

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
September 4, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council met at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 4, 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. Councilmember Haines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Review of minutes** of the August 7, 2019 and August 12, 2019 regular meetings – a change was requested to the August 7, 2019 minutes.
- **Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items**
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** None

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Ordinance 08 – 2019 – Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendment – no questions, or comments

Ordinance 09 – 2019 – Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Amendment – no questions, or comments

Resolution 2019 – 11 – Water Allocation for September 2019 – no questions, or comments

City Manager Report:

- Acting City Manager Wieprecht advised that an escrow account has been established for the Sewell Property annexation and that a meeting with the City engineer is scheduled in the near future to discuss the capacities and first stages of annexation.
- There has been discussion with a company that may be able to provide a cost savings for upgrades to the elevated water tank. The agreement that was discussed would include management of various proposed contracts and some cell tower upgrades. A maintenance agreement will need to be created and then a Request for Proposals will be prepared.
- Mayor Wantz and Acting City Manager Wieprecht expressed their gratitude to Daniel Dennis, the Information Technologies Specialist, for keeping communications within the City operating during recent damage to City Office.
- Councilmember Vigliotti stated he has received complaints from residents about people leaving furniture at clothing donation centers located at various businesses. Wieprecht explained that this is an ongoing problem.

Department Reports: - There were no comments, or questions about any of the reports.

Legal Report: - There were no additions to the written report.

Old Business:

1. **Capital Improvement Program – Parks and Recreation** – Acting City Manager Wieprecht presented the projection list for the next six years and indicated that the list would be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their next meeting. Mayor Wantz stated that he feels several of the projects should be moved to a more urgent status and also added that there are a number of companies offering low rates on LED lighting, due to state rebates.

Wieprecht stated that a job description for the Parks and Recreation Director will be further refined before the job is posted and advertised.
2. **Code Enforcement legal action** – Attorney Gullo and Acting City Manager Wieprecht provided the history of a property located on Chestnut Court and expressed that over the course of several years numerous violations have occurred, which eventually led to the issue of an abatement agreement. Although there was improvement to the situation, the issue persists. Gullo explained the legal process for resolving the matter. Mayor and Councilmembers will vote at the September 9, 2019 meeting how best to proceed.
3. **Property Acquisition – Dunbar building** – After reviewing an appraisal that was conducted at the property, Mayor Wantz, along with councilmember Vigliotti expressed that they feel it is not in the best interest of the city to pursue the project.

New Business:

1. **Monthly Financial Report** – no questions, or comments
2. **Accounts Payables** – no questions, or comments
3. **Fire Company vehicle donation** – Jim Parker, representing the Taneytown Volunteer Fire Department, stated that the department would like to receive from the City a donation of two police vehicles that have been retired. Police Chief Etzler stated that vehicles had been donated in previous years.
4. **Leave time pay-out** – Mayor Wantz explained that, due to a shortage in manpower, many police officers have not been able to schedule annual leave. Chief Etzler has requested a one-time expenditure to pay officers for their unused leave. Mayor Wantz asked for consideration to apply the request to Acting City Manager Wieprecht, as well.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM by Haines, 2nd by Foster and carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk