

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Meeting
October 13, 2020
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The Mayor and City Council meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. **Present by teleconferencing:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmembers Fuller, Vigliotti, Hale and Haines **Also Present by teleconferencing:** City Manager Wieprecht, City Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Approval of minutes** of the August 5, 2020, August 10, 2020 regular meetings and the September 9, 2020 and September 14, 2020 regular meeting, both with corrections – motion to approve all minutes as amended by Vigliotti, 2nd by Haines – carried 5 – 0
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Fiscal Year 2020 Audit – motion to approve as presented by Hale, 2nd by Fuller – carried 5 – 0

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Resolution 2020 – 11 – Water Allocation for October 2020 – motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Vigliotti – carried 5 - 0

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht explained that effective January 1, 2021, the fee for solid waste removal will be \$65.00 per ton and the recycling fee will be \$30.00 per ton.
- Wieprecht stated that it is not too late for people to participate in the 2020 Census.
- Final building inspection for City Office is scheduled for October 14th.
- Mayor Wantz also encouraged participation in the 2020 Census.
- Mayor Wantz stated that a work crew was at City Office on Monday and extended thanks to Information Technology Specialist Daniel Dennis for working on Columbus Day, which is a day that City Office is closed.
- Responding to Mayor Pro Tem Foster, Mayor Wantz indicated that he has seen at least three census takers in Taneytown.
- Mayor Wantz announced that Trick-or-Treating is scheduled for October 31st and that a list of safety recommendations will be placed on social media.

Department Reports:

Legal Report: Attorney Gullo stated that he had no additions to his report from the October 7, 2020 workshop.

Old Business:

1. 2020 annual leave pay-out – motion to approve the pay-out of annual leave for the police department by Vigliotti, 2nd by Fuller. Mayor Pro Tem Foster expressed that she is not happy to fund unexpected expenses at the end of the year and feels that the figure could have been less initially. She also stated that she feels the police department has been granted several requests over the past couple of years, although other departments have not. She further indicated that she does not expect to see a request next year for a pay-out of annual leave and that leave should be properly scheduled. Mayor Wantz stated that he and City Manager Wieprecht will begin a study of all employee salaries. Councilmember Vigliotti explained that COVID - 19 was a major factor in contributing to the request for a pay-out and that the prior request for salary increases was to be competitive with other municipalities. Councilmember Hale stated that he feels there needs to be an adjustment for all staff salaries. Mayor Pro Tem Foster asked that councilmember Vigliotti amend his motion to include a cap of \$12,000.00, Vigliotti accepted the amendment, with Fuller's 2nd still standing, the motion to approve the pay-out with a cap of \$12,000.00 carried 5 – 0.

New Business:

Mayor Wantz advised that City Manager Wieprecht has worked a substantial amount of time and has accrued 227.6 hours of annual leave, which is in addition to compensation time. Mayor Pro Tem Foster stated that she would like to see the figures for the pay-out. Mayor Wantz stated that the item will be on the November council agenda.

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Haines, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Hale, 2nd by Fuller – carried 5 – 0

Councilmember reports:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM by Foster, 2nd by Haines – carried 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk