



## **Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier Maryland**

### **Mayor and Council Work-Session**

Date: 1-15-2013

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD 20712

Presiding officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

Councilmember's present: Brent Bolin, Ivy Thompson, William Updike and Jimmy Tarlau by phone

Councilmember's absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace and Assistant City Manager Michael Jackson

Community Garden

Resident Joe Robbins is trying to clean up the community garden list serv. If interested respond to him if you want to stay on the list serv.

Councilman Updike states that the green team is compiling a budget for all green team things.

Mayor Miles: Commercial Vehicle Parking

The city follows the county in terms of zoning on commercial vehicles. We have to notify the owner to make sure they are parked completely in their driveway.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

The county restricts weight limits on public streets and we restrict tractor and trailers on our streets. Commercial vehicles are allowed to park on private property.

Councilman Updike wants the Council to think about restrictions on how many vehicles one house can have.

Mayor Miles is asking do we need to amend the code on commercial vehicles.

Councilman Updike suggests staff look at this and recommend to them what course of action to take.

Mayor Miles wants the City Manager to look at the parking issue in regards to how many cars can one home have.

### **3200 Rhode Island Avenue development and update**

We have asked the management team to represent us. At each meeting of the Mayor and Council she would like to get a report from the management team and keep the Council abreast of what's going on with the development project.

#### **Buchanan Street Green Project**

Buchanan Street has major flooding problems and are there any funds to execute the project.

Mr. Jackson:

No, there are no funds. I submitted a grant in September 2012 for \$950,000.00 to implement a green street program on Buchanan Street.

Mayor Miles:

We are eligible to submit a grant for the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund due on February 22, 2013. I want you to make sure you apply on time.

Mayor Miles wants a list of grants that we've applied for and status of the grant and what's been spent.

Federal Highway Administration is encouraging municipalities to have bike programs to reduce the environmental impact and number of cars.

#### **Bike Share**

Ms. Wallace got the grant money and the capital bike share program is willing to work with us.

Councilman Bolin will follow up with the grant officer for the state.

Councilman Updike is asking if WAMATA is involved.

Councilman Bolin: A feasibility study will be done before WAMATA will come out.

Mayor Miles

Mount Rainier is willing to enter into a MOU with Brentwood and North Brentwood.

I met with SHA, Petrella Robinson and Roger Rudder about beautification up and down the medium strip. They are willing to sign a MOU and they will do the streets. We ask that they plant the medium from the bridge to Eastern Avenue. They will plant but are not willing to maintain. They want to enter a MOU to help do the initial planting and we will be responsible for maintaining during the seasons. There are no plans to do sidewalks and curbs from here to Hyattsville. Mayor will send the council more information and she is asking for their ideas. Petrella Robinson Mayor of North Brentwood wants the entire median removed in front of the African American Museum and Brentwood is interested in having a speed camera.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Tarlau by phone

Second Councilman Updike

Vote 4-0