



## Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier

### Mayor and Council Meeting

Date: 5-3-2011

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD 20712

Presiding officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

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

Councilmember's absent: William Updike

Staff present:

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, Captain Stoots, Public Works Director Luther Smith and

City Clerk Janis Lomax

Reviewing Agenda

Moved Councilman Knedler

Second Councilman Tarlau

Vote 3-0

Michael Gumpert of Gateway CDC is proposing a \$5000.00 grant to Mount Rainier to paint the intersection at Bunker Hill and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Councilman Knedler wants press coverage for the painting of the streets.

The city will cut a \$5000.00 check to CDC and when they receive the grant money from Park & Planning CDC will reimburse the City of Mount Rainier.

Mike Turner of the Bike Co-op will collect all receipts from paint and other items needed for the 34<sup>th</sup> Street painting and give them to the CDC.

Councilman Taralu suggests distributing flyers to let the public know about restaurants in our area and other places to eat.

Election Results given by the Election Supervisor Maxine Drakeford

Jimmy Tarlau 96 votes 2 absentee

William Updike 91 2 absentee

Adrienne Charles 46 2 absentee

Brent Bolin 112 4 absentee

Write INS for Ward I

Dennis Chick

Thomas Willoughby

Motion to accept the report

Councilwoman Thompson

Second Bryan Knedler

Vote 3-0

Alonzo Washington (Chief of Staff for County Councilman Will Campos)

The bed & breakfast issue CB39-2009 gives definition of Bed and Breakfast. Page 8 underlines under what zones the Bed and Breakfast are not permitted. The zones are Ros-os-RA-RE-RR-R55 are not permitted use under these zones. The remaining zones R35-R20-RT-R30-R30C-R18-R18C-R10A-R10-RH

does not permit Bed & Breakfast in these zones. Under the Gateway Overlay Zone you cannot have it.

If the municipality decides amongst themselves that they want to add the Bed & Breakfast to their table of uses then the Councilmember would move forward with that decision. Parking would be a problem. For each one bedroom used you will need a parking spot on the property.

Councilman Tarlau wants to know if 4137 34<sup>th</sup> Street is a permitted use for a Bed& Breakfast

4137 34<sup>th</sup> Street is not a permitted use for a Bed & Breakfast. People have concerns about a Bed & Breakfast becoming a boarding house.

Councilwoman Thompson is supportive of a Bed & Breakfast but doesn't feel they should be allowed in TRN. (Traditional Residential Neighborhood)

Councilman Tarlau shares the same feelings that boarding houses might erupt from Bed & Breakfast. I'm bringing this to you on informational purposes only. The City of Hyattsville has tabled this same issue.

The Gateway CDC has not been recommended for funding. County Councilman Will Campos's office is working to make sure they get funded.

Mayor Miles is concerned about the Neighborhood Design Center.

Alonzo Washington:

That is one of our top priorities to make sure they are funded each year.

Street Sense update:

Developers are still interested in developing the properties.

Councilman Knedler:

What's happening with the Architect Conservation Zone?

Alonzo Washington:

WE are meeting with all the players this week for feedback. Once we get that then we will introduce another draft to the county council.

Officer Carpenter heads the Program Operation take back Initiative. This program takes prescription meds off the street and has it disposed of properly. People are throwing them away and they are getting into our water and fish. We collected 4.5 pounds of medication. Even though the program is over you can still bring old medication to MRPD.

Mayor Miles:

Send a letter to the County Council about funding for the CDC and NDC or the lack of funding.

Motion to send a letter about funding for the CDC and NDC

Councilman Jimmy Tarlau

Second Councilman Knedler

Voter 3-0

Public Works

Luther Smith (Director of Public Works)

Luther is showing by video some of the tasks Public Works does and giving a discussion on what their men do daily and otherwise.

Councilman Tarlau wants to know about striping on Arundel Road and hopes it contributes to slowing down traffic.

Mayor Miles makes a correction that the number of people working in Public Works is 9 and not 13.

Jeannelle Wallace City Manager:

Public Works does code abatement and we invoice the property owner, if the owner does not pay we lien the property and add a \$200.00 administration fee.

Captain Stoots:

We had no burglaries in the month of April. A C-Safe grant was submitted for \$36,000.00 and we also submitted a juvenile accountability grant. We're waiting to hear from them. The new truck is completely done and Officer Williams is the driver.

Minutes

Councilman Tarlau:

Motion to send corrections to the clerk by Friday

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 3-0

Councilman Knedler:

I would like to say that I appreciate the roast and it's been an honor to work on the Bryan has served on the Council for the past 14 years. The Council under Mayor Miles has great vision and it is the best team I've been on.

Councilwoman Thompson:

Ms. Thompson thanks Councilman Knedler for his guidance and all he has done over the years. The month of May is Peace and fitness month and Park & Planning is having free activities at different centers. The farmers market will start May 21, 2011 on Mount Rainier Day and after that it will be on Saturdays at the plaza in front of City Hall.

Mayor Miles:

Bryan it has been an honor and a pleasure to work with you.

Pepco

The city manager says Washington DC bought all of their street lights. The City of Mount Rainier doesn't have the funds to purchase 700 lights.

Mayor Miles:

Pepco has selected Oxon Hill to start their smart meters. The smart meter will not get to Mount Rainier until 2012. Smart meters ping Pepco and this lets them know where the outages are.

Jeannelle Wallace:

The city got 1.4 million in the pipeline that we are using or will be using in grant money.

The Mayor and Council extend their condolences to Luther Smith and his family.

Ordinance 4-2011 2<sup>nd</sup> read

Councilman Tarlau Motion to adopt budget

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 3-0

Ordinance 5-2011 1st<sup>read</sup> amending 1 D ethics

Mayor Miles

The Ethics commission will need five members with three year terms.

The development of 3200 block of Rhode Island Avenue

Councilman Tarlau: Motion

We should extend the deadline of the RFP to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 which is 60 days.

Councilman Knedler Second the motion

Councilwoman Thompson has a problem with opening the RFP for another 60 days.

City Manager:

If you extend it you should put time constraints on it. The RFP needs to be spread around to reach more people.

Councilwoman Thompson:

Can we have a happy medium where we extend this but also have a closing date? I want the RFP to continue to be a guideline on what's presented to us.

Brent Bolin feels we should advertise and have transparency and have more flexibility.

Mayor Miles says we are going to follow the guidelines of RFP.

Seating in for the new council will be Monday at 8: pm.

Motion to adjourn

Councilman Tarlau

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 10: pm