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CITY MANAGER REPORT
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Grants Management

The city successfully drew down the funds from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in order to purchase the former Blue Bird Cab Lot, located at 3411 Perry Street, Mount Rainier, Maryland. The settlement occurred on January 11, 2011. Management staff will work on researching ADA requirements for handicapped ramps and will obtain estimates for resurfacing the area. Another grant application will be submitted to FTA to secure funding for the resurfacing and installation of handicapped ramps.

The required documentation has been submitted to the County concerning the Façade Improvement Program. Staff is currently waiting for signatures on the contract in order to commence with this project.

The Green Home Initiative is still on-going. Staff were given additional time in order for applicants to obtain storm windows and doors ordered and installed. Some applicants need additional energy efficient improvements which will require assistance from Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP).

Management staff has also worked diligently to secure funding which has finally been approved for the repair of the city's bridges and improving the street lights in the Kaywood Garden Apartment complex.

Request of Proposals

The city formally issued the RFP for development of the 3200 Block of Rhode Island Avenue on January 21, 2011. 110 notices were sent out to potential developers, contractors, etc. An advertisement appeared in the Washington Post and will appear in the February 7th edition of the Washington Business Journal. The next step is a pre-bid conference tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2011. All of the required documents can be found on the economic development page of the city's website at www.mountrainiermd.org.

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Mount Rainier Business Association

MRBA and management worked in partnership on the welcome packages that were mailed to business property owners. This package contained useful information pertaining to retaining current tenants and attracting new businesses. Regulations about County and City permits were included in the packages.

Code Enforcement

The code enforcement division is now working on issuing 2012 Business Occupancy License Applications. The form was revised by the management team to enable the city to collect viable information. The city's business list has been updated and is now on the city's website www.mountrainiermd.org.

PEPCO

The management team has worked with PEPCO to ensure that lights that were in disrepair were escalated on the work order list. The complaints that were received during the past month received priority and to our knowledge all the lights have been repaired.

Staff also worked with WSSC to ensure that all water leakages were reported and addressed in a timely manner.