



## **Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier Maryland Council Meeting**

**Date: March 3, 2009**

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

**Presiding Officer: Mayor Malinda Miles**

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

**Council members absent:**

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

**Meeting called to order @ 7:07 pm**

**Reviewing agenda**

**Moving appointment of Election Judges to first Item**

**Move to approve**

**Councilwoman Morton**

**Second Councilman Knedler**

**Vote 4-0**

**Minutes**

**Councilwoman Morton moves to give corrections of minutes to Ms. Lomax by close of business**

**3-6-2009**

**Second Councilman Knedler**

**Vote 4-0.**

**Presentation by Chris Wilson (MNCPP)**

**Historic sites eligible for the grant pilot program of \$500,000.00. Prince George's County has over 500 sites and it's competitive. We have over 200 African American sites and hope they can be elevated to historic status. Mount Rainier Maryland is a registered historic district and with this grant program there are benefits.**

**Resolution 2-2009 ( A Resolution appointing members to the City of Mount Rainier Board of Elections for the period March , 2009 to March 1, 2011.)**

**Moves to adopt**

**Councilman Knedler**

**Second Councilwoman Morton**

**Vote 4-0**

**Ward II**

**Councilman Knedler reporting on the library @ 3409 R.I. Avenue we're making progress and moving forward on design. The Council made the decision to go with four floors and our DRB approved the bulletin board for in front of City Hall. The city has a lot of tripping hazards on our sidewalks. If you know of any please call our Public Works Dept. @ 301-985-6583.**

**Ward I**

**Councilwoman Morton:**

**Residents please make sure your sidewalks are clear within 48 hours of a snowstorm.**

**Councilman Tarlau:**

**Rainier Manor residents are still having problems with management and we are working on that with Councilmember Campos also, at 7: pm there will be a meeting with the designers for the skate park.**

**Mayor Miles:**

**The city is very well positioned.**

**City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:**

**The city submitted a report for 7 grants within 4 days. We are waiting on a certification from WSSC so the bass property can be raised.**

**Chief Scott:**

**The Police Department has put in for a \$550,000.00 grant from the Maryland Energy Administration Grant program. This will give us the funds to clean up and repair the police station that should have been done when it was built. We are also asking for money for a green energy program for hiring at risk youths and adults. We put a grant in for \$84,000.00 to purchase two hybrid vehicles. I am working closely with Go-Cap to help us with getting our grants through. The police department has hired a replacement for Kevin Simpson and his name is Paul Robinson.**

**Luther Smith Director of Public Works:**

**Public Works have compiled a list of tree stumps and prices to remove all of them. The department is aware of the raised sidewalks but we don't have a list of sidewalk repairs. As of July 1, 2009 the dumping fees will be \$54.00 which is a \$5.00 increase. I feel that the snow was handled very well. My goal is to start working on pot holes in the city. Public Works will have electronic pick up on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April.**

**Mayor Miles:**

**A shredding day has been confirmed and it will be in Brentwood, the date has not yet been released. The Gateway website will come up this week and Easy Storage has had their ribbon cutting ceremony.**

**Ordinance 3-2009 (Historic Preservation Tax Credit) 1<sup>st</sup> read**

**Ordinance 4-2009 (Furniture on your porch) 1st read**

**Councilman Tarlau:**

**I'm leaning against this ordinance because I feel it's over regulating.**

**Councilwoman Morton:**

**Ms Morton commends Councilman Knedler for the work he did on this ordinance and she supports it.**

**Councilman Briones supports smoke alarms and feels it would be a good idea.**

**Mayor Miles:**

**Ordinance 4-2009 discussion will be moved to work-session.**

**Councilman Knedler moves to adjourn to closed session to discuss a personnel matter.**

**Second Councilwoman Morton**

**Vote 4-0**