

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
December 9, 2015

The Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 9, 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.

As this is a Council Workshop, no action or votes were taken. The following is a summary of the items discussed.

- Review of the minutes of the November 4, 2015 and November 9, 2015 regular meetings and November 23, 2015 Water/Sewer Special meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about the content that should and should not be contained in the minutes.
- **Resolution 2015 – 15 – Water Allocation for December 2015 –** Responding to councilmember Wantz, Attorney Gullo explained that Meadowbrook will appear on the water allocation at the January Mayor and council meeting.
- **Sale of Graywater –** statement by Vigliotti – from special meeting – Councilmember Vigliotti explained that draft of a resolution that he provided for Mayor and councilmembers review. Councilmember Frazier encouraged councilmembers to approve the resolution. Councilmember Wantz stated that it seems unusual to have a resolution that is not requiring an action.
- **Reduction of Late fees –** City Manager Heine indicated this item is for two different types of reductions. One for late fees and also bills that have been estimated. Mayor and councilmembers discussed a tiered billing system for late fees and a manual calculation to determine the billing for fees associated with bills that have been estimated so that rates at the time of the estimate will be used and not the current water/sewer rate.
- **Procedure for review of monthly council packet –** Councilmember Frazier said he would make a motion on Monday to dispense with the policy. Councilmember Zambetti stated he may like to see some changes.
- **IT Policy Manual –** IT Specialist Dennis has a few changes. This will be on the agenda for approval in January.
- **Campaign Finance –** Attorney Gullo provided a review of the Campaign Finance Comparison he provided. Attorney Gullo stated the policy mimics that of the State of Maryland.

- **SOLAR Proposal** –Attorney Gullo urged Mayor and councilmembers to exercise caution before accepting the proposal. There was further discussion about the feasibility of the concept.
- **Receivership** – Attorney Gullo said this is arduous and time consuming process and would not ultimately effect many properties. Councilmember Frazier said he felt there should be no further movement. Councilmember Zambetti and councilmember Wantz concurred.
- **Monthly Financial Report** – no questions, or comments.
- **Accounts Payables** – no questions, or comments.
- **Provisional Stay of Enforcement** – Councilmember Wantz explained that downtown business owners want to display merchandise on the sidewalk, but the city code does not allow it. Obtaining this permit would allow businesses a 9 month stay of enforcement.
- **Revitalization Act of 2011 Amendments** – Mayor Pro Tem Foster recommendation from Main Street Restructuring Committee was that they want Mayor and Council to consider amending the Revitalization Act of 2011 and to request support from council to revisit and amend the Revitalization Act. The committee recommended the incentive payment that was instituted under that act to be 10% of certified investment expenditure and instead of a tiered structure and recommend the city provide incentive payments in a lump sum instead of over a 5 year period. Present ordinances expire in 2016 and want to amend to extend to hopefully make it more appealing.

Councilmember Frazier stated the Red Door Boutique opened and encouraged people to shop there and was saddened that Peebles was closing. He invited citizens to attend the Parks and Recreation committee meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday, December 16.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 by Frazier, 2nd by Zambetti. Councilmember Vigliotti amended the motion to extend and accept comments from the audience.

The vote to adjourn was 2 in favor with Mayor Pro Tem Foster and councilmember Frasier and Vigliotti opposed.

Mayor and councilmembers received questions and comments from the audience.

Motion by Frazier to adjourn at 10:12 PM, 2nd by Foster

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk