

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Meeting
December 14, 2015**

The Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Monday, December 14, 2015 in the City Council Chambers. **Present:** Mayor McCarron, Mayor Pro Tem Foster, Councilmembers Zambetti, Frazier, Wantz and Vigliotti. **Also Present:** City Manager Heine, City Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Wantz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reception Delegation: No Cannabis in Carroll – Katherine Adelaide – presented information to dispel some misperceptions associated with medical marijuana and asked that the city pass legislation to prevent these types of facilities from operating in Taneytown.

Councilmember Wantz made a motion for censure of councilmember Frazier for harassment of city employees and explained the implications of it, 2nd by Foster. Frazier stated the motion he made after the presentation to withdraw a letter to the Cannabis Commission was asked to be held until new business and that the motion by councilmember Wantz should be ruled out of order and also held for new business. Councilmember Frazier made a motion to rule the motion by Wantz as out of order, 2nd by Vigliotti to hold until new business. Vote was 3 in favor with Foster and Wantz opposed.

Approval of the minutes: Approval of the November 4, 2015 and November 9, 2015 regular meetings and November 23, 2015 Water/Sewer Special meeting. Councilmember Zambetti made a motion to delay vote on the minutes until January, so that they can be rewritten and that all future council minutes be prepared to meet the minimum requirements of state law. Video and audio recordings shall be the official documentation of all Mayor and council meeting, 2nd by Wantz. The vote to adopt the state regulation was 4 in favor with councilmember Frazier opposing.

Mayor and councilmembers moved into a closed session at 8:07 PM by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Foster, 2nd by Wantz. Meeting reconvened at 8:36 PM by motion by Frazier, 2nd by Wantz.

Adoption:

2016 Hourly Rate Schedule – CDM, Inc. – City Manager Heine stated these are the annual rate schedules. Councilmember Wantz made a motion to table to allow for collection of more information, 2nd by Vigliotti - carried 5 - 0

Resolution 2015 – 15 – Water Allocation for December 2015 – motion to approve by Wantz, 2nd Foster carried 5 – 0.

Unfinished:

Sale of Graywater – statement by Vigliotti – from special meeting – motion to approve by Frazier 2nd Wantz – carried 5 – 0.

Reduction of Late fees – from special meeting – 10% to 5% - 5% if not in by due date, 10% after 1 week and 15% thereafter. Motion by Frazier, 2nd by Wantz – carried 5 – 0.

Procedure for review of monthly council packet – unanimous consent to withdraw the action.

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IT Policy Manual – Moved to January

Campaign Finance – There was discussion about tracking and reporting of donor information, as well as signage for elections. Councilmember Zambetti and Wantz suggested a new threshold of \$350 for self-financing and no treasurer or separate bank account required. Attorney Gullo will prepare for the January meeting.

SOLAR Proposal – Councilmember Zambetti made a motion that no more action be taken on solar power until after government subsidies end and the future of the solar industry can be assessed, 2nd by Foster. Carried 4 – 1 with Frazier opposed. Frazier and Vigliotti wanted to see more presentations Foster, Zambetti and Wantz do not.

Delinquent Water Rate Charges – Caused by failure of MXU – There was discussion about how to equitably and fairly bill residents who have experienced estimated water bills due to failing batteries and at what rate to use for refunds. Councilmember Frazier made a motion to give staff the directive to calculate the bill at the rate at the time of the grievance. Councilmember Wantz amended the motion to start from time of failure to time of the reconciled reading and divide the amount owed by that period of time and apply charges of each year. Those who overpaid will get refunded at the current rate, 2nd on the amendment by Vigliotti - carried 5 – 0.

Receivership – By consensus the item was removed from the agenda.

Award of Water Billing Software – Bid results were provided as a part of the IT report. Motion by Frazier to accept the bid by Diversified Technologies of \$14,950, with ongoing maintenance services of \$1,615 per year, 2nd by Vigliotti - carried 5 – 0.

Award of Street Lighting LED Retrofit – after discussion, motion by Zambetti to accept bid by Rodkey Electric for 37 street lights, 2nd by Wantz – carried 5 – 0.

New Business:

Monthly Financial Report – motion to accept by Foster, 2nd by Wantz – carried 5 – 0.

Accounts Payables – motion to accept by Wantz, 2nd Zambetti - carried 4 – 1, with Frazier opposed.

Provisional Stay of Enforcement – motion to approve by Frazier, 2nd by Vigliotti - carried 5 – 0.

Revitalization Act of 2011 Amendments – motion to accept the amendments as presented by Wantz, 2nd by Vigliotti – carried 5 – 0. Councilmember Wantz made a motion extend to 2018, 2nd by Foster with amendment to extend to 2020, 2nd by Vigliotti - carried 5 – 0.

Councilmember Frazier asked councilmembers to reconsider the letter of endorsement for the proposal by Cannabis LLC for Taneytown and notify the commission that the town does not support the building of the facility in Taneytown, 2nd by Vigliotti – vote was 2 in favor – with Zambetti, Foster and Wantz opposing.

Councilmember Wantz called for censure for councilmember Frazier for harassment of city employees and lack of decorum, 2nd by Zambetti – the vote was 4 in favor with Frazier opposing.

Mayor and councilmembers discussed with Attorney Gullo the potential zoning for businesses that are felt to be undesirable and clarified differences between growing, processing and dispensing of cannabis.

The following statements were made:

Councilmember Vigliotti extended thanks to the staff for their work efforts.

Councilmember Frazier said he is disappointed with council actions and feels Taneytown government needs to be more responsible to the people and that members of the audience should have been allowed to speak earlier in the meeting.

Mayor and councilmembers heard questions and comments from the audience.

Motion to adjourn at 10:46 by Foster, 2nd by Wantz.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk