



## **Minutes for Mayor & Council Meeting**

**Date: 9-1-2009**

**Place: One Municipal Place Mount Rainier, MD 20712**

**Presiding Officer: Mayor Malinda Miles**

**Councilmember's present: Alta Morton, Jimmy Tarlau, Ivy Thompson**

**Councilmember's absent: Bryan Knedler**

**Staff in attendance: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, City Clerk Janis Lomax**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda**

**Approval of minutes fro 6-2-09, 6-16-09**

**All corrections must be sent to Ms. Lomax by Friday at close of business**

**Agenda approved**

**Moved Councilwoman Morton**

**Second Councilwoman Thompson**

**Vote 3-0**

**M.N.C.P.P.C.**

**Ragegi Fattah:**

**We are here to update the development plans and development guidelines that have been in place since year 1994. Park and Planning has several MUTC zones. The product is to create a new document that has updated development guidelines and standards.**

**We must work through a planning process to develop these guidelines. The guidelines are there to implement a vision that has been created. You put it into a document so when future developers come it will apply these guidelines to that vision.**

**Key steps for the project is as follows**

- 1. Create an urban design vision for the area.**
- 2. Construct an economic development analysis**

**The draft plan is expected in about 8 months and the approval process takes about 8 months.**

**Our consultants will schedule one on one interviews with key stakeholders.**

**We will set a series of community meetings. The tentative dates are 9-21-09, 10-7-09 and 10-17-09.**

**The first meeting will be an introductory kick off with the community.**

The second meeting will have design principles and examples from municipalities in other areas and the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will have hands on experience. My understanding is that Torti Gallas will look at three sites and create architectural drafts and illustrations on how these sites can be developed. Having Torti Gallas test their work would be beneficial to the city.

**Councilman Tarlau:**

Is the scope only our city?

**Mr. Raggei:**

Only the MUTC zone

**Councilman Tarlau:**

It seems like we are not involved or we are not part of the process.

**Mr. Raggei:**

The confirmation of dates means you are involved. This is just starting. We have drafted a scope of services that would meet the cities request. Once the contract is executed then we can move forward.

**Mayor Miles:**

We would like to have a copy of the contract.

**Councilwoman Morton:**

I don't recall you addressing the cities vision. I want to make sure the work that has been done by the city doesn't get lost.

**Mr. Raggei:**

The work that the city has done will not get lost; if the city has already crystallized a vision than that would save us a lot of time and money. This project is not a sector plan.

**Councilman Tarlau:**

The meeting on September 21, 2009 who do you expect to come? I think that some one from staff should be part of the team.

**Mayor Miles:**

The 9-21-09 meeting should be rescheduled to October 7, 2009. Before the meeting we would like to review the scope. We will get back with you with a name of a staff member. It maybe Ms. Wallace.

**Brad Frome: (Councilmember Campos's office)**

The 21<sup>st</sup> of September seems a bit aggressive.

**Dineen O'Connor (Park & Planning)**

We want to make sure that the leadership in this process is on board and we move forward together.

**Mayor Miles:**

We need to be at the table for the entire process.

**Jeannelle Wallace: (City Manager)**

1. Donald Bell from the police department submitted a grant for \$101,000.00 for solar panels for City Hall.
2. Estimates to remove the antenna from the church will cost \$44-50,000.00
3. The estimated reduction in revenue will be about \$185,000.00. This figure includes Highway User Fees and State Police Aide.

**Mayor Miles:**  
Has management agreed to add to monies to fix up Rainier Manor?

**Jeannelle Wallace:**  
Yes

**Councilman Tarlau:**  
What's happening with the fence in the alley?

**Jeannelle Wallace:**  
We are working on that.

**Councilwoman Morton:**  
When are we getting the traffic hump back on 37<sup>th</sup> street?

**Mayor Miles:**  
Put the hump back immediately.

**Councilwoman Morton:**  
The kids using the skate park are cutting through the temporary fencing and tearing down the shrubbery. I think that Park & Planning should take some ownership in cleaning that area.

**Chief Scott:**  
All damaged meters have now been repaired.  
People in the community can sign up to receive nixel messages from the police on cell phones or E-mails, we will use this to get critical information out to the public.

Suites Magazine wants s the city to participate in publication with allocating \$3000.00.  
Move to support  
**Councilwoman Morton**  
**Second Councilman Tarlau**  
Vote 3-0

**Resolution 8-2009 (A Resolution establishing an Enterprise Zone in order to promote economic development.)**  
Move **Councilman Tarlau**  
**Second Councilwoman Morton**  
Vote 3-0

**Resolution 9-2009 ( The City Council approved the designation of the Gateway Arts District as a Community Legacy area and is approving the application and receipt of financing for a Community Legacy Project (\$50,000 in Operating Support for the Green Home Pilot Project) as further described in the Community Legacy Application of Gateway Community Development Corporation, to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development ( the "Department ") of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland.**

Moved **Councilman Tarlau**  
**Second Councilwoman Ivy Thompson**  
Vote 3-0

**Resolution 10-2009 ( A Resolution of the Mayor and Council officially appointing a City of Mount Rainier representative to the Gateway CDC Executive Board)**

**Moved Councilman Tarlau:  
Second Councilwoman Morton  
Vote 3-0**

**Resolution 11-2009 (A Resolution establishing a partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure a complete and accurate 2010 census)**

**Moved Councilwoman Morton  
Second Councilman Tarlau  
Vote 3-0**

**Motion to adjourn  
Councilman Tarlau  
Second Councilwoman Morton  
Vote 3-0**