

Agenda of the Legislative Meeting of the Mayor & City Council City of Mount Rainier

Tuesday October 1, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Action Taken

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance** _____
2. **Review of the Agenda**
The Mayor & Council review the agenda for the meeting.
3. **Mayor & Councilmember Announcements**
4. **Vice Mayor Knedler will read the Closed Session Summary from September 24, 2019**
5. **Public Comment**
Please see page 3 of agenda, where the rules for Public Comment are listed. If you wish to speak, please sign up on the sign-in sheet with the City Clerk.

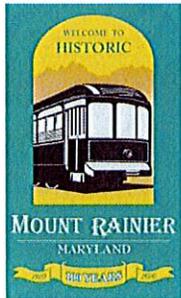
OLD BUSINESS

6. **United States Postal Service Presentation**
Mayor & City Council will hear a presentation from the United States Postal Service.
7. **ATHA Presentation**
Mayor & City Council will hear a presentation from the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area.
8. **Resolution 10-2019: Establishing the City of Mount Rainier Census Complete Count Committee**
Mayor & City Council will vote on a resolution creating the City of Mount Rainier Census Committee.
(Vote)_____

9. **Resolution 11-2019: Declaring the Second Monday in October as the Indigenous People's Day in the City of Mount Rainier & Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Promote the Well-Being & Growth of Mount Rainier's Indigenous Communities**
Mayor & City Council will vote on a resolution establishing Indigenous People's Day.
(Vote)_____

10. **Resolution 12-2019: Declaring No Further Need of Approximately 32,906 Square Feet of City-Owned Real Property Situated at the Northeast Intersection of Rhode Island Avenue & Eastern Avenue in the City of Mount Rainier**
Mayor & City Council will vote on a resolution to dispose of 3204 Rhode Island Avenue; 3208 Rhode Island Avenue; 3703 Eastern Avenue & 3705 Eastern Avenue, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712
(Vote)_____

11. **Adjournment of the Legislative Meeting of Mayor & City Council**



Agenda of the Mayor & City Council Special Work Session City of Mount Rainier

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Immediately Following The Legislative Meeting

Items for discussion:	Suggested Discussion Time:
1. Call to Order	
2. Setting Process For City Manager Search <i>Mayor & City Council will have a discussion to set the process for City Manager Search.</i>	60 Min
3. Adjournment of the Special Work Session of Mayor & City Council	

Rules for Public Comment

The Mayor and City Council invite and welcome comments at public meetings. The Mayor or presiding officer will recognize you. Please introduce yourself at the podium (spelling your last name, for recording purposes) and give the name of your street and block number (e.g., 4300 block of 34th St.). Public Comment has a time limit of 3 minutes per speaker, unless otherwise agreed upon by Mayor and Council.

While speaking, please maintain a courteous tone and avoid personal attacks. If you wish to lodge a complaint about the performance or conduct of any City employee, please bring your concern to the attention of the City Manager, who will look into the matter and respond to you.

As a courtesy to other residents and businesses, the Council requests that speakers not use specific addresses or names of individuals when describing a situation or making a complaint. Noting the block is preferred over a specific address.

Code enforcement and public safety issues should first be brought to the attention of the appropriate department and/or one of your Council members.

Please Note:

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article Section 10-508(a), the Council by majority vote may retire to executive or closed session at any time during the meeting. Should the Council retire to executive or closed session; the chair will announce the reasons and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such session.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY SHEET TO BE READ INTO RECORD

Date: September 24, 2019

Time: 10:15 PM

Location: City Hall 1 Municipal Place Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

Closed Under Annotated Code: According to the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mount Rainier Maryland have the statutory authority to close a session under general provisions article § 3-305b for the reasons of subsections 1, 4, 7, and 14: (1) "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (4) "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (7) "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (14) "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." The Mayor and City Council propose to go into closed session on Tuesday September 24, 2019, following the Special Legislative Meeting of Mayor and City Council at City Hall to discuss personnel, consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, and discuss the potential establishment of a business in the City and discuss the contents of proposals and negotiating strategy.

Those Who Voted To Go Into Closed Session: Mayor Malinda Miles; Vice Mayor Bryan Knedler; Councilmember Celina Benitez; Councilmember Scott Cecil and Councilmember Luke Chesek

Unanimous Of Elected Officials In Attendance: All

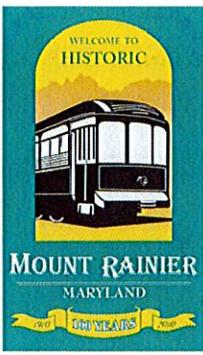
Those In Attendance:

Kenneth Sigman / City Attorney; Jerry Dawson / Real Estate Agent; Ronald Hopkins / EDC Director; Mayor Malinda Miles; Vice Mayor Bryan Knedler; Councilmember Celina Benitez; Councilmember Scott Cecil & Councilmember Luke Chesek

Actions Taken: No Votes Were Taken, Please See Relevant Notes: No Votes Taken

Topics Discussed: Purchase of Real Estate Property and Interim City Manager

Relevant Notes: None



Adopted: October 1, 2019

**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 10-2019**

**Resolution Establishing the City of Mount Rainier
Census Complete Count Committee**

Councilmember: Celina Benitez

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States of America requires that an enumeration or Census be conducted every ten years and the next Census is to be conducted in the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to the City of Mount Rainier to ensure that all persons living in the City are correctly and completely accounted for in the 2020 Census and that historically undercounted segments of the residents of the City are included in the planning and preparation of the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of the Census has provided guidelines for the active participation of all sectors of the community through the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee Program; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of the Census is soliciting the active participation of local government officials to promote the Census to residents of the local jurisdictions in an effort to improve the completeness of the count, to improve the differential completeness among population groups and areas, and decrease the cost of the Census; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Rainier Census CCC will work in collaboration with the Prince Georges, Maryland and Park and Planning CCC; and

WHEREAS, participating in the Census is a demonstration of our collective power. If we are not fully counted in the 2020 Census, Congress, state legislatures and city councils risk being drawn into districts that do not fairly reflect our communities or our interests and it will be harder to achieve the change we need; and

WHEREAS, complete Census participation will ensure that our community receives its fair share of federal funds for programs like Medicaid, SNAP, Head Start, unemployment benefits, Section 8 housing vouchers, programs for seniors and disabled veterans, and school lunch programs; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Rainier opposed the citizenship question being added to the Census and fully understand that the proposed addition of the citizenship question has created mistrust in the segments of our community that is historically underrepresented in Census responses; because of

this mistrust, it is critical to have Census ambassadors that are trusted members of the community to encourage neighbors to be counted; and

WHEREAS; The City of Mount Rainier is proud of the diversity in our community and believes that every individual in society matters and should be counted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mount Rainier shall form a Complete Count Committee to work collaboratively on a campaign to mobilize Mount Rainier residents to be counted in Census 2020; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Complete Count Committee shall include individuals from historically underrepresented demographic groups; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Complete Count Committee shall work in collaboration with organizations from the Mount Rainier government such as city committees and with community and faith-based organizations, the media, schools, businesses, labor organizations, philanthropic institutions, and other individuals and organizations that work with or are familiar with historically undercounted demographic groups; and be it further

RESOLVED, THAT the members of the Complete Count Committee shall also be known as Census Ambassadors and shall represent the full geographic, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, racial, ethnic and age diversity of the City of Mount Rainier; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Mount Rainier shall establish a Working Group with representatives of Ward 1 and Ward 2 that will meet on a regular basis to develop and implement strategies to conduct Census 2020 outreach and mobilization; and be it further

RESOLVED, that every eight years the Complete Count Committee will be reactivated to start preparing for the upcoming Census; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council promptly shall consider the appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the Census 2020 outreach, assistance and mobilization activities set forth in this Resolution.

Attest:

John Hoatson, City Clerk

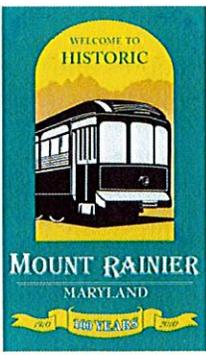
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Scott Cecil, Councilmember Ward II

Luke Chesek, Councilmember Ward I

Bryan Knedler, Councilmember Ward II



Adopted: October 1, 2019

**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 11-2019**

A Resolution declaring the Second Monday in October as the Indigenous People’s Day in the City of Mount Rainier and reaffirming the City of Mount Rainier’s commitment to promote the well-being and growth of Mount Rainier’s Indigenous communities.

Councilmembers: Celina Benitez & Scott Cecil

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an occasion to strengthen continental unity and recognize Indigenous Peoples’ struggle towards liberation, and thereby use the occasion to reveal a more accurate historical record; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Rainier was founded and build upon lands whose original inhabitants were the Piscataway Conoy Tribe and honors current members of the tribe and their ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Rainier recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial, and the City recognizes that Mount Rainier is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the City values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, and art and the deep cultural contributions that have substantially shaped the character of the City of Mount Rainier; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Rainier has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism toward Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to ensure greater access and opportunity to Indigenous Peoples and honor our nation's Indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Rainier understands that to help close the equality gap, government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experience of Indigenous Peoples and uplift our country's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions, as well as truthfully acknowledge the history of actions that created that gap;

WHEREAS: Other cities, including Seattle, Denver, Portland OR, Berkeley CA, and Albuquerque have adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day as a counter-celebration to Columbus Day, to promote Indigenous cultures and commemorate the history of Indigenous Peoples; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Council go on record to state that the second Monday of October henceforth be commemorated as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Mount Rainier in recognition of the position of Indigenous Peoples as native to these lands and the suffering they endured following European conquest of their land; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Mount Rainier shall revise its administrative policies to include recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day where appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends that Indigenous Peoples' Day be observed by the people of Mount Rainier to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People in this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our City; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends, following the approval of this Resolution, consultation with Indigenous Peoples regarding the forms of future commemoration in Mount Rainier for Indigenous Peoples' Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Mount Rainier will encourage public schools to observe this day with appropriate exercises and instruction in the schools around the time of Indigenous Peoples' Day, to the end that the culture, history and diversity of Indigenous Peoples be celebrated and perpetuated; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Mount Rainier encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize and observe Indigenous Peoples' Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to ensure that the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and the Piscataway Conoy Tribe receive a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED: The City Council of the City of Mount Rainier declares the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Mount Rainier and advises the City Manager to continue granting this day as a paid holiday for City staff in lieu of Columbus Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: a signed Copy of this resolution will be sent to County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, Senators Van Hollen and Cardin, the 47th district Representatives: Senator Malcom Augustine, Delegates Diana Fennel, Julian Ivy and Wanika Fisher, County Councilmember Deni Tavares, the Prince George's County Council, Board of Education Member Pamela Boozer Strother and the Prince George's County Board of Education.

Attest:

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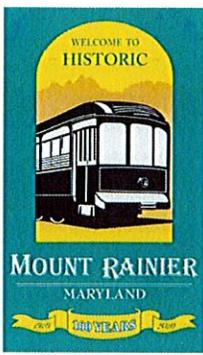
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Adopted: October 1, 2019

**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 12-2019**

Resolution declaring no further need of approximately 32,906 square feet of City-owned real property situated at the northeast intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and Eastern Avenue in the City of Mount Rainier

WHEREAS, section 5-204 of the Local Government Article of the *Maryland Code* grants municipal corporations the authority to sell real property if the municipal corporation's legislative body determines that the property is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Rainier purchased approximately 32,906 square feet of real property situated at the northeast intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and Eastern Avenue (described as Lots 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13, in Block 5, in the subdivision known as "Roger's Second Addition to Mount Rainier," as per plat recorded in Plat Book BDS 1 at plat 48 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, and located at street addresses 3204 Rhode Island Avenue, 3208 Rhode Island Avenue, 3703 Eastern Avenue, and 3705 Eastern Avenue, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712) (hereinafter "Property") in 2009 for the purpose of slum clearance and redevelopment pursuant to the Mount Rainier Town Center Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City intends for the Property to developed for private use has no public use for the Property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City-owned property described as Lots 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13, in Block 5, in the subdivision known as "Roger's Second Addition to Mount Rainier," as per plat recorded in Plat Book BDS 1 at plat 48 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, and located at street addresses 3204 Rhode Island Avenue, 3208 Rhode Island Avenue, 3703 Eastern Avenue, and 3705 Eastern Avenue, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712 is no longer needed for public use; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City shall not convey the Property without first having given twenty days' public notice of the conveyance; and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the Property shall be sold or leased under the condition that the purchaser or lessee shall be obligated to devote the Property to the uses authorized under the Mount Rainier Town Center Urban Renewal Plan.

Attest:

John Hoatson, City Clerk

Malinda Miles, Mayor

Celina Benitez, Councilmember Ward I

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