management team
Second Council member Knedler
Vote 4-0**

Council member Morton:

All the employee's are worthy and should be compensated justly.

Resolution 15-2007

Council member Briones:

Our city attorney reviewed this language and was very comfortable with it and signed off on it...

Council member Knedler:

**I move to amend Resolution 15-2007 as indicated in the copies that we currently have including the 60 days – 90 day change.
Second Council member Morton
Vote 3-0**

**Council member Tarlau:
I move that we re-appoint Mr. Knedler as the municipal representative to the MUTC.
Second Council member Briones
Vote 3-0**

**RFP on 3409 Rhode Island Ave. to be released.
Motion Council member Tarlau to move forward
Second Council member Knedler
Vote 3-0**

**Resolution 18-2007 (Surplus Police Vehicles)
Council member Knedler Motion to adopt
Second Council member Tarlau
Vote 3-0**

Resolution 19-2007 (A Resolution in support of the Gateway Arts District Community Legacy area and request for funding.)

**Move Council member Tarlau
Second Council member Knedler
Vote 3-0**

**Send a letter to MNCPPC requesting CIP Funding for the following
Bike path behind Queenstown to install lighting
½ Court at 30th and Arundel Rd.
Nature Center to be expanded into a full recreation center.**

**Motion Council member Knedler
Second Council member Tarlau
Vote 3-0**

**Council member Briones moves to adjourn
Second Council member Knedler
Adjourned @ 10: pm**