

**Open Work Session
Update on Morris Mill Dam Work
October 15, 2019**

Mr. Cannon said this discussion was to be with Mr. Dallas Baker, but Council is not quite sure why the Executive Branch is refusing to have staff here. He explained, a big part of Council's responsibility as a Legislative Body is to review matters publically so not only Council can discuss it, but so the public can be made aware of what the concerns might be, and there are great concerns. He said Council saw the meetings demonstrating what great concerns there are over the stormwater management on Kaywood, Pratt, and Crooked Oak Lane, and also the Morris Mill Dam work, which, as he understands, was initially understood to be a \$600,000 project, became \$1.1 million, and has now increased to over \$3 million. He said, with that in mind, he finds it very disappointing that the Executive Branch has chosen not to discuss this, and he thinks it is very counterproductive as a County for the Executive Branch to choose to instruct staff not to attend County Council meetings under any circumstances. He said they have had this problem before on numerous occasions, and it just seems to be exacerbating the problems.

Mr. Dodd said they have the same constituents in Kaywood contacting Council almost weekly, if not every other day, about flooding in that area, which is his District. He said the Morris Mill Dam affects just about everybody and their quality of life in Districts 3 and 4, so he thinks it is prudent that constituents and town officials get an update. Mr. Cannon said he could not agree more, but Council is in a situation where they cannot strong-arm anyone, and cannot ask the Sheriff's Department to go and get Mr. Baker and bring him in here to talk to Council. He said, unfortunately, they are going to have to try to depend on some rational perspective on the part of the Executive Branch. There was no further discussion.



John T. Cannon, President



Larry W. Dodd, Vice President, District 3



Ernest F. Davis, District 1

absent

Nicole Acle, District 2

absent


Josh Hastings, District 4



Joe Holloway, District 5



William R. McCain, At-Large



Laura Hurley, Council Administrator