

**Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier Maryland  
Mayor and Council Work-Session**

**Date: 12-18-2012**

**Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD 20712**

**Presiding officer: Vice Mayor William Updike**

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

**Councilmember's absent: Mayor Miles**

**Staff present: Jeannelle Wallace**

**Agenda**

**Motion to approve agenda**

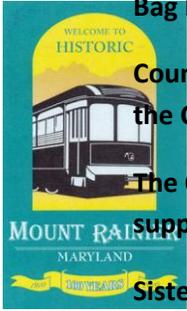
**Councilman Bolin**

**Councilman Tarlau**

**Vote 3-0**

**CDBG Grant update**

**Michael Jackson met with the program monitor and was told that the Mayor met with Eric Brown but doesn't know the outcome of the meeting.**



### **Bag Fee**

**Councilman Updike would like for the Council to draft a letter in support of the bag fee and wants to the Council to support this.**

**The Council agrees by consensus to send a letter to the Chair of the Delegation headed by Jolene Ivy in support of the bag fee.**

**Sister city for the City of Mount Rainier Maryland**

**Some suggestions were made for the City of Mount Rainier to have correspondence with Naipaul and maybe send students there to learn about building projects out of natural materials. They have no recycling and they use their waste to build buildings.**

**Councilwoman Thompson:**

**Our connection would be Sister City International. Mary Kane is the head of that organization and head of the Maryland Chapter.**

**Councilman Updike will do more research on the Sister City proposal and bring it to the next meeting. At that time we will decide what will be done to move forward.**

### **34<sup>th</sup> Street Property Development**

**The developer feels that Mount Rainier and Capital Heights who also had a house taken down would be excellent pilot projects. There is no net zero energy housing in the county and this will be the first project of its kind. I would like to share this with the Council and get their ideas for the site. There is no change of zoning required.**

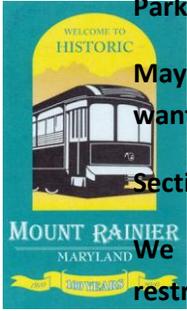
**Councilman Updike:**

**The intersection of 38<sup>th</sup> and Rhode Island Avenue is not pedestrian friendly and would like to schedule a meeting with State Highway Administration.**

### **CDBG Funding**

**Mayor Miles expresses to the Council that the city is included in the upcoming funding according to the meeting she had with Eric Brown but would like to have something in writing.**

**The newsletter is handled Councilwoman Thompson. Articles must in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.**



**Parking commercial vehicles**

**Mayor Miles has received several complaints on commercial vehicles parked on private property and wants to talk about the stand the city has on it.**

**Sectional 13-105 – parking of commercial vehicles prohibited.**

**We have no restrictions against parking a commercial vehicle on private property. There is a restriction in the county that specifically states their law does not apply to municipal incorporations.**

**Councilman Tarlau would like to see how other cities handle this.**

**Councilman Updike:**

**I'd like to know how many commercial vehicles can one person have? The council might want to make some revisions to this as well.**

**Councilman Bolin:**

**There is one way to think about this and that is a parking permit.**

**Mayor Miles wants to revise the code.**

**Announcement**

**The next Mayor & Council meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 and the work-session will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in January which is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Motion to adjourn**

**Councilman Bolin**

**Second Councilman Updike**

**Vote 4-0**

