



Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier Mayor & Council Meeting

Date: May 5, 2009

Place: One Municipal Place Mount Rainier MD. 20712

Presiding Officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

Councilmember's present: Jimmy Tarlau, Bryan Knedler, Pedro Briones and Alta Morton

Councilmember's absent: None

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

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Agenda

Move to accept agenda

Councilman Bryan Knedler

Second Councilman Pedro Briones

Vote 3-0

Department Reports

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

The bass property has received all certifications from the utility companies and that's what we have been waiting on. The city is waiting on the final quotes for the replacement of meters. Some of the city staff has been approached by residents who are considering selling their property to the city. There are some links on MRTV gives more information about the swine flu. There are some architectural renderings here on 3409 Rhode Island Ave. that I will show the council. The Eastern Star owners maybe considering selling their building to the city and it is located next to 3409 Rhode Island Ave. Ivan Robinson has a wellness program that he is offering free to city employees and residents.

Luther Smith Director of Public Works

The repairing of pot holes is on hold because of rain and it will resume as soon as the weather permits. Grass cutting will begin when the weather breaks.

Councilman Tarlau:

The residents are complaining about the swimming pool with 6 inches of water in it.

Luther Smith:

The rain has put more water in it because we have pumped it out. We understand that it is a safety hazard for kids.

Councilman Briones:

I would like for public works to consider having a shred day for shredding important documents once or twice a year.

Chief Scott (Chief of Police)

On April 18th 2009 our task force was out in full force to reduce robberies targeted at the Hyattsville Metro Station.

We are waiting on Pepco for lighting on the trail walking to the Hyattsville metro.

The city has started using the speed cameras as of October 1, 2009.

All officers were issued safety mask, gloves and sanitizers.

Eddie Murphy has been selected by MMI as officer of the year.

Councilwoman Morton:

C-Safe do we have anything for youths at risk?

Chief Scott:

Any organization or program that wants monies will have to submit a letter or request on how the money will be used.

There is no money from the county for 800 megahertz radios.

Maxine Drakeford: (Supervisor of elections)

Mrs. Drakeford thanks everyone for selecting her for the Chief Judge of Elections position again this year.

Absentee ballots:

During the election three ballots had to be void.

Councilman Tarlau:

How long do we keep the ballots? Would you ask MML what is the policy on how long the ballots are held.

Motion to certify the election.

Councilman Briones

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 4-0

Councilman Tarlau:

The skate board park grand opening will beheld in June or July of 2009. Congratulations to Councilwoman Morton, Mayor Miles and Councilwoman Thompson on winning the election.

Good bye to Pedro Briones and it's been nice working with you.

Councilwoman Morton:

Ms. Morton extends thanks to everyone on her behalf.

Councilman Knedler:

Extends his thanks to everyone who came out to vote and the election board.

I would like to thank Pedro for all his hard work.

Councilman Briones gives a brief description of his accomplishments during his tenure.

Ordinance 5-2009 2nd Reading (An Ordinance Establishing the Tax Rate, Adopting an Annual Budget, and Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2010, Beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010)

**Moved Councilwoman Alta Morton
Second Councilman Jimmy Tarlau
Vote 4-0 Approved**

**Motion to adjourn
Councilman Jimmy Tarlau
Second Councilwoman Alta Morton
Vote 4-0
Adjourned @ 8:40 pm**