

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
June 8, 2015**

The Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Monday, June 8, 2015 in the City Council Chambers. **Present:** Mayor McCarron, Councilmembers Zambetti, Frazier, Wantz and Vigliotti. Mayor Pro Tem Foster was out of town attending a conference. **Also Present:** City Manager Heine, City Attorney Gullo, Zoning Administrator Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Zambetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McCarron recognized the top 3 winners of the fourth grade "If I Were Mayor" essay contest and presented them with gift cards.

**Reception Delegation:** Carroll County Commissioner Steve Wantz – Commissioner Wantz encouraged support of the Fireman's carnival and highlighted some of the projects the County Commissioners are currently working on. Councilmember Frazier presented a copy of a resolution from the Republican Club and Taneytown Ladies Club, the content of which asked for Charles Carroll Elementary School to remain open. Councilmember Frazier expressed concern that it would negatively effect attendance at Runnymede Elementary School. He asked Commissioner Wantz if he would fight to keep the school open. Commissioner Wantz explained the challenges leading to the possible closure. Councilmember Frazier further indicated that people have expressed to him interest in changing the bus routes for Humbert Road. Councilmember Frazier also inquired about the new appointments the County has made to their Economic Development Office. Councilmember Zambetti added that the relationship between county EDC and EDC director Nancy McCormick has been very positive. Councilmember Wantz responded to questions from the audience.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2015 closed session with corrections and May 6 and May 11, 2015 regular meetings, with corrections to May 6, 2015 minutes – motion to approve by Wantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – carried 4 - 0

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Introduction:**

**Ordinance 15 – 2015 – Floodplain Management –** Attorney Gullo provided a draft of the ordinance and responded to a question from councilmember Frazier. Discussion followed.

**Adoption:**

**Resolution 2015 – 06 – Water Allocation for June 2015, with correction –** motion to approve by Zambetti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wantz – carried 4 – 0.

**City Manager Report:**

- Reviewed the highlights of his report and added that Rager, Lehman & Houck, the city accountants, suggested some reports that can be used to track the completeness of tasks within the Finance Department.

### Department Reports:

- No questions, or comments.

### Legal Report:

- **Vacant property at 226 E. Baltimore Street** – Both MDE and the city's hydrologist are prepared to close the site, indicating that there is no potential hazard from the removal of the gas tanks.
- **Dollar General / ACDH LLC** - Attorney Gullo further clarified the issues facing the city. Discussion followed regarding how to encourage the owners to comply with the maintenance agreement. Councilmember Frazier expressed concern about holding the bond even though the city issued a use and occupancy permit. Attorney Gullo provided explanation of the technicalities surrounding the issue and the contents of the Public Works Agreement. Councilmember Frazier said he feels the city should release the bond and not pursue anything further and made a motion to that end, with no second, the motion died.

### Unfinished Business:

- Councilmember Frazier recommended that all councilmembers approve the agenda items for council meetings. He made a motion to repeal **Ordinance 2011 – 13** with regards to water/sewer rate increases, second by Councilmember Vigliotti. Much discussion followed. Councilmember Wantz made a motion to table the pending motion until the July 8, 2015 Mayor and council workshop, second by Zambetti to table. After discussion the vote on the motion was 2 in favor to table the repeal, with councilmember Frazier and councilmember Vigliotti opposed. Mayor McCarron was in favor of the motion to table, which broke the tie.

### New Business:

- **Monthly Financial Report** – motion to approve by Zambetti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wantz – carried 4 – 0.
- **Accounts Payables Fee Schedule** - motion to approve by Wantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti 4 – 0.

### Councilmember Reports:

- Councilmember Wantz stated the Celebrate Taneytown event was very successful.
- Councilmember Zambetti commented that the visit by local 5<sup>th</sup> graders to city office was well attended and complimented Mayor McCarron for being a good host.
- Councilmember Frazier indicated he would like for more councilmembers to be in pictures of the events where they are in attendance.

Received questions and comments from the audience.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 9:38 PM by Wantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zambetti.

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

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