

Official Minutes of the City of Mount Rainier

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: February 6, 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, UPPER-LEVEL CITY HALL

Call to Order

7:00 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall, One Municipal Place, Mount Rainier MD

Presiding Officer

Vice Mayor and Vice Mayor and Councilmember Shivali Shah
Mayor Malinda Miles was not present.

Officials Present

Councilmember Celina Benitez
Councilmember Luke Chesek
Councilmember Bryan Knedler

Staff Present

City Manager Miranda Braatz

Minutes provided by:

City Clerk

Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Amended: Vice Mayor and Councilmember Shivali Shah Move: Councilmember Luke Chesek Second: Councilmember Bryan Knedler Vote Recorded: 4-0-0, Motion Passed

Mayor and Councilmember Announcement

Announcements were read.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Rolling Agenda Review

Councilmember Bryan Knedler asked to review the rolling agenda. Vice Mayor and Councilmember Shivali Shah stated the Council meets with City personnel in closed meetings as required by law, but residents can ask about personnel matter. Council can only reveal non-confidential matters. Vice Mayor and Councilmember Shivali Shah and Councilmember Bryan Knedler agreed to meet in the next two weeks to make sure all notes on topics for the agenda are put on the rolling agenda. The upcoming Council Work Session Agendas were also reviewed.

- 3200 Rhode Island Ave. – Council needs to set date for meeting.
- Kaywood Theater Renovation – A Special Session on this topic will be held February 27, but the Kay Family declined request to allow meeting in the Kayood Theater. City Manager Miranda Braatz will determine a location and publicize the event to the public.
- Tool Shed – This topic is on the February Agenda.
- Lower Level – This topic has been moved to the March Agenda.
- Chair Lift – The City is awaiting a response from the elevator company.
- Flooding in Potts Hall – The insurance money will pay for repairs, and The City has a contractor and will conduct the required mold testing.
- Recycling – This topic is on the Agenda already.
- Parking Meter Replacements – City Manager Miranda Braatz said that 50K in FY19 Budget is allocated to do half the meters and the other 50K will be budgeted in next the fiscal year in the Capital Planning budget to complete the job.
- Menkiti Landscaping – This work is on hold because there is no funding.
- Memorial Park Rebuild - Councilmember Luke asked if Menkiti gave the Council the cost of this work. City Manager Miranda Braatz said they agreed to have a landscaper to do a design. It will be 30 to 60-day process and then it goes to cost estimate. Around budget time, she will have the number. Councilmember Luke Chesek will reach out to them to check-in.
- Mayor Health Benefit Review – Miranda proposes that the City to join Lgit Health Co-op.
- City Website – City Manager Miranda Braatz said the bid for the website closes Feb. 28. Once a vendor is selected there should be a community meeting on it. Money is set aside for this work.
- Meter Solar Panels – Councilmember Bryan Knedler asked do we have meters attached to the solar panels to see how much the City saves? City Manager Miranda Braatz will investigate.
- Amending Untagged Cars/Illegal Parking & Third Reading Issue – The Council must review issue.
- Zoning Rewrite and Neighborhood Conservation Overlays – Council is waiting on Prince George’s County to move forward on this issue.
- Pattern Book – This was to be done in December, Councilmember Knedler will follow-up.
- Monopoles – There is legislation taking place on this issue.
- Art Space Tenants Parking on Perry – This is on February Agenda.
- 3200 Block Perry Street Sewer Issues – Council went to meeting of Perry Street residence discussing this issue. Council should set a meeting with WSSC and Perry Street. City Manager Miranda Braatz said that there is a quarterly meeting with WSSC with DPW, so she will tell WSSC them to come to a March Work Session to talk to residents.

- 31st Park Repurposing – Council needs an owner for this project. Councilmember Luke Chesek will talk to Green Team about it. It needs to be on April Work Session Agenda, so Green Team can weigh in.

- Recreation Center Expansion – Not ready for this to be discussed while Civic Center or the Kaywood Theater on still on the Agenda.
- Clean Out – The City will have a clean out day and then bring in goats in late April/May to eat weeds and excess foliage

- Undelivered Newsletter - The City Hall Carrier is investigating why the newsletter is not being delivered.
- Long-term Disability Insurance (LTD) for Employees – Council wants to know much will it cost for the City to pay for LTD as a health benefit? City Manager Miranda Braatz to investigate.
- Call-a-Bus – The City’s Call-a-Bus needs 23K to be repaired. County picked it up yesterday, and the City is on the list for a new bus but we have no staff driver. City Manager Miranda Braatz would like to look at new options during a Work Session.
- Retiree Benefits – Council asked City Manager Miranda Braatz to review benefits.

- Committee Engagement & File Sharing – Vice Mayor and Councilmember Shivali Shah said these issues are being addressed.
- Rebrand on City – This issue is on the February 20 Work Session Agenda.

- Trash Pickup Violations – Code Enforcement needs to give Council a report.

- Complete Streets – Code Enforcement’s report will be done March 30, and there will be an April Work Session on it.

- Anne Arundel Light - It is still working but needs to be replaced and it will be expensive.
- Mural - Councilmember Knedler said the Council need guidelines for public art. Councilmember Luke Chesek will do guidelines.

- Bus Lane – Park and Planning is negotiating WMATA on bus lane.
- Median at CVS – This issue is on hold.
- Refurbish of Rhode Island – This issue has no funds and is on hold.

- 3601 Bunker Road Upgrade – Add to February 20, Work Session when Council discusses the Tool Shed. There is 10K for this upgrade in the budget.

- Urban Farm – This issue is on the February 20, Work Session.

- 37th Street Park – Playground floor needs to be changed. It has a hole about an inch deep.

- AirBnB – No one has taken this issue on. Residents need to get license from the City to rent via AirBnB. Council will keep this issue on hold until legal wording is worked out.

- Bilingual Newsletter – Councilmember Celina working on making bilingual newsletter and printing them. This issue needs a Work Session.
- Storm Water Management for City – Council Luke will like to present on this issue in April Work Session.

Old Business - Ordinance No. 01-2018

City Manager Miranda Braatz explained Ordinance No. 01-2018 to “Authorize a Movement of Funds in the Fiscal Year 2018 between Line Items Budget Amendment #3.” It is for the purpose for cleaning Roger’s Park. Council voted.

Motion to Authorize Movement of Funds: Vice Mayor and Councilmember Shivali Shah
 Second: Councilmember Celina Benitez
 Vote Recorded: 4-0-0
 Ordinance is Passed

Adjournments

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Vice Mayor and Councilmember Shivali Shah
 Move: Councilmember Bryan Knedler
 Second: Councilmember Celina Benitez
 Vote Recorded: 4-0-0

Closed Session Summary	Date: 1/23/18	Location: City Hall	Time: 7:23pm
Closed Under Annotated Code # <u> 1 </u>	Those in Attendance: Knedler, Cheseck, Shah, Braatz, Watkins	Topics Discussed: Personnel, Update Regarding Economic Development Personnel, Update from Code Enforcement Director Watkins regarding Personnel	Relevant Notes: Update regarding code enforcement personnel and certifications
Those who voted to go into closed session: Unanimous of Elected Officials in Attendance	Actions Taken: no votes were taken, please see relevant notes.		