

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
August 12, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Monday, August 12, 2019 in the City Council Chambers.

**Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmembers Vigliotti, Hale and Haines.

**Not present:** Councilmember Judith Fuller.

**Also Present:** Zoning Administrator / Acting City Manager Wieprecht, City Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. Joe Nuzzo from Boy Scout Troop 395 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Approval of minutes** of the July 8, 2019 regular meeting – motion to approve by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hale – carried 4 – 0.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** None

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Approval:**

**Introduction:**

**Ordinance 08 – 2019** – Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendment - motion to introduce by Vigliotti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.

**Ordinance 09 – 2019** – Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Amendment - motion to introduce by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haines – carried 4 – 0.

**Adoption of:**

**Resolution 2019 - 10** – Water Allocation for August 2019 – motion to adopt by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – carried 4 – 0.

**Carroll County States Attorney Memorandum of Understanding** – motion to approve by Vigliotti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hale – carried 4 – 0.

**City Manager Report:**

- Acting City Manager Wieprecht clarified that Taneytown Harvest Fest is scheduled for October 5, 2019 and also stated that Maryland Department of the Environment won an appeal against the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, but it does not create change for the City. More details can be obtained by contacting him directly.

**Department Reports:** no questions or comments

**Legal Report:** no questions or comments

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### Old Business:

- **Capital Improvement Program – Department of Public Works** – the unanimous consensus was to approve the 6 year plan. Mayor Wantz expressed the need for a new facility for the utility crew and that it may be considered to be a more immediate need. The plan for the Department of Parks and Recreation will be distributed before the September Mayor and Council workshop for review.

### New Business:

1. **Monthly Financial Report** – motion to approve by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.
2. **Accounts Payables** – motion to approve by Hale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – carried 4 – 0.
3. **Town and County Agreement** – motion to approve by Vigliotti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hale – carried 4 – 0.
4. **Roberts Mill Stormwater Construction Services** – motion to approve by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hale – carried 4 – 0.
5. **Appointment of Police Chief** – Mayor Wantz nominated Lieutenant Jason Etzler for the position of permanent Police Chief. Motion to approve the appointment of Lieutenant Etzler by Vigliotti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hale. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated that she is opposed to the appointment due to the absence of a transparent, competitive process for the hire and regrets that some may view her opinion as a vote against Lieutenant Etzler and said that it is a vote against the process. The appointment was approved by a vote of 3 – 1, with Foster opposed.  
Mayor Wantz stated Chief Etzler will take command leadership training and that Parks and Recreation Director, Robert Mitchell, who is a decorated officer from Baltimore City, will be reassigned to an administrative position with the Taneytown Police Department
6. **Fee Schedule Addition** – motion to add fire hydrant usage by Hale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haines – carried 4 – 0.
7. **Tannery Barn Public Works Agreement Addendum** – motion to approve by Vigliotti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster carried 4 – 0.
8. **Reschedule of October Council Meeting** – Due to a conflict with the Maryland Municipal Fall Conference, it was decided by unanimous consensus that the October 14, 2019 council meeting will be rescheduled as a combined meeting taking place on October 7, 2019.
9. **Social media posting** – it was decided by unanimous consensus to post to the City website a social media policy that was presented as a part of the Information Technologies monthly report at the August 7, 2019 meeting. Mayor Wantz advised that a broader policy will be presented at a later date.

### Councilmember Reports:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM by Hale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk