

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
December 9, 2020**

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 9, 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 Brian Lubenow from CDM Smith. Councilmember Vigliotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wantz read the Presiding Officer's Closing Statement from the November 9, 2020 closed session.

- **Review of minutes** of the November 4, 2020 and November 9, 2020 regular meetings and the November 9, 2020 closed session – a change was requested to the November 9, 2020 closed session.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Ordinance 07 – 2020 – Amendment to Chapter 153 – Park Impact Fees – City Manager Wieprecht provided a summary explaining the purpose and definition of Fee in Lieu of open space and park impact fees. Mayor Wantz explained the situations where the fees would be charged. Attorney Gullo responded to questions from the Mayor and councilmembers relating to the terms “Capital Improvement” and “Park Acquisition and Development”. Mayor Wantz suggested changing the terminology to “Park Acquisition and Captial Improvements and Development”. Responding to councilmember Vigliotti, Wieprecht explained the ordinance will be effective the day after it is enacted necessitating conversation with current developers.

Resolution 2020 – 14 – Park Impact Fees – City Manager Wieprecht explained that, when a fee is established it is attached to a resolution, rather than an ordinance, so that it does not require another ordinance, should the fee change, and also prevents the need to make the change through General Code. Mayor Wantz recommended the deletion of line 51 of the draft, which set forth a specific fee.

Resolution 2020 – 15 – Fee schedule for 2021 – Mayor Wantz explained the purpose of the Resolution was to add Park impact fees and fee in lieu of open space to the existing fee schedule.

Adoption of:

Resolution 2020 – 13 – Water Allocation for December 2020 – There were no questions, or comments.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his report and stated that grant money had been received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for equipment that will allow for better production of remote and hybrid meetings.

Department Reports:

- Councilmember Vigliotti, referring to the Information Technologies report, suggested possible names for the Information Technology System could be the Taneytown Owl, or the Taneytown Union.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo explained that the belt filter press and building involves giving an easement to Carroll County over the flood plain that touches the property. The City needs a permit to build the building because if it is over a certain number of square feet and triggers the flood plain management ordinance for Carroll County and that ordinance requires that the City agrees to give them easement over the FEMA flood plain area that crosses the property.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – There were no questions, or comments
2. Accounts Payables – There were no questions, or comments
3. Award of Belt Filter Press bid – City Manager Wieprecht explained that only one bid was received. Brian Lubenow from CDM Smith stated the price was in line with the estimate provided earlier by other manufacturers and he recommends approval of the bid, in the amount of \$241,500.00 to BDP Industries, Inc. and responded to questions from councilmembers. Lubenow added that the designs are still being finalized and that, there will be a separate bid.
4. Bay Restoration Hardship Exemption – City Manager Wieprecht explained that in 2013 a bay restoration fee hardship exemption program was created through a resolution. The intent was to revisit on an annual basis to update the threshold figures. It came to his attention this year that the income parameters have not changed since 2013 so now there are some people who have qualified for the exemption in past years, but are no longer qualifying because the amount they are receiving for supplementary income has increase over the years. Rather than have 2 qualifiers, the updated application would remove income as a criteria, which would allow more people to qualify. City Manager Wieprecht and Mayor Wantz responded to questions from councilmembers and it was decided my unanimous consensus to move forward with the Resolution.
5. Renovation of Council Chambers – Mayor Wantz explained that the City was encouraged by the state through the county to try to take advantage of CARES Act funding. He went on to explain a better audio/video system would help to facilitate virtual and hybrid meetings. After conversations with Information Specialist Dan Dennis a plan for updates was prepared. Mayor Wantz reviewed the suggested changes and responded to questions from councilmembers. There were no oppositions from councilmembers about any of the updates. City Manager Wieprecht explained that there will be mid-year budget amendments that will be necessary to allow for the COVID relief funding. Information Specialist Daniel Dennis expressed his thanks to the county for providing additional funds to meet the estimate amount of \$56,731.00.
6. MDS Sewer Compliance – Mayor Wantz clarified that this was a different issue than that discussed at the closed session of November 9, 2020 and City Manager Wieprecht explained that fees were attached due to administrative penalties, in the amount of \$3,764.00. The staff recommendation is to pay the fines.
7. CDM Smith 2021 Rate Proposal – City Manager Wieprecht explained that the rates were held stable and that the City has been very pleased with the services received from CDM Smith. There were no questions from councilmembers.
8. CDM Smith I & I Engineering Proposal – Brian Lubenow of CDM Smith explained that the project entails installation of a lining of the terra cotta infrastructure and that a noticeable reduction to Inflow

& Infiltration was anticipated. City Manager Wieprecht stated that there will be future presentations for the design and that the Department of Public Works is in the process of taking inventory of areas where the terra cotta exists.

Mayor Wantz stated that unfortunately the Christmas tree lighting that had been scheduled for December 5, 2020 was canceled due to the prediction of poor weather conditions, but that a special presentation would be available in the near future.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:39 PM by Haines, 2nd by Foster carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk