

# **City of Mount Rainier Maryland**

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

Date: 5-15-2012

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier Maryland 20712

Presiding officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

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

Staff present: City Manager Jeannelle Wallace and City Treasurer Vijay Manjani

Agenda

Green Purchasing Policy

Bass parking lot

FY 2013 Proposal Budget

Vote 4-0

Councilman Tarlau thinks the city should make the Bass lot a free parking to people.

Councilman Bolin agrees with Councilman Tarlau and if you want to park over night you will need a special permit.

Councilman Updike wants to know how much revenue parking brings in.

Treasurer Manjani: Parking meters bring in about \$35-40,000.00 a year.

Mayor Miles suggest that the businesses have their employees use the lot and Artmosphere residents use the lot as well.

Councilwoman Thompson feels we need to be consistent with the overnight parking.

Mayor Miles:

We are voting unanimously t make the bass lot public parking and put signage up on the property.

Ask the city manager to send a letter to the businesses about the parking and the lot and we will put it on the agenda to vote the next meeting. Ask the businesses to encourage their employees to park there.

Budget

Vijay Manjani:

Page 49 change \$21,650.00 speed camera

Line 3010 1955,250.00

Page 50 = line items that get changed

3030=FICA expenses

3052= Medical insurance

3070= Workman's Comp insurance

3080 = Unemployment insurance

3090 = Retirement contributions

Total = \$8,882.00

Page 53 Changes

Line item 4700= reserves \$21,000.00 we will use this money.

Other services and charges \$6,200.00

Three departments were changed

Department of Public Safety =\$1834, 950.00

Code Enforcement Department = \$213,150.00

Reserves-0 and transferred from reserves is \$21,650.00.

These are my assumptions.

Projections = some line items will increase in 2013 by 3%, 4% and 5%.

Line item 711 = real property tax

Line item 7112 and 7113

8061 State income tax = 3%, 4% and 5%

7264 = Comcast Franchise fees and Comcast peg money and license and permits.

7520 and 7521 will increase \$250,000.00.

Councilman Tarlau:

Why do you think property taxes will increase 3%, 4% or 5%?

Treasurer Manjani:

This is just an assumption.

Councilman Bolin:

What we have is that a one cent increase that will net us \$38,000.00 and what we don't have is per household.

Councilman Tarlau:

I don't think our property tax revenue will increase in the next two years.

Vijay Manjani:

Page 11 = Capital outlet project = \$50,000.00 in fiscal year 2014.

Page 4 = Bond payment will stay at \$179,500.00 and we will still be paying it in year 2014.

In 2014 we will have a tax increase of two cents and that will bring \$80,000.00 and we will request a certain amount from the reserves to balance the budget.

Councilman Bolin:

Even though there is a projected increase in revenue and a projected tax increase next year we are still going to be in a deficit. We can't keep spending down the reserves we have to balance the budget without dipping into the reserves.

Councilman Updike:

I'm in favor of eliminating a code enforcement position and its late to be raising the constant yield rate two cents but, I am in favor of raising the constant yield rate.

Councilwoman Thompson:

I don't support cutting the code enforcement position and do support raising the taxes to constant yield and when we do raise the constant yield it should go into the reserves.

Councilman Bolin:

I agree with Councilwoman Thompson on setting some money aside and putting money in the reserves.

Councilman Tarlau:

I'm not in favor of laying off code enforcement and I feel we should give the residents adequate notice on the tax increase.

Councilman Bolin feels its fair to consider an increase in the licenses and fees and looking at other municipalities we are on the low side.

Councilman Tarlau:

Two cents doesn't balance the budget it takes five cents. I want to make sure we advertise it.

Mayor Miles:

I'd rather cut services than to raise taxes and rather cut things than to cut people.

Vijay Manjani:

Keep the tax rate the same and we can balance the budget with \$21,000.00 coming out of the reserves and keep the staff we agreed on, just keep it one more year.

Councilwoman Thompson:

I would like to raise the taxes two cents.

Councilman Bolin:

If you want to have the same amount of service then this tax rate needs to go up. I agree with Councilwoman Thompson on advocating cuts and a revenue increase.

Councilman Tarlau wants to have a legal opinion on raising the taxes.

Councilwoman Thompson:

Can we have a public hearing at 7:pm on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012?

Councilman Tarlau:

I propose a public hearing on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and vote on the budget on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Motion to adjourn from work-session

Councilman Updike

Second Councilman Bolin

Vote 4-0

Motion to approve the City of Mount Rainier's Green Purchasing Policy as written.

Councilman Updike

Second Councilwoman Thompson

Vote 4-0

Councilman Updike

Motion to adjourn

Second Councilwoman Thompson

Vote 4-0

