

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

After a closed session, the Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Monday, September 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, IT Specialist Daniel Dennis and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Vigliotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Review of the minutes of the August 5, 2015 and August 10, 2015 regular meetings and August 10, 2015 closed session, with corrections to the August 5 and August 10 regular meetings – motion to approve by Zambetti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wantz – carried 5 – 0.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Approval:**

**Senior Center Parking** – Stormwater Management piping through THS Park – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zambetti - carried 5 – 0.

**Adoption:**

**Resolution 2015 – 09** – Water Allocation for September 2015 – motion to approve by Wantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti - carried 5 – 0.

**Resolution 2015 – 10** – Creation of Public Works Advisory Board – motion by Wantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – Councilmember Vigliotti indicated he spoke with Director of Public Works, Richard Weaver, who stated he does not see the need for the Advisory Board. Councilmember Wantz retracted his motion. Councilmember Frazier reiterated that he was not in favor of adding another layer of bureaucracy. Motion to table indefinitely by Wantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frazier – carried 5 – 0.

**Resolution 2015 – 11** – Agreement to enforce Taneytown’s Floodplain Management Ordinance – Attorney Gullo provided a brief background of the ordinance and resolution. Motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frazier – carried 5 – 0. Attorney Gullo stated Zoning Administrator, Wieprecht expended much time and effort with the project.

**Ordinance 16 – 2015** – Floodplain Management – motion to approve by Zambetti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster - carried 5 – 0.

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Heine announced that the October 12 Mayor and council meeting will be moved to October 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Columbus Day holiday. The workshop scheduled for October 7 will be unchanged.
- Councilmember Frazier recalled that there was previously an attempt to connect to the main street drainage system at THS Park and inquired what the cost would now be for the project. City Manager Heine stated the project was Maryland State Highway’s and not the City of Taneytown’s. Mayor McCarron explained that the city’s only input was simply to allow State Highway access to the property.

### Departmental Reports:

- No questions, or comments.

### Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo read aloud the minutes of the closed session.
- Councilmember Frazier expressed displeasure with comments contained in an Attorney Client Privilege memo that Attorney Gullo submitted to the Mayor and councilmembers with regards to details and costs associated with an appeal that was filed against councilmember Frazier during his campaign. Attorney Gullo provided explanation of the information in the memo and reviewed the details of the appeal and indicated councilmember Frazier's comment that the cost of that appeal was \$10,000 was not accurate. Councilmember Frazier stated he disagrees with the advice of Counsel. Discussion followed with further explanation about legal procedure from Attorney Gullo, who also stated that the council has the authority to change the procedure if they so choose.

### Unfinished Business:

- None

### New Business:

- **Monthly Financial Report** – motion by Wantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Foster - carried 5 – 0.
- **Accounts Payables Fee Schedule** – motion by Zambetti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wantz. Zambetti indicated he is pleased to see that some façade grants have been paid. – carried 5 – 0.
- **Water and Sewer Committee – Initial Actions Project** – motion by Frazier to pass all 4 recommendations as a whole. Frazier complimented the committee for their efforts. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti to approve as a whole. Wantz indicated he felt it was premature to approve them in their entirety until it was determined how the recommendations will fit into the final plan. Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the chairman of the committee, indicated the committee did not agree on any one item unanimously, but the committee wanted them brought to Mayor and Council at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Foster's recommendation was to vote on the items separately. Councilmember Vigliotti, acting on a request from the audience, read the recommendations that are being presented to the council. Mayor and council received comments from the audience. Vote on the motion to approve the initial actions project items as a whole was 2 in favor, with Zambetti, Foster and Wantz opposing.

Discussion followed about how to refine the procedure of notifying residents about meter change outs and the procedure for allowing amnesty. Councilmember Vigliotti made a motion to move through the initial action projects and vote on each individually, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

**Item 1 – Fee amnesty** - motion to approve the recommendation by Frazier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – there was discussion followed by a vote of 2 in favor, with Zambetti, Foster and Wantz opposing.

**Item 2 – meter battery replacement** - motion to keep this item as a priority by Frazier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti 5 in favor – 0 opposed.

**Item 3 – public information on city services and assistance** – motion by Vigliotti to pass the item with an addendum that the notice will not be mailed, but rather distributed using all means necessary, including social media, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don - 5 in favor – 0 opposed

**Item 4 motion – letter for M. E. S. Utility efficiency estimate** - motion by Zambetti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – it was decided that Attorney Gullo and City Manager Heine will contact M. E. S. - 5 in favor – 0 opposed.

Councilmember Frazier interjected an invitation to the public to attend committee meetings.

- **IT Policy Manual** – motion by Frazier to table until questions and concerns are answered. IT Specialist Dennis was present and addressed some of the concerns of council, 2<sup>nd</sup> to table from Vigliotti. After discussion, Zambetti suggested that any discussions with Dan take place before next council meeting. Vote was 5 in favor – 0 opposed.
- **Campaign Finance** – motion to table by Frazier, with comments about his concerns, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti - carried 5 – 0.
- **Procedure for reviewing monthly council packet** – motion to table by Zambetti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wantz - carried 5 – 0.

#### Councilmember Reports:

- Councilmember Wantz announced the **Planning and Zoning Commission** is continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated that she, Director of Economic McCormick and new business owner David Underwood attended a main street meeting in Ellicott City and received positive news about some **grants** that will be available and applications will be submitted for three.
- Councilmember Frazier stated he has had conversations with Parks and Recreation Director Mitchell about the repair to the ramps at the **skate park** and the ability to move the ramps and invited the community to attend the meetings of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Athletic Association and announced he is pleased with the attempts that are underway at **Bollinger Park**.
- Mayor McCarron indicated he recently attended the first **MML Legislative Committee** meeting and stated there is a meeting, scheduled for the September 23 at which there will be a vote on several issues. He reminded councilmembers about the MML Chapter meeting in Union Bridge on September 17 and the upcoming Fall Conference.

Mayor and councilmembers received comments and concerns from the audience with comments from Attorney Gullo and councilmember Frazier. Motion to adjourn at 9:18 by Wantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk