



**Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier
Work-Session**

Date: 3-17-2009

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier Md. 20712

Presiding Officer: Mayor Miles

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

Council members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, City Clerk Janis Lomax

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 pm

Reviewing agenda

Adding Mount Rainier Day to agenda

Move to accept

Councilman Briones

Second Bryan Knedler

Vote 3-0

Mayor Miles:

The Mayor would like to form a committee to plan the 100 year Mount Rainier Day.

Councilman Briones:

Mr. Briones would like to serve on the committee and suggested a years worth of monthly activities leading up to the 100th year Mount Rainier Day.

Councilman Tarlau:

Suggest that it go on the list serv and put it in the message and have the first meeting in the spring.

Mayor Miles:

Persons interested in serving on the committee, give your name to City Manager Jeannelle Wallace.

Gateway CDC Sheryl Derricott:

Ms. Derricott is discussing the letter sent to the city from CDC asking the council to consider funding of \$10,000.00 for general operating support. She would like to diversify funding sources and will also approach Brentwood and North Brentwood for contributions. This request was split into a couple of request. We will use \$2000.00 to off set over head to run CDC and \$3000.00 to complete funding for the arts district management team website. Their annual budget for FY09 us 1.2 million, 80% is restricted funds and 20% unrestricted.

Councilman Briones:

What is the overhead?

Ms. Derricott:

Our across the board overhead is within the 15%.

Councilman Knedler:

The website is great. Picking out one specific business is problematic when others have been waiting as well as Island Style Ice Cream.

Ms. Derricott:

The reason for picking is because they stopped working in the middle of the project.

Councilman Briones:

There is a total of 15 businesses and I'm okay with the \$3,000.00 and with the facades but I don't want it to appear to business that we're picking one over another.

Mayor Miles:

We will ask that the MRBA if they will give \$10,000.00. Our businesses will benefit by the outlay. I would not recommend that you give it to Island Style but to put it in a some of money that works for the whole because there are others that need signs. We need to look at façade programs more totalistic. If the city is going to put up any money then CDC is going to have to raise some money.

Councilman Tarlau:

Mr. Tarlau is in support of giving CDC the \$10,000.00 and wants to make clear that it will be from this years budget FY09.

Councilman Briones:

Mr.Briones feels we should give the \$3000.00 and prefers the matching idea.

Mayor Miles:

The city will cut a check for \$3000.00 for the website.

Skate Park

Councilman Tarlau would like for the Council to look at the design for the park and to say that the park should be complete by September 2009.

Mayor Miles:

The city will be asking for a 20 year guaranty on the park and this is a dual park.

Councilman Briones:

Mr. Briones is in support of the skate park.

Councilman Tarlau:

There will be a skate park meeting April 7th 2009 at 7:pm.

Councilwoman Morton:

Everything is in place and Karen Cruz needs to be contacted on where we want to hang the banners.

Mayor Miles:

There should be a total of 12 banners. Councilwoman Morton will look into the price on purchasing 24 banners.

Mayor Miles:

The First Baptist Church wants the city to replace their roof because of our communication antenna mounted on their roof.

Councilman Briones:

I don't think the city should pay for the entire roof.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

The current condition of the roof was not caused by the tower. The roof is not in total disrepair do to the communication tower being there. I feel that some responsibility lye with the church.

Mayor Miles:

The church has allowed the tower to stay there for years with no compensation.

Treasurer Vijay Manjani:

I feel that the city should pay some of the cost but not all.

Councilman Briones:

The antenna should be on a public building.

Mayor Miles:

I will check on the cost for repairing the roof.

Ordinance 4-2009

Councilman Knedler:

The city can't enforce the county code on porch furniture. The city doesn't know if it can enforce or not and we will look into if upholstery furniture is considered open storage.

Councilman Briones:

If we can't fall back on the county code then I will be inclined to support this ordinance.

Councilman Tarlau feels that we don't need another regulation.

Mayor Miles:

We will get clarification on open storage.

Treasurer Vijay Manjani explains the proposed budget to the Mayor and Council

Motion to adjourn

Councilwoman Morton

Second Councilman Tarlau

Vote 4-0