

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

The Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, July 8, 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, Zoning Administrator Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Vigliotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McCarron took a few moments to remind everyone of business meeting etiquette and explained the intent of the Council Workshop.

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the June 3, 2015 and June 8, 2015 regular meetings – changes were requested on the June 8, 2015 minutes.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Adoption:

Resolution 2015 – 07 – Water Allocation for July 2015 – no comments

Ordinance 15 - 2015 – Floodplain Management – Councilmember Frazier indicated that, after meeting with Thomas Devilbiss from Carroll County, he has an increased comfort level with adopting the ordinance. Councilmember Vigliotti concurred. Councilmember Zambetti expressed concern that Attorney Gullo was not contacted to obtain information.

Approval:

Fiscal Year 2016 Town/County Agreement – At the request of councilmember Zambetti, Attorney Gullo provided an explanation and overview of the agreement and what it means to the City of Taneytown and the residents.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Heine reviewed the highlights of his report and advised of an update to item one of his report, indicating that the fiber optics to Evapco has been completed and that all industries can now hook up to that fiber.

Department Reports:

- Referring to the IT report, Councilmember Frazier asked for clarification about the cooperation that exists between the city and county with regards to water/sewer and tax billing. City Manager Heine explained that tax bills are generated at the county level, while water/sewer bills are generated by the city office personnel.
- City Manager Heine commented that the upgrade to Roth Avenue Park was complete and very aesthetically pleasing.

Legal Report:

- **Meadowbrook** - Attorney Gullo advised that the developer, Dick Hull, has expressed interest in splitting the remaining development into several phases for completion. Attorney Gullo explained the process to accomplish this.
- **Receivership Ordinance** – Attorney Gullo indicated that the best means for collecting information before proceeding may be for city staff members to arrange for a meeting with Frederick officials to ascertain what issues they faced when attempting to establish a receivership program.

Unfinished Business:

- **Councilmember Frazier and Vigliotti's water/sewer plan:** Mayor McCarron began the discussion by reviewing the 2011 water and sewer plan. Councilmember Vigliotti read a statement about the need for civility in discussions and a call to action to address the water and sewer rates. Councilmember Frazier read the Maryland Municipal League's definition of Sustainable Communities. There was much discussion about the contributing factors to the water and sewer rates and councilmember Frazier referred Mayor McCarron and councilmembers to a report that he and councilmember Vigliotti prepared, which suggested some options to consider to reduce water/sewer rates. Councilmember Zambetti explained the fund accounting system used by the city and reviewed some of the expenses the city has incurred to provide a water and sewer system that meets the requirements of Maryland Department of the Environment. City Manager Heine and Attorney Gullo explained the water allocation and water recharge to those in attendance.

Mayor and councilmembers received questions and concerns from the audience.

New Business:

- **Monthly Financial Report** – City Manager Heine introduced the new format for the report
- **Accounts Payables Fee Schedule** – no questions, or comments

With no further questions, motion to adjourn at 10:06 P. M. by Foster, 2nd by Wantz

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk