



## Minutes of the Mount Rainier Mayor and Council Meeting

**Date: 2-5-2008**

**Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier Md. 20712**

**Presiding Officer: Mayor Malinda Miles**

**Councilors present: Briones, Tarlau and Knedler**

**Councilor absent: Alta Morton**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

### Review of agenda

**Move to approve agenda with one addition, adding Mr. Pinkney**

**Council member Briones:**

**Second Council member Tarlau**

**Vote 3-0**

**Guest present: Obie Pinckney (Municipal Liaison to the County Executive)**

### Guest Speaker: Obie Pinckney

**Presents a letter and grant awarded to Mount Rainier and Brentwood in the amount of \$70,000.00. This is a police grant.**

### Minutes

**Council member Briones adopts the minutes as presented with any corrections to Ms. Lomax by Friday.**

**Second Council member Tarlau**

**Vote 3-0**

### **Ward Reports**

#### **Ward II**

**Council member Knedler:**

**We need to have a discussion about the barrier at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Perry Street. We are trying to set up a meeting at the police department next Wednesday at 7: pm for the neighbors to have discussions on what to do. The Mayor and Council voted for a temporary barrier. Our goal is trying to do what makes life easiest for most of our residents We will get flyers out with the information.**

**Council member Briones:**

**Next Tuesday at 7: pm we will have a full public meeting on immigration policy ordinance.**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and hopefully a vote authorizing the City Manager and The City Attorney to purchase all properties in the 3200 and 3300 block of Rhode Island Ave.

Ward I

Council member Tarlau:

There's progress on the park in front of Otis and Wells Ave., the county has \$160,000.00 and the children have developed some models and drawings. On February 21<sup>st</sup> 2008 there will be a meeting at City Hall.

Mayor Miles:

If I were Mayor Contest is well on its way. I'm asking parents to work with teachers on these essays. Winners will receive a \$250.00 certificate.

Rainier Manor has had a lot of problems with trash and our Code Enforcement is on top of it.

The traffic calming petition will be put on the web by Jeannelle.

The Gateway Arts District meeting will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> in Hyattsville.

Jeannelle Wallace (City Manager)

Vacant property list is now 60 properties, lots and buildings. Only 70% of fees have been collected.

Residential Property = \$300.00 every six months

Commercial Property = \$ 600.00 every six months

We will give a breakdown on foreclosures, nuisance properties.

There is a 50% waiver on corn bin silo from Park and Planning

Second notices have gone out to Community Groups that their report is due.

Mayor Miles:

Our 100 year anniversary of the city is coming up, please start budgeting for it. I would like to have it as a priority.

Congressman Van Hollen says funding is in full swing. The deadline is February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and we want to request money for the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>00</sup> block of Rhode Island Ave.

Mr. Kay of Kaywood Apartments would like to partner with the city about renovations on his property.

Mount Rainier Day

I would like to have flashing lights for Rhode Island Ave. and SHA for closing off Rhode Island Ave. Hands on Barber Shop and I have spoken about the basketball set up.

Luther Smith (Director of Public Works)

The parking meters and signs are installed at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Bunker Hill Rd.

Kaywood Garden apartments have been giving us the light poles numbers that are out and that's a big help. We are staying on top of the tree trimming that Pepco is doing.

Council member Tarlau:

The installation of speed humps when will it happen? How much are the signs?

**Luther Smith:**

**We don't want to install speed humps without the signs.**

**Council member Tarlau:**

**What period of time will the \$70, 00.00 cover?**

**Chief Scott:**

**It will cover almost a year.**

**Mayor Miles:**

**We are pleased with the amount of the grant. We asked for \$100, 00.00 and got \$70,000.00.**

**Chief Scott:**

**Use Jamestown instead of the trail coming from metro station its better lit.**

**Council member Tarlau:**

**A lot of bikers use that gate in the evening.**

**Ordinance 1-2008 ( An ordinance amending Section 13-104 of the Mount Rainier Code to expand the permissible locations on private property for trailers, motor homes, boats, buses, and similar vehicles to be parked and to provide for the issuance of temporary permits to park such vehicles on the street.)**

**Motion adopt to amend**

**Council member Knedler**

**Second Council member Briones**

**Vote 3-0 Passed**

**Resolution 3-2008 ( Initiating an Urban Renewal Project by Finding and Defining a Blighted Areas of the Mount Rainier Town Center Urban Renewal Area and Authorizing the Acquisition of Properties in the Blighted area – (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

**Submit to Jeannelle dates for meeting to hear legal council on eminent domain.**

**Ordinance 2-2008 ( An Ordinance Reaffirming the Importance of Immigrants to the Mount Rainier Community and Establishing City Policy Regarding Federal Immigration Laws (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

**Move to adjourn**

**Council member Knedler**

**Second Council member Briones**

**Vote 3-0**

**Meeting adjourned @ 9:12 pm**