



Minutes for the City of Mount Rainer Mayor and Council Meeting

Date: 10-6-2009

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD 2071

Presiding Officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

Councilmember's present: Jimmy Tarlau, Ivy Thompson, Alta Morton and Bryan Knedler

Councilmember's absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Adding discussion of current attorney contract for closed session

Adding Zip Car resolution

Moved

Councilwoman Morton

Second

Councilman Tarlau

All in favor

Minutes approved with corrections in by Friday

Moved

Councilwoman Morton

Second

Councilman Knedler

All in favor

Mayor Miles:

Most of the crime in the city has been on a low scale. The city is in very good shape as far as crime goes. There has been discussion about Mount Rainier's relationship with the city of Brentwood's and the status of our MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Our MOU is intact. We are still providing services to the town of Brentwood and our officers are on duty on a regular basis. It's been said that Brentwood is looking into setting up ~~the~~ their own police department.

Ward I

Councilwoman Morton:

Atha banners should be installed by October 22 2009. The flicks movie night was well attended and we have our fourth and final movie coming up this weekend. Councilwoman Morton and Thompson attended an Urban Land Development conference and have made several connections. Ms. Morton has had quite a bit of contact with D.B.T.(Dudley Funeral Home) and they are still interested in working with the city. There is a new dog park in the area and it opened last week. It's off Ager Road beside Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Mayor Miles:

Is Dudley Funeral Home making a reasonable offer?

Councilwoman Morton:

They sent me some comparables.

Councilman Tarlau:

The skate park committee is meeting October 14, 2009 6:30 pm at City Hall.

The centennial meeting will be Friday @ 4:pm. ZZ Pizza on the corner of 34th and Bunker Hill Road is getting good reviews.

Ward II

Councilwoman Thompson:

Gateway CDC held its first successful fundraiser on 9-26-09 and sold over 100 tickets.

They obtained their Use & Occupancy for the Brentwood Art Center. A formal funding letter was sent to MNPPC parks department for their consideration during their budget process to Chairman Parker asking for increased patrols and well as programming for the youths and adults. There will be an open house on Friday for the Xtrem Teen program held at Rolling Crest/Chillum Recreation Center.

I want to remind everybody that tomorrow night is the kick off for the MUTC meeting and the more residents present the better the product will be. This will be held at the Bunker Hill Fire Station @7: pm. I'd like to give a special thanks to Officer Wilson for going above and beyond the call of duty. The Harry Potter movie will get started about 7: pm because it's a lengthy movie and there will be free popcorn.

Councilman Knedler:

The Tree Commission and Environmental Protection Board will both be meeting together on Wednesday October 15th 2009 at 7:30 pm at City Hall. This will be an informational meeting.

We have open slots on both committees and the Tree Committee has no members at the moment. We will explain the purpose for both committees. The Corn Bin is having its ribbon cutting on Saturday morning 10: am @ the Tool Shed Building 3601 Bunker Hill Road.

The architectural overlay zone legislation will be introduced sometime next spring. The old Glenn's Transmission at Bunker Hill Road and Eastern Ave. is being rebuilt. A convenience store will go there.

Mayor Miles:

New liquor bard rules will be posted on the website.

Councilwoman Morton:

Both Party time Liquors and Chucks Liquors are selling singles and they both open at 6:30 am

Councilwoman Thompson:

The current board for RDA has decided not to take a position on the renewal of Party Time Liquors lease.

Mayor Miles:

Please add to the work session agenda a letter of opposition to the renewal of Party Times Liquors lease. Friday morning Chairman Parker from Park & Planning will be here to discuss a lot of things that are going on in the city. The council is invited to come and participate @ 10: am at City Hall.

Resolution 14-2009

We will be appointing a representative to the Design Review Board. Mr. McKinsey.

He is currently employed with the Department of Consumer Regulatory Affairs. Mr. McKinsey has been a resident of the city for one year and five years of experience with design for residential and commercial buildings. He recently passed his building certification as a commercial inspector and he is preparing to take his architectural license.

Mayor Miles:

The Council is happy you submitted your resume'. We can use the expertise and the city will be happy to have you.

Councilman Knedler:

I want to make sure that a two year term is in the resolution.

Councilman Tarlau:

I would like to expand the committees.

Motion to approve Resolution 14-2009

Councilwoman Morton

Second Councilwoman Thompson

All in favor

Resolution 13-2009 (Support of Storm water Regulations)

This resolution should go to all member of the Prince George's Council

Moved Councilman Tarlau

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 4-0

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

I received a call from Express Signs today and they will be sending an electronic file of the sign for Island Style Ice Cream. Also, I received invoices from electrical company and Express Signs from Cheryl Derricott at Gateway CDC in terms of what was owed. Gateway CDC paid 50% on both sign and the electrical connection. The business should have their sign up by the end of the month.

Councilman Tarlau:

There is a façade issue and a sign wouldn't look good without the façade refinished. The building is significant.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

My understanding is we would go with Island Style because that sign is ready. Also, there is an issue with Nissey because she was one of the first to put her money up and the hold up was the façade and all the electrical work that had to be done and the reports showed it was cost prohibited and that's why we said we would go with the sign for Nissey's as well.

Mayor Miles:

Are we putting money into signs ?

I would like to see the tape at work-session of that meeting.

The Mayor will look at the tree with the graffiti and determine how to move forward with that.

Jeannelle Wallace:

The staff has put together a booklet to be distributed to residents in English and Spanish and we also have a revised leaf schedule.

The city has recycling bins and if you need one please call our Public Works Dept. 301-985-6583.

Councilman Tarlau:

Can you give us the status of the bass parking lot and the gate for the alley way?

Jeannelle Wallace:

The post for the gate in the alley way is up we are waiting on some parts which will take a few weeks. The application with the Federal Transit Administration was amended and we just got that approved last week. The next step is striping.

Councilman Tarlau:

Is there a time on that?

Jeannelle Wallace:

That depends on Federal Transit Administration.

The City Manager explains to the Council why certain residents are issued violations.

Mayor Miles:

We want to apply the rules equally and fairly to the residents and commercial properties.

Chief Scott:

Information on the flu is available on the Chiefs blog

Mayor Miles:

I think the zip cars should go in our downtown area. Draft a resolution for the zip cars.

Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss property acquisition.

Councilwoman Morton

Second Councilwoman Thompson

Vote 4-0

