

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
October 7, 2020
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The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, October 7, 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, Clerk Kalman and City Treasurer Avallone. Mayor Pro Tem Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Review of minutes** of the August 5, 2020, August 10, 2020, September 9, 2020 and September 14, 2020 regular meetings – Clerk Kalman explained that a request to add a statement to the August 10, 2020 minutes indicating that Jacob Gruentzel made a victim impact statement did not take place at that meeting, but rather the July 8, 2020 Workshop. Changes were requested to both the September 9, 2020 minutes and the September 14, 2020 minutes.
- **Reception of Delegation – Deleon and Stang – Fiscal Year 2020 Audit** – The audit was presented by Michele Mills and Addie Blickenstaff, who reported that there were no material weaknesses, instances of non-compliance or fraud detected. They also responded to questions from Mayor Wantz and councilmembers.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

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Adoption of:

Resolution 2020 – 11 – Water Allocation for October 2020 – Responding to a question from Councilmember Vigliotti, City Manager Wieprecht explained that in severe circumstances, water restrictions could be heightened to mandatory status to create a recharge of wells and that it would not halt new construction.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his report.
- Mayor Wantz expressed that a safety protocol will be established when City Hall is once again open to the public.

Department Reports:

- Responding to Mayor Pro Tem Foster, City Manager Wieprecht stated that if there is material in recycling loads that does not qualify as recycling, the City will be charged a solid waste rate which is higher than the rate for recycling.
- Mayor Wantz stated that the drop-in ballot box is securely in place at the police station.

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Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo advised that the Trevanion Terrace property lawsuit has gone through the court system and an order was signed granting the petition. The county will now need to execute the deed.

Old Business:

1. 2020 annual leave pay-out – Mayor Wantz stated that the pay-out amount is down to below \$12,000.00 and explained that the pay-out is for police officers who were not able to use leave due to the pandemic. Councilmember Vigliotti expressed that he feels the pay-out is justifiable, given the circumstances.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – There were no questions, or comments
2. Accounts Payables – There were no questions, or comments
3. Private septic systems within City limits – Mayor Wantz explained that the City code forbids private septic systems within City limits, but a resident has requested an exception. Attorney Gullo explained there is not a process in place for this type of exception and added that there have been internal discussions regarding an application process for exemptions and suggested that individuals requesting exemptions could make a presentation after the application has been submitted followed by an expert analysis of the request and that it could then be presented to council. It was decided by the unanimous consensus of council to proceed along the described route.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:31 PM by Haines, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk