

City of Mount Rainier Maryland
Mayor and Council Meeting

Date: 7-10-2012

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier Maryland

Presiding officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

Councilmember's present: Jimmy Tarlau, Ivy Thompson, and Brent Bolin

Councilmember's absent: William Updike

Staff present:

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace

Meeting called to order at 7: 05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Review

Motion to approve agenda

Councilwoman Thompson

Second Councilman Tarlau

Vote 3-0 approved

Minutes

Councilman Tarlau moves to accept the minutes and any changes will be sent to the clerk by close of business on 7-13-2012 (minutes 5-1-12, 4-17 -12, 4-10-12, 3-20-12 for dates noted)

Motion passed Vote 3-0

Official Reports

Ward I – no report

Ward II

Councilwoman Thompson:

How to vote on the art with Hyattsville in conjunction with PG County are working on the bus wrap. After the selection process it's been narrowed down to three artists. They will be doing a marketing camp to get input on designs for the bus wraps. When the vote comes we will be able to put on all of our outlets to vote.

Councilman Bolin:

No report

Mayor Miles offers kudos to staff for their work in the storms and Demetrious and Luther Smith in particular. I would like the emergency preparedness discussion to go on the next work-session agenda.

We still have a lot of clean up to do.

Skate Park =MNCPP

The Mayor wants to discuss the upper part of the skate park. The playground that currently exists is not ADA compliant. The primary target zone as requested by the Mayor and Council is 5-12 age groups. The designer likes option A which is the open slide. Colors are something they can look at as well as design and you spoke about exercise equipment. Because of the budget we can get two or three pieces of equipment and maybe not the playground.

Mayor Miles:

Contact Tyrese Robinson and ask to convene the recreation committee and have a public forum and meet with Park and Planning and bring back suggestions to the council.

Mayor Miles says the city has taken care of Richardson Park for 50 years.

Alonzo Washington (Will Campos Office)

The School Board still has Richardson Park and has not deeded it to the county. The school board has agreed to the transfer of the property.

Mayor Miles:

Do you have any idea how soon we can move forward? We feel that the upper part of the park will be a nice place for a community garden.

Alonzo Washington:

Mr. Campos office is going to push for the transfer of the deed to the property.

City Managers Report

It is important to check on neighbors in disaster times. Also, you will need the support of PG County. In times of storms we don't have the capacity to mobilize numerous residents that have been displaced. I ask the Chief to spearhead with the county that we can get Mount Rainier Elementary and Thomas Stone Elementary School as temporary shelters.

Prince George's County has opened up an additional line in case people need assistance they can call for emergencies. We need to coordinate that with our fire department and I have also asked the chief to look into this and make it one of our improvements in our emergency operation plan. We have had some success with the program wrap around services. The program has helped one of our youths get a job and pay for some necessities for the starting of school for another. It paid for summer school for one of the children.

Councilwoman Thompson:

Can you check on whether we applied for community parks and playground grant and I want to know if it was awarded?

Captain Stoots:

The crime has decreased 24.61%. Theft in cars has gone down in the city. The Mount Rainier Police department participates in the drug take back initiative. The city will do one dump a year when DEA does their annual drug take back. There will be a traditional neighborhood walk. Signup sheets are available. The first 25 residents that sign up will get a free home safety check.

Mayor Miles:

Trash pickup is back on schedule.

Councilwoman Thompson moves that the Council go into recess for the month of August.

Second Councilman Tarlau

Vote 4-0

Bed and Breakfast amended to be allowed in the MUTC.

Councilman Tarlau:

Amend the gateway plan and send a letter.

I move to support the Bed and Breakfast as soon as the County Councilman proposes it.

Second Councilwoman Thompson

Vote 4-0

Councilman Tarlau:

I move that we authorize the development team to continue the process of meeting with the developers about the 3200 block of Rhode Island Ave. and to negotiate with one of the developers on the short list.

Second Mayor Miles

Vote 4-0

Councilman Tarlau:

I move to go into closed session for the purpose of meeting with potential developers.

Second Councilwoman Thompson

Vote 4-0