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CITY MANAGER REPORT
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Grants/Awards

The City Manager recently received notification of a very large award in another green category. Unfortunately, the specifics cannot be divulged until a press release on June 18, 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The City will receive its Maryland Municipal League Award of Excellence at the Opening Ceremony in Ocean City, June 9, 2014. The Mayor will accept the award and a DVD of the ceremonies will be provided by MML so that it can be aired on the City's cable channels.

The City Manager filed the required quarterly report to Maryland Energy Administration on the components completed thus far on the installation of the LED lighting and motion sensor lighting at City Hall. The electrical contractor is awaiting the final order for the lights in the stairwell which will complete this project.

The Community Legacy Neighborhood Revitalization Grant and Smart Growth Demolition and Impact Grant are due July 15, 2014. The City Manager attended the mandatory workshop for this in Baltimore. The Mayor and Council are expected to adopt legislation approving the request at the regular meeting of the mayor and council this evening.

The City Manager is waiting for the signed grant agreement for the Community Legacy Award in the amount of \$120,000 for the installation of the bio-retention cell on Buchanan Street. Once the grant agreement is received, advertisements will be issued for a RFP.

The City is still working on receiving two addition bids in order to move forward with it's annual submission to the County's Tree ReLeaf Grant Program.

Meetings

Other meetings attended included the I-Net Executive Meeting, and Comcast Negotiations Team Meeting. The City Treasurer and City Manager met with another IT firm that will be handling the city's IT needs. The City Treasurer has also researched various entities for retention and archival of the city's documents. The manager attended a meeting in College Park regarding the new launch of the Tree ReLeaf Grant Program.

Permits

Numerous permits (building, demolition, yard sale, outdoor events, etc.,) have been issued during the month of May.

Finance

The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget has been adopted by the Mayor and Council. The document can be viewed on the City's website www.mountrianiermd.org under the Government tab by clicking on reports and documents. The City Treasurer is now preparing for the audit of the financial statements and records in preparation for the review Fiscal Year 2014 for the period ending June 30, 2014.

Other issues

The Department of Environmental Resources has been contacted about the erosion/sinking issues on 29th Street and 31st Street.

The City is still experiencing problems with the local utilities concerning notification to residents and commercial establishments about disruption in service and parking due to street repairs and resurfacing.

The manager has been in consultation with PEPCO regarding meeting with the City Tree commission members prior to pruning and removal of street trees.

There is no update report on the 3200 block of Rhode Island Avenue.

I received this update today from Zunilda Rodriguez, Planning Coordinator for Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission regarding the Architectural Conservation Plan and the Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone:

The purpose of the Architectural Conservation Plan and Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone project is to preserve and protect the architectural and historic character and scale of the City of Mount Rainier's single family neighborhoods. In addition, the ACOZ and ACP would promote context-sensitive infill, additions, and renovations in future single-family neighborhoods in the city. The ACOZ zoning tool is intended to preserve and protect the architectural or design character as designated by the ACP. The ACP will be the guiding document for development within the ACZ and all applications will be subject to review of a community-led Architectural Conservation Design Review. This will be the first of its kind in the county. In addition, this planning project will develop a user-friendly ACP that includes a physical and historical description of the ACD, detailed inventory of the built environment, an architectural survey, and pattern book to provide visual guidance to homeowners, architects and contractors. The ACP will review existing and proposed design regulations, as appropriate, to ensure infill development, renovations and additions are compatible in scale and scope with the surrounding development. Active engagement with various stakeholders in the City of Mount Rainier will be important to this planning process.