

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Meeting
July 8, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Monday, July 8, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmembers Fuller, Vigliotti, Hale and Haines.

Also Present: Zoning Administrator / Acting City Manager Wieprecht, City Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Pro Tem Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Approval of minutes** of the June 5, 2019 and June 10, 2019 regular meetings – motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented by Vigliotti, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.
- **Public Hearing – Ordinance 07 – 2019** – Amendment to Taneytown Zoning Code – Mayor Wantz opened the public hearing at 7:33 PM
- **Public comment pertaining to agenda and non-agenda items**
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** None
- **Reception of Delegation** – Sewell Property Annexation – Martin Hackett from Carroll Land Services presented a diagram of the proposed project and a booklet of various home designs was distributed to Mayor and councilmembers. It was decided by consensus that staff should enter into negotiations to annex the property.

The public hearing for Ordinance 07 – 2019 was closed at 8:13 PM

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Ordinance 07 – 2019 – Amendment to Taneytown Zoning Code – motion to adopt by Vigliotti, 2nd by Hale – carried 5 – 0.

Resolution 2019 - 08 – Water Allocation for July 2019 – motion to adopt by Foster, 2nd by Haines – carried 5 – 0.

City Manager Report: no additions to written report

Department Reports: There was discussion about unread water meters, possible allocation of funds received from a grant for Bollinger Park and accommodations for pets in City parks.

Legal Report:

- The Carroll County States Attorney approached the City to be a part of a coalition of police entitled the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network. The goal of the coalition is to stand against organized crime, such as gangs and drug networks. The Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed and more information will be forthcoming.
- City Attorney Gullo explained the process and reasons for requesting an Amicus brief and that it may be beneficial for the pending suit by Robin Frazier against the City for alleged open meetings violations. All members of council agreed that the request will be sent to the Maryland Municipal League from Mayor Wantz.

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Vigliotti, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Hale, 2nd by Haines – carried 5 – 0.
3. Chamber of Commerce Energy Co-op – motion by Fuller to give City staff the discretion to sign the agreement with CQI Associates, L.L.C. if the rates are deemed acceptable, 2nd by Hale – carried 5 – 0.
4. City Manager search allowance – Mayor Wantz ask for an allowance of \$30,000.00 to retain an outside agency to a conduct a nationwide search for a City Manager - motion to approve the allowance by Haines, 2nd by Fuller – carried 3 -2, with Vigliotti and Hale opposed.
5. Property Acquisition – motion to approve an appraisal for a vacant building on Dunbar Lane by Hale, 2nd by Vigliotti – carried 5 – 0.
6. Amendment to T-Mobile Lease – site improvements have been requested by T-Mobile, which necessitated the renegotiation of the terms of the lease. Motion to accept the amendments to the lease by Hale, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Councilmember Reports:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 PM by Hale, 2nd by Haines – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk