

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Workshop  
December 4, 2013**

The Mayor and City Council met Wednesday, December 04, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. **Present:** Mayor McCarron, Mayor Pro Tem Ebaugh, Councilmembers Foster, Hess, Vigliotti and Zambetti. **Also present:** City Manager Heine, City Attorney Gullo, City Treasurer Fout and City Clerk Minnick. Councilmember Zambetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing: Sign ordinance 07-2013** – with no comments, motion to close by Hess - second by Foster – carried 5 - 0

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the November 6, 2013 and November 12, 2013 regular minutes were reviewed and corrections requested to both.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Council Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Adoption:**

**Ordinance 07-2013 - Amendment to Sign Area of Freestanding Signs** - Councilmember Vigliotti inquired the effect on existing signs, to which City Attorney Gullo commenting they would be non-conforming.

**Ordinance 08-2013 - Notice Requirement for Site Plan Waivers** – no comments

**Annexation Resolution 2013-18 – Stumptown Road** – Attorney Gullo advised that the property owners have complied with the city's requests but they have been rather disconnected as far as attending informational meetings. Attorney Gullo encouraged Mayor and Council to wait until the documents can be sent to the county to go through their process. Additionally, the language relating to the sidewalk easement needs to be finalized.

**Resolution 2013-20 – Water Allocation December 2013** – no comments

**City Manager Report and Department Reports:**

- City Manager Heine reviewed the highlights of his report and added that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board is interested in the collaboration of Main Street and Parks and Recreation when planning events. He also mentioned that the MOU for street sweeping indicates a price higher than the previous one.
- Councilmember Foster advised that she is attempting to organize a youth advisory council so that the youth can make suggestions of the events they would like to have in town. Councilmember Vigliotti offered to place a posting on Facebook.
- There was much discussion regarding the enforcement policies to make sure property owners keep their properties esthetically pleasing.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo advised that the configuration for the Garrett property is complete and settlement should take place the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>, however, the site distance still needs to be measured.
- The wording in the street sweeping MOU will need to be changed as it is indicative of Pennsylvania laws rather than Maryland.
- Attorney Gullo responded to questions regarding the Fair Labor Standards Act and how it relates to compensation for an exempt employee for janitorial responsibilities.
- A date for the closed session financial meeting was discussed.

**Unfinished Business**

- There was much discussion regarding maintenance standards and it was decided that this should be on the agenda for the December 9, 2013 Mayor and Council meeting.

**New Business:**

- Monthly Financial Report – no comments
- Accounts Payables – no comments
- Homeless Enforcement – Mayor McCarron indicated he has noticed that the homeless population in the City is becoming more noticeable and there was discussion regarding possible solutions, followed by comments from the audience.

**Council Member/Committee Reports:**

- Councilmember Hess mentioned that the police station has completed implementation of the RMS system and officers will begin use as of January 1, 2014. He added that new traffic mirrors have been installed in various locations.
- Councilmember Foster said she has received comments from concerned citizens about the effect the homeless population has on the image of the City.
- Councilmember Zambetti mentioned an article he recently read regarding solar farms and added that he recently met with a group interested in establishing a hotel on the Bean property.
- Mayor McCarron reminded Councilmembers of the MML Chapter meeting and said he recently met with County Commissioners regarding the rain tax. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas tree lighting on December 7, 2013

**Adjournment:**

With no other business, motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 P.M. by Councilmember Ebaugh, with a second by Councilmember Foster – carried 5 – 0.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Clara Minnick, City Clerk