



Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier Regular Mayor and Council Meeting

Date: 9-2-2008

Place: One Municipal Pace, Mount Rainier Md. 20712

Presiding Officer: Malinda Miles

Councilman present: Alta Morton, Jimmy Tarlau, Bryan Knedler

Councilman absent: Pedro Briones

Staff present: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, Treasurer Vijay Manjani Assistant City Manager Mike Jackson, Public Works Director Luther Smith and City Clerk Janis Lomax

Meeting called to order @ 4:10 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Review agenda

Adding to agenda Silver Star Banner Proclamation

Resolution 15-2008 added

Motion to approve agenda

Councilman Bryan Knedler

Second Alta Morton

Vote 3-0

Official Reports

Mayor Malinda Miles:

There is creation all over the city. Mount Rainier has become a city we can be proud of. The faith based community has been very active this year with our youths. We are going to do a better job with recognizing our volunteers.

Ward II

Councilman Knedler:

Welcome back. I like to thank the police department for dealing with a lot of crisis. It seems like things are under control. Thanks Luther for getting the speed hump situation under control.

Ward I

Thanks to all the residents that are active on the blog. Councilwoman has taken the reins back from the Redevelopment Authority. Councilwoman will have the fabrication finally done on the banners.

There will be no additional cost incurred. I'm thanking our staff for work well done.

Ward I

Councilman Tarlau:

I attended a meeting at Maryland National Park & Planning. The good news is we are getting close to taking a RFP for the skate park. We hope to have an RFP out by the end of this month. This is an election year and people should register to vote.

Jeannelle Wallace:

The city received court adjudication for \$5000.00 in favor of the city for property lien. We are working on other grants this year and have received \$100,000.00 dollars. The city has had some major work done on sidewalks and alley of 4500 block of 32nd street.

Mayor Miles:

There is bridge corrosion on the bridges in this city.

Jeannelle Wallace:

The county assessed we need a \$120,000.00 to make the repairs on the bridges. The city is requesting 1.3 million dollars for our public works department and economic adjustment systems.

Mayor Miles:

I would like for you to research some insurance company's find a way for our employee's to carry health insurance after they retire.

Through I-Net the City of Mount Rainier will have Pictometry which is a sky imagery of our City and this will help our police department and code enforcement with permitting. Inquires will be made about the archived version of this for our 100 year anniversary.

Mrs. Wallace City Manager:

The electronic recycling will be held again on September 20, 2008 from 9: am to 1: pm and its 6 items per household. For more information call 301-985-6583.

MRBA (Mount Rainier Business Association) is having a meet and greet and taste of Mount Rainier on Wednesday September 16, 2008 at Joes Movement Emporium.

The city has submitted a Federal Transit Grant application if we receive the monies the anticipation is to put in a comfort station ,bike racks and create a kiss and ride using the Bass property and putting in some meters.

Councilman Tarlau:

Do you have a specific suggestion on how we should move on the library?

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

We do have a need for a community center but, a multiuse facility would best serve our needs.

Mayor Miles:

Where are we on the proposal? Mayor and Council need to go back and have a discussion. We need to decide what it is we want. This should go to work-session.

Treasurer Vijay Manjani:

With financing the Bass property, we have two options at hand. 4.75% interest rate is the lowest.

Mayor Miles:

At the next work-session be prepared to vote.

Alta Morton = 75%
Jimmy Tarlau = 85%
Bryan Knedler = 100%
Mayor Miles = 100%

Councilman Tarlau:

If we get 4 3/4 % I'm in favor.

Councilman Knedler:
I move to do 100% financing
Second Councilwoman Morton
Vote 4-0

Luther Smith Director of Public Works:

The speed hump has been taken care of and we are doing some painting at the cross walks on Bunker Hill Rd. I would like to thank staff for taking care of the storm dubree.

Councilman Knedler:

Are there any improvements with the trash cans? Try encouraging people to tie their top to the trash can and put it in the message.

Mayor Miles:

Get a standardize can.

Councilman Knedler:

The city should require by ordinance that the top is tied to the can.

Luther Smith Director of Public Works:

If the residents would like to have the wood from the tree cutting in the city please contact Luther or Ruth Sandy @301-985-6583 for the tree wood.
I will talk to Charlie Wilson at DER about recycling bins.

Chief Scott:

I would like to thank our Public Works department. These guys do a good job compared to where I live. The rash of burglaries in our city is shared by the City of Hyattsville. We've done quite a bit of work capturing criminals. We are now fully staffed. If any of these guys were involved in any of the burglaries in Washington D.C. they can be charged with federal crimes.

The Mount Rainier Police Station is now open in the evening from 3-11:pm. On Monday through Thursday and 4-12pm on Friday. This announcement will be in the Message next month.

Councilwoman Morton:

Can we bring dispatch back to the city?

Mayor Miles:

We can talk about it at the next work-session.

Resolution 14-2008 (Launch local movement-based and recreational activities that will help residents to curb the rate of obesity and promote better physical well-being. Activities will take place in the offices and studios of the organization's community performing arts center (dba: Joe's Movement Emporium). The schedule of programs will involve stretching and toning activities, yoga, tai chi, dance fitness, and other dance and aerobic classes. Programs will serve a range of ages, from children and youth to senior citizens, and will be supervised by a licensed nurse practitioner).

For the city residents and employees of the city this project will not cost anything.

Councilman Tarlau:

I move to adopt Resolution 14-2008

Second Councilwoman Morton

Vote 3-0

Approved

Resolution 15-2008 (A resolution declaring that City – owned personal property consisting of three motor Vehicles not needed by the City of Mount Rainier for public use: and, providing for the City to dispose of the vehicles at public auction or scrap.)

Motioned by Councilwoman Morton

Second by Councilman Tarlau

Vote 3-0 Passed

Resolution 16-2008 (Silver Star Banner)

Move to adopt as read and amended

Second Councilwoman Morton

Vote 3-0

Move to adjourn Councilman Knedler

Second Councilwoman Morton

Vote3-0

Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Mrs. Wallace City Manager:

Fred Sissine has offered to sit with me and give some more recommendations. We should look at Schlick & Goldstein's proposal and ask some questions.

Councilman Knedler:

Are you saying we should choose the architectural firm now?

Mrs. Wallace City Manager:

We do have a need for a Community Center but a multiuse facility would best serve our needs.

Mayor Miles:

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