



## Minutes for Special Meeting and Work-Session

**Date: June 17, 2008**

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

**Presiding Officer: Mayor Malinda Miles**

**Councilman present: Jimmy Tarlau, Bryan Knedler, Pedro Briones**

**Councilwoman absent: Alta Morton**

**Staff present: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Scott and Asst. City Manager Mike Jackson**

**Meeting called to order @ 7:10 pm**

**Review agenda**

**Agenda approved 3-0**

### **Special Meeting**

**Ordinance 5-2008 ( An Ordinance Authorizing Transfers of Appropriated Funds in the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget to Prevent Over Expenditures in the Public Safety, Public Works, Legal and Elections, Fire Department, Library, 3409 Rhode Island Avenue Property, National Night Out Program.)**

**Ordinance 5-2008 approval of transfer of funds total \$48,500.00**

**Move to adopt Councilman Pedro Briones**

**Second Councilman Knedler**

**Vote 4-0**

**Ordinance 6-2008 (An Ordinance Establishing the Tax Rate, Adopting an Annual Budget, and Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2009, Beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Councilman Tarlau:**

**Do we have money in the budget? \$100,000.00 for debt services and \$50, 000.00 for various studies.**

**Councilman Briones:**

**I'm proposing \$150,000.00 dollars for various studies suggested by our developer. We should have a line item \$100,000.00 for debt services and the rest for the various studies. The total amount for line item adjustment is \$150,000.00 to come from our contingency.**

**Councilman Tarlau:**

**I don't think we can add a line item from reserves.**

**Mayor Miles:**

**We don't have a line item in our capital budget for revitalization.  
Councilman Tarlau will write the language for a commitment in the budget for a line item for revitalization.**

**Councilman Briones:  
Adopt amendments to the budget.  
Second Councilman Tarlau  
Vote 3-0**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 6-2008 as amended.  
Councilman Briones  
Second Councilman Tarlau  
Vote 3-0**

**Mayor Miles:**

**The Port Towns share their Call a Bus so, I'm suggesting that we share our Call a Bus as it would reduce our cost.**

**Motion to adjourn Special Meeting  
Councilman Briones  
Vote 3-0**

## **Work- Session**

**The Council received a recommendation from our Design Review Board on Nathan Cederths property located at 3100 Webster Street. They are pleased with what he'd doing and recommend that the Council move forth with approval. The project is before you because our ceiling is anything over \$40,000.00 needs to come before the Council this project is \$141,000.00. The project is approved by the Council.**

**Councilman Knedler:**

**Code Enforcement has been citing residents for putting water in the alley's or gutters saying it's a public nuisance and we don't have a definition of a public nuisance. Seems unfair to cite someone for a sump pump discharge but not for the same amount of water that might come from a down spout.**

**Councilman Tarlau:**

**Why do we need legislation for that?**

**Councilman Knedler:**

**Because Code Enforcement is interpreting this as a public nuisance.**

**Councilman Tarlau:**

**Is this something we need legislation for?**

**Councilman Briones:**

**I think we do. Should we run this by Environmental Protection Board?**

**Mayor Miles:**

**We need to define public nuisance. The City Manager should write a definition for public nuisance.**

**Councilman Tarlau:**

**3409 Rhode Island Ave. I think we should have a discussion on where we are going with this.**

**Mayor Miles:**

**I also want to know where we are going. In the last 2 or 3 months we have moved from that position. We have the RFP's and all of the other responses but we are not settled.**

**Councilman Knedler:**

**The facts have changed on us. Two of the review committee's have said they thought 3409 Rhode Island Ave. footprint was to small for the project and we should look at other sites. We are going to make some decisions in the next few weeks which may end up with a large piece of property in our hands as well as 3409 Rhode Island Ave. and we may be better off trying to get a larger facility out of it. Then the question is what happens with 3409. It could become a parking lot, community center or sold. I think we need to look at all of our options and not get stuck with something that wouldn't vest serve the community.**

**Councilman Briones:**

**I have to agree with Bryan. I feel it would be a good idea for us to consider how we can maximize our resources.**

**Jeannelle Wallace: (City Manager)**

**We also talked about it being a multi-use facility.**

**Mayor Miles:**

**The City has no portfolio or much ownership of property anywhere so, I'm not willing to sell until I now I own the piece I'm looking at. We need to move forward on something.**

**Councilwoman Morton:**

**We can do improvements to the building as it currently is with that \$300,000.00.**

**Mayor Miles:**

**I'm going to invite our City committees in to talk about there findings and present their recommendations suggesting to do it sometime in July. FOC, DRB and Environmental Protection. There will be two work-sessions in July and no meetings in August.**

**Councilman Briones:**

**Move to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition.**

**Second Councilman Knedler**

**Vote 4-0**

