



**Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier  
Mayor & Council Meeting**

**Date: 6-7-2011**

**Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD 20712**

**Presiding officer: Mayor Malinda Miles**

**Councilmember's present: Brent Bolin, William Updike and Ivy Thompson**

**Councilmember's absent: Jimmy Tarlau**

**Staff present:**

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

**Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda**

**Pepco on hold from the agenda**

**Scheduled presentation moved up**

**Add the Tree Commission**

**Motion to approve**

**Councilman William Updike**

**Second Councilman Brent Bolin**

**Vote 3-0**

**Motion to approve the minutes with corrections to the City Clerk by Friday.**

**Councilman William Updike**

**Second Councilman Brent Bolin**

**Vote 3-0**

**Ward Reports**

**Ward II No report**

**Ward I Report**

**Councilman Updike says Mount Rainier Day was a great Day and it was also his birthday. A lot of volunteers came out for the paint project.**

**Mayor Miles thanks everyone for a great Mount Rainier Day and states that the city has planted 100 trees and Mr. McKinley Ward reminds us to water them. Bryan Knedler created water bags for the trees on Bunker Hill Rd. The city acknowledges Bryan Knedler as the tree champion for 14 years.**

**Luther Smith states that the Green Parks needs to be added to the watering.**

**Former Councilman Bryan Knedler created water bags for the trees on Bunker Hill Rd. Mr. Knedler would like for it to go into the Newsletter to residents to adopt a tree and Public Works will purchase the water bags.**

**City Manager Jeannelle Wallace met with the president of our Mount Rainier Business Association in regards to a potential proposal to the businesses to stay open two nights a week until 10: pm. We would also like to have two artist work with us to improve store fronts and revitalize the business district with hopes of drawing more people. Ms. Wallace submitted \$10,000.00 in property liens.**

#### **After School Madness Program**

**This is a program that helps as many as sixty children with their homework. The city gave a \$2000.00 grant which allowed the program to hire four additional teachers. They would like to expand the hours from 2 hours daily to 4 hours daily.**

#### **Mayor Miles:**

**What would budget look like for 60 students? There are 20 students on the waiting list. Eight teachers will be needed for 60 students. Donald Bell is working on getting funding for that program.**

**We had representation at the school board meeting. We are 100% certain that Richardson Park will become property of Mount Rainier.**

**The city manager has been meeting with interested developers and one of them is showing interest in getting a contract with us.**

#### **Luther Smith Director of Public Works**

**We are working on watering the trees and have about 30 left to do out of 100 trees.**

#### **Councilman Updike:**

**The crosswalks at 34<sup>th</sup> and Bunker Hill Rd need striping.**

#### **Luther Smith:**

**We will get the striping of the sidewalks done and I have not forgotten about 28<sup>th</sup> Street 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> also need to be striped.**

#### **Chief Scott:**

**Mount Rainier Elementary School Fun Fair is 3-8 pm**

**Thomas Stone after school madness program was funded through a grant. The county had money left over from gang prevention money. We were able to get \$5000.00. We've put in for grant money for juvenile outreach. We are looking for \$6700.00 to fund one full time and two part time positions to provide wrap around services to at risk youth in the city. We are pleased that Thomas Stone wants to hire high school kids. We are worried about not getting funded through C-safe. If we don't get funded we will lose Donald Bell our C-Safe coordinator.**

**Crime stats for the month of May were e-mailed. National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August and it's being held at the Mount Rainier Nature Center. Please turn on your porch light for National Night Out. We have taken delivery of a replacement vehicle.**

#### **Speed Camera**

**During the month of May the Rhode Island Ave. camera issued 2317 citations and of that 369 have been paid and 1948 remain unpaid. Arundel Road issued 86 violations, 17 paid and 69 unpaid. The total on the Rhode Island Ave. camera for January through May is 17,060.**

**Councilwoman Thompson:**

I would like to say thanks to everyone attending our farmers market. The Farmers Market will be able to accept WICK and FMNP checks. Friday from 3-8: pm is the Mount Rainier Elementary School fun fair. Parks and Recreation is offering free water programs. You can register at Rolling Crest Chillum Swim Center and Sports and Learning complex. It's a four week class water safety and swimming for kids. Joe's Movement and Little friends for Peace have summer camps.

**Clean Current Presentation**

Clean Current is connected to the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland grid. The weighted average for the city's electricity rate is 9.01 cents and fixed rates will help you with your budget. We will help the city find out how to reduce energy usage and find out where the source of power is coming from. By supporting a local company your dollars will be circulated in the state. Greenbelt chose us because of who we are as a company.

**Mayor Miles**

The Council will take this up at the next work-session.

**Viridian**

Viridian is a green company in multiple states with 40,000 customers. They have a variable rate. Their rates are less than Pepco. The introductory rate is 20% renewable energy as well as a 100% option. With 500 customers the city will make \$10,000.00 in bonus money as well as \$12,000.00 dollars in annual residual yearly income with \$1000.00 coming into your budget every month.

**Councilman Updike:**

If we wanted to promote your company to our residents and not use it for our municipal buildings would the bonuses still apply?

**Tom Simpson: Viridian**

Yes

**Mayor Miles:**

The city is looking at having a green team and having an environmental protection board.

Ordinance 5-2011 2<sup>nd</sup> read and vote (An ordinance amending Chapter ID Ethics of the Mount Rainier Code striking sections ID-101 through ID-108 and replacing it with new language as indicated in this ordinance.)

The Ethics Commission consists of minimal of three but not more than five members appointed by the Mayor with the concurrence of the Mayor and Council.

**Move to approve amendment**

**Councilman Brent Bolin**

**Second Councilman Updike**

**Vote3-0**

**Councilman Updike move to approve Ordinance 5-2011 as amended**

**Second Councilman Brent Bolin**

**Vote 3-0**

**Ordinance 6-2011 (Ethics Commission Appointees)**

**To amend the names on the commission  
Strike Jared Stolfus name**

**Adrienne Charles MD**

**Arthur Fuller Jr.**

**Aaron Laval**

**These names shall be appointed to the Ethics Commission**

**New Business**

**Mayor and Council vote on summer recess**

**The Mayor and Council vote not to meet in the months of July and August 2011 unless a special meeting is called.**

**Motion for Council recess**

**Councilwoman Thompson**

**Second Councilman Updike**

**Vote 3-0**

**MUTC Recommendations**

**Jared Stolfus**

**Cheryl Fountain**

**Brent Bolin**

**Pat Williams**

**Jack Baker**

**Anthony Lee**

**Robin Bliss**

**Motion**

**Councilman Updike moves to approve the list of seven to the city council and forward to Park & Planning.**

**Second Councilwoman Thompson**

**Vote 3-0**

**Councilwoman Thompson:**

**NLC is a prescription discount card program. This program will benefit our residents and if you have insurance you can't use it.**

**Councilwoman Thompson**

**Move that the city participate in promoting this program to our residents.**

**Second Councilman Brent Bolin**

**Vote 3-0**

**Motion to go into close session for the purpose of talking about the FOP Contract**

**Councilman Updike motions to reaffirm their position storm water legislation regarding our sewers etc. That the letter that was previously sent be resent along with any additional information.**

**Second Councilwoman Thompson  
Vote 3-0**

**Mayor Miles:**

**We are looking to renew our relationship with Brentwood. I would like to authorize Chief Scott to look at an MOU.**

**CDBG appropriates \$100,000.00 for CDBG or none a all. We don't know how they dispense the money. It is at their discretion how they disburse the money. You can only participate in one CDBG either at the county or state level.**

**Councilwoman Thompson must call the state and find out their deadline ad what we have to do to get in it. We are not giving up our rights to this. Where CDBG money goes depends on how you write and shape your grant. The deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 for this application and grant. We need to look at a different kind of proposal.**

**Councilman Updike:**

**I would like for us to look for more grants every six months.**

**Motion to adjourn**

**Councilman Updike**

**Second Councilman Bolin**

**Vote 3-0**