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CITY MANAGER REPORT
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During the Month of March, 2014 – the following meetings and other matters took place:

Meetings

The Management Team (Chief Scott, Captain Stoots, ACM Michael Jackson, and CM Wallace) met with City Attorney Sue Silber at the city manager's request regarding the scheduled meeting with State's Attorney Alsobrooks. The purpose of the meeting was to brief the city attorney on legal matters affecting city as a result of cases there were not prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office (SA). The discussion also developed some recommendations as to how future cases could be handled and information shared and forwarded to the SA. Unfortunately, the meeting did not take place. It has been rescheduled for April 8, 2014.

Local Government Insurance Trust (the city's liability and property insurer) hosted its annual regional workshop in Hanover, Maryland to bring members up to par concerning liability claims and risk management. ACM Jackson attended this workshop.

The City Treasurer and city manager attended a meeting in Hyattsville concerning records management and retention recommendations. Mr. Manjani is currently consulting with several firms to ascertain the city's need and the best way to accommodate those needs along with the complying with the state's requirement for record retention.

Support Letters

The City has received several requests for support letters. One was drafted and sent to the Board of License Commissioners for Atlantic Seafood II, the new restaurant in Queens Chillum Shopping Center concerning their request for an on-sale liquor license. The city council fully supported this request.

Most recently a request was made to the city to support a reconsideration of the application for CDBG funding for Gateway CDC, and the towns of Brentwood and North Brentwood.

City Development

There has been little to no progress concerning closure of the 3200 block of Rhode Island Avenue Development. The City manager has sent at least three electronic communications to the County Budget Director Tom Himler and to Guy Silverman of Streetsense about closing the gap in financing and reaching an agreement. The response has been that the County feels confident that an agreement will be reached and that they are reviewing the latest pro forma data provided by Streetsense. The correspondence sent last week resulted in no response to date.

The 3300 Block of Rhode Island Avenue is progressing. The Redevelopment Authority has released or will soon release the RFP for the development of the three properties in this block. They have also issued a flyer describing what a Net-Zero Energy Home is as well as the benefits.

Grants and Awards

The city recently received an award from the Maryland Energy Administration to upgrade the lights to LED and or timer switches in the offices, public areas, and restrooms at city hall. The project is on-going and should be completed within a few weeks.

The city was also notified of a Maryland Municipal League Award of Excellence for the application submitted by the city manager regarding the work by the city, the city's green team, and the city's tree commission, particularly focusing on several accomplishments including the successful closure of the Bicycle Share Grant through the Community Legacy Program which enabled the city to install 100 bicycle racks throughout the city; the city's tree commission accomplishments with the planting of new street trees every year supported by the County Tree ReLeaf Grant, and the green team's implementation of the Mount Rainier Urban Infrastructure Master Plan, and Bicycle Master Plan. This is the third MML award of excellence during the city manager's tenure. Mayor Miles will be presented the award at the MML convention in June. The theme this year – "Citizen Engagement Gets it Done".

Board of License Commissioners

The Board of License Commissioners is considering changes in its rules regarding the sales to or possession by underage persons; the presence of minors on licensed premises, public nuisances: loitering, premises deterioration restriction, carryout cup restriction and trash and debris restrictions. (This should enable the Mount Rainier Police Department to successfully monitor and deal with persons who are loitering and violating other rules of the commission on licensed premises); and nudity and sexual display prohibited. A public hearing will be hold on April 22, 2014 at 12:00 noon at the County Service Building (Courthouse) on Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland in room 200.