



**Minutes for City of Mount Rainier
Public Hearing and City Council Meeting**

Date: February 1, 2011

Place: One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD 20712

Presiding officer: Vice Mayor Jimmy Tarlau

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

Councilmember's absent: Mayor Miles

Staff present:

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace and City Clerk Janis Lomax

Public Hearing

Parking restrictions on 3500 Shepherd Street

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

This problem was brought to the attention of the council because of the difficulty for large vehicles and buses to make a turn at 35th & Shepherd Streets. Residents suggest having a no parking zone at 35th & Shepherd Streets. Chief Scott feels that a no parking zone is a good idea and that is his recommendation.

Chief Scott:

That area is a narrow road way to bring fire equipment or school buses because the turns are tight. The only part we are talking about is that one part in front of 3500 Shepherd Street. We are trying to make it clear for large vehicles to safely navigate through the intersection.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

I received an e-mail from Dorothy Steward on 35th Street four houses from Shepherd Street and she agrees with the proposal to prohibit vehicles from parking near that intersection. She also states that it takes a lot to avoid hitting other vehicles. Ms. Steward suggests that the city paint over the markings in that area and enforce the parking violations.

Resident Charles Stewart 3504 Shepherd Street

I think that the city should make Shepherd Street one way leading towards the alley so there would be no right turns from 35th Street onto Shepherd Street. I'm also in favor of no parking zone in front of Shepherd Street. Will it extend beyond their frontage on the street?

Chief Scott:

I think it will extend about 20 feet.

Resident Kristen:

A good suggestion to make the street one way consider having speed humps put in because of the speeding traffic.

Councilman Tarlau:

If you want to have a speed hump put down you will need a petition and have 60% of the houses in your block sign it.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

If the Council approves the no parking zone code enforcement and parking enforcement will enforce the parking laws.

Councilman Tarlau congratulates Luther Smith on the good work he and his staff does.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing

Councilman Knedler

Second Councilman Updike

Vote 3-0

City Council Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda

Councilman Updike

Second Councilman Knedler

Vote 3-0

Move to accept minutes with corrections given to Ms. Lomax by Friday.

Official Reports

Ward II – No Report

Ward I Report

The first meeting of the Environmental Protection Board is 2-2-2011 at City Hall at 7: pm

Ward I

Councilman Tarlau:

We are considering another historic house tour and if you are interested in showing your home please let us know.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

The city successfully drew down the fund through the Federal Transit Administration for the purchase of the former Blue Bird Cab lot. We went to settlement January 11-2011. Assistant City Manager Michael Jackson is working on estimates for resurfacing the lot.

We have signed off on all the documents for the façade improvement program that came from the county and also got approve for the reprogrammed money to get our bridges repaired. The city's request for a proposal an RFP was formally issued on Friday January 21, 2011 and an ad sent to the Washington Post and it will be in the Washington Business Journal. It went out to 110 potential developers. All of this is available on the city's website.

The master business list is updated. Vacant property = every six months a letter goes out to the property owner of vacant buildings and lots to register and pay the fees. A residential property is \$300.00 every six months and \$600.00 for commercial property and \$75.00 a year for vacant lot.

Councilman Knedler:

The business page on the website is sad. Have you put the packet on the website yet?

Councilman Updike:

Is there enough time with the RFP going in the Washington Business Journal on February 7th 2011 edition and the pre-bid on the 11th.

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

We might have to move that up.

Councilman Tarlau:

Can you talk about bridge repairs?

City Manager Jeannelle Wallace:

The bridges are on 29th, 30th ^{Streets} and Arundel Rd. Every two years Prince George's County comes out and inspect the bridges for damages and repairs. There was some foundation cracks found. The estimate the county gave is \$120,000.00 for all the repairs.

There is 19.4% decrease in crime from January to January. We are working closely with the county. The speed camera issued 5,403.00 citations and 487 of those have been paid.

Councilman Knedler:

Please keep your front porch light on because of the arsons and make sure your smoke detector is working.

Luther Smith Director of Public Works

We have no report at this time. My report will be in your box tomorrow

The truck that burned we might be able to get book value. The truck is totaled.

Motion to adjourn

Councilman Knedler

Second Councilman Updike

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