

**Official Minutes of the City of Mount Rainier**

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**DATE: November 27, 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**

Mayor Malinda Miles

**Officials Present**

Councilmember Celina Benitez (Vice Mayor)

Councilmember Luke Chesek

Councilmember Bryan Knedler

Councilmember Shivali Shah

**Staff**

City Manager Miranda Braatz Via Telephone

City Clerk Da'rrell Belton

**Minutes provided by:**

City Clerk

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reading of Agenda into Record by Councilmember Celina Benitez**

**3709 34<sup>th</sup> Street Presentation**

Marvin Perdomo gave a presentation on the proposed upgrades to 3709 34<sup>th</sup> Street following a house fire earlier in the year on the roof. Mayor asked if the home was going to be re-built in the same way it was, keeping the same height. The overall plan is to keep the home the same. Mayor also asked about trees on the property. Some trees at the fence line were cut following the fire. Councilmember Knebler spoke about the noise ordinances, reminding the homeowner when work can start during the day and end at night. He also spoke about the dumpster, advising to place a cover over the dumpster.

Councilmember Chesek reminded the homeowner about digging and dirt removal, keeping the dirt away from sidewalks. The proposed amount for the project is \$85,000. Mayor and Council wished the homeowner well on the project.

### **4223 34<sup>th</sup> Street Presentation**

Gregory Ceton and wife Cathy Patril gave a presentation on the proposed upgrades to 4223 34<sup>th</sup> Street. The home was built in 1910 and was purchased from the Sears Catalog (C109 – handouts from the original catalog were provided to Mayor and Council). The present owners purchased the home in 2010 and have been working in stages to upgrade the home and restore it to its former glory. First stage was plumbing and electrical, adding a geothermal heating system. They also repaired the foundation which was crumbling. The second phase was landscaping: repairing the retaining wall and water intrusion in the basement. The homeowners are now into phase 3 of 4 phases which is exterior of the home. They are removing the T111 textured plywood that is rotting off the house and painting the German clapboard. They are also repairing all windows in the home, all doors and adding a new roof with downspouts and gutters. This is the homeowners forever home. Councilmember Shah asked if they are happy living in the home? The homeowners said they have been happy for several months now. Councilmember Knebler reminded the homeowners about the homestead tax credit and asked about MHT funds. The Mayor praised the homeowners on the project and wished them good luck.

### **4007 29<sup>th</sup> Street Presentation**

Elizabeth Mcnamara gave a presentation on the proposed two-story addition to the back of the house at 4007 29<sup>th</sup> Street. She and her husband have lived in the home almost 5 years. Councilmember Knebler stated that a variance is not necessary from the county. A building permit is the only thing that is needed. The county has given her the go ahead. Councilmember Knebler asked about trees on the property. The homeowner stated that she has gotten a tree permit on one that will need to be removed and one will be replanted later on according to the guidelines.

### **Presentation On Electric Vehicles – From Hyattsville PD and MEA**

#### **Ethics Committee Nominees**

#### **Petition For A Residential Parking Area**

#### **Fire Pit Special Permit**

#### **Quarterly Reports**

#### **Charter Review Committee Discussion**

#### **Petition and Request Rules Discussion**

#### **Library Test Results**

#### **Implementation Of Perry Street Parking Zone**

#### **Website**

#### **Letter Regarding The Mount Rainier Postal Service**

**Crosswalks For Consideration**

**Peace & Community Gathering Space**

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Councilmember Bryan Knedler  
Move: Councilmember Bryan Knedler  
Second: Councilmember Luke Chesek  
Vote Recorded: 4-0-0, Motion Passed