



**Minutes for the City of Mount Rainier
Mayor and Council Meeting**

Date: January 4, 2011

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD 20712

Presiding officer: Mayor Malinda Miles

Councilmember's present: William Updike, Jimmy Tarlau, Bryan Knedler and Ivy Thompson

Councilmember's absent: none

Staff present:

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace, Luther Smith Director of Public Works, Chief of Police Michael Scott and City Clerk Janis Lomax

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Motion to approve agenda

Councilman Tarlau

Second William Updike

Vote 3-0

Minutes approve with corrections to Ms. Lomax by Friday.

Move Councilman Tarlau

Second Councilman Updike

Vote 3-0

Reports

Councilman Tarlau:

Check out our website for meetings and some of the interviews with our elderly residents.

Mayor Miles:

The Council met with Senator Victor Ramirez on what our goals are and the major issue we have is funding. The funding for our green projects is coming from Chesapeake Trust.

Richardson Park belongs to Prince George's County Public School System. The School Board cannot transfer property to the city; it must go through the county.

The skate park meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2011 @7: pm, the location is City Hall.

Congratulations to Councilman Tarlau from Mayor Miles on a god centennial year and there will be a Martin Luther King celebration at Joe's Movement on January 17, 2011.

Councilman Knedler:

Happy Holidays, at the beginning of every year there will be a synopsis of the last year. To get this information go to the city website. I would like to ask residents not to shoot in the air on New Year's Eve because you don't know where the bullet will land.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

Our public works staff went to management skills training. The city must revise our community legacy plan and we must do this every five years. Our code enforcement officers are scheduled to take their certification exam in March. The city has a \$150,000.00 bond bill for our library that we have to draw down first. The closing date on the bluebird cab lot is possibly on Friday January 7, 2011.

Ms. Wallace and the consultant Alvin Nichols will meet on Friday to go over potential developers. We have installed 56 appliances to fifteen residents. The façade improvement program funds have been re-programmed to the city in the amount of \$125,000.00. We are working closely with M.R.B.A. (Mount Rainier Business Association) to get information out to our property owners and we are issuing them the new welcome package. The city has received re-programmed monies for our bridge repair.

Mayor Miles would like to have discussion on the stores that are participating in the façade program.

Councilman Tarlau is asking for all store owners know about the façade program.

Brook Kidd (Joe's Movement Emporium) will communicate to the businesses about the façade program and MRBA will disseminate all information needed for the businesses to move forward with this program.

Councilman Updike commends MRBA and the city staff on the welcome packages.

Chief Scott:

Increases in assaults and auto theft and there is a 1.35 increase in crime for the year 2010. 40,000 speed camera tickets issued for the year. This is something new, if you want to go to court on a citation you must request a court date. As of December we are live on the county's radio system.

Mayor Miles:

Do you have an update on Hyattsville communication system?

Chief Scott:

Not yet

Mayor asks the chief to get some numbers on a communication system for the city.

Chief Scott tells us that the camera is removed from Queens Chapel Rd. and will relocate on Arundel Rd.

Luther Smith:

Training will be given to the public works staff on the bob cat we will work on the pot holes as soon as the weather permits.

A tree was hit and split on 2904 Bunker Hill Rd. and Mayor Miles suggest to Luther to take it down.

Councilman Updike:

Historic sign on Bunker Hill Rd. has been hit and is leaning; please check to see if it can be straightened.

Chief Scott informs the council that we follow the District of Columbia's snow emergency plan.

Sarah Swarr: (M-NCPPC)

The Mount Rainier Nature Center will stay as is and will not be turned into a recreation center. Tonya Brown will continue to work out of that center. The city will get the stage for Mount Rainier Day.

Legislation

Charter Amendment 1-2010 2nd read and vote

Motion to approve

Councilman Tarlau

Second Councilwoman Thompson

Vote 4-0

Resolution 1-2011 1st read and vote

Move

Councilman Updike

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 4-0

Resolution 2-2011 1st read and vote (Appointing members for a 2 year term to D.R.B.)

Motion to approve

Councilman Updike

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 4-0

A grant application will come from Chesapeake Bay Trust for constructing the Buchanan Street Project requiring a 12.5 city match.

Move to approve

Councilman Tarlau

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 4-0

We will move forward with the 12.5 city match as required.

Councilwoman Thompson: The Farmers Market group is looking at a day of the week and a location change. This information will go in the monthly Message.

Motion to adjourn

Councilman Knedler

Second Councilman Updike

Vote 4-0