

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Meeting
March 14, 2016**

The Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Monday, March 14, 2016 in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor McCarron, Mayor Pro Tem Foster, Councilmembers Zambetti, Frazier, Wantz and Vigliotti.

Also Present: City Manager Heine and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Pro Tem Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes:

Minutes of the February 3, 2016 and February 8, 2016 regular meetings and February 27, 2016 Mayor and Council Work session – motion to approve by Wantz, 2nd Vigliotti - carried 5 – 0.

Introduction:

Annexation Resolution 2016 – 001 A – Bollinger Park Annexation – motion to introduce by Foster, 2nd Wantz – carried 5 – 0.

Charter Resolution CR 2016 – 01 – Removal of Elected Officials from Office – motion to introduce by Wantz, 2nd by Zambetti carried 5 – 0.

Ordinance 21 – 2016 – Cannabis Dispensary Overlay Zone – motion to introduce by Vigliotti, 2nd by Wantz carried 5 – 0.

Ordinance 22 – 2016 – Code of Conduct – motion to introduce by Zambetti, 2nd by Wantz – carried 5 – 0.

Adoption:

Ordinance 20 – 2016 – Campaign finance – motion to approve by Zambetti, 2nd Foster – Frazier expressed several concerns and made a motion to send the ordinance to a constitutional attorney for review and delay implementation. With no second the motion died. Wantz made a motion to amend the reportable cash contribution from \$25 to \$100, 2nd by Frazier. The vote on the amendment was 2 – 3 with Foster, Zambetti and Vigliotti opposing. Motion by Frazier to add a sentence indicating that the state definitions will be used for the glossary of terms contained in the ordinance, 2nd by Zambetti - carried 5 – 0. The vote on the ordinance was 4 – 1, with Frazier opposing.

Resolution 2016 – 21 – Support of Maryland Municipal League priority of restoring Highway User Revenue motion to approve by Wantz, 2nd Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Resolution 2016 – 20 – Water Allocation for March 2015 - Motion to approve by Wantz, 2nd by Vigliotti - carried 5 – 0.

Approval:

Cable Franchise Agreement – Motion by Foster, 2nd by Wantz after a brief discussion the vote was carried 5 – 0.

Unfinished Business:

Street Sweeping - after discussion it was decided to investigate: if the street cleaner would have any issues changing the schedule, the cost of new signs and how/if the ordinance would have to be changed and revisit the issue at the April Mayor and council meeting.

New Business:

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

Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Zambetti, 2nd Wantz - carried 5 – 0.

Constant yield tax rate – motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Wantz with a comment from Frazier that he would like to see any revenues devoted to lower water rates. The vote was 4 – 1, with Frazier opposing.

Approval of new position for Finance – 25 hours per week – motion to add the position by Zambetti, 2nd by Vigliotti. After a brief discussion about salary and overtime the vote was 3 – 2, with Foster and Frazier opposing.

Council member reports:

Councilmember Vigliotti announced an upcoming event at Vintage Colors.

Councilmember Wantz stated the Planning Commission met with developers of Meade's Crossing and gave them the approval to move ahead on changes in terms of town homes and single family homes as well as removing alleys from behind the homes. He also stated the development does not conform to the community village ordinance and that the ordinance may have to be revisited.

Mayor Pro Tem Foster announced that she, along with Economic Development Director McCormick and Taneytown Mainstreet Chairperson Louna Primm will be attending a state main street committee meeting next week.

Councilmember Frazier announced that on March 15, the National Parks Service will be meeting with Parks and Recreation Director Mitchell to discuss Bollinger Park and invited the public to attend.

Councilmember Zambetti stated that the Department of Rehabilitation Resources attended the business breakfast and presented information about a very beneficial program to employ individuals with physical and mental challenges.

Mayor McCarron also expressed his enthusiasm with the program and reported on the legislation that is moving through the General Assembly. He also announced that the annual Maryland Municipal League convention is scheduled for June and that The County EDC Outlook 2016 event is scheduled for April 5, 2016.

Councilmember Wantz stated he saw evidence that the expansion project of the parking lot at the Taneytown Senior Center has begun.

Mayor McCarron announced that EDC Director McCormick was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award by the Knights of Columbus.

Mayor and councilmembers received comments from the audience.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM by Wantz, 2nd Foster

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk