

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
April 8, 2020**

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. **Present by teleconferencing:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmembers Fuller, Vigliotti, Hale and Haines **Also Present by teleconferencing:** Zoning Administrator / Acting City Manager Wieprecht, City Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Vigliotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wantz read the minutes from the closed session that was held on March 9, 2020.

- **Review of minutes** of the March 4, 2020 and March 9, 2020 regular meetings and the March 9, 2020 closed session
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** None

Mayor Wantz stated that due to the Governor's order for social distancing, meetings would be held virtually until the order is lifted and added that accommodations would be made to allow for a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Budget and also encouraged the public to follow the advice of the Center for Disease Control and wear face masks.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Ordinance 01 – 2020 – Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Operating Budget – Postponed until May

Ordinance 02 – 2020 – Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Tax Rate – Postponed until May

Ordinance 03 – 2020 – Fiscal Year 2020 -2021 Water and Sewer Rate - Postponed until May

Resolution 2020 – 05 – Water Allocation for April 2020 – in response to a question from Council, Mayor Wantz explained that the expiration date on the water allocation is June, due to the uncertainty of the details of the May meeting.

City Manager Report:

- Acting City Manager Wieprecht stated that the O'Brien Bridge project is moving forward and expressed that the City continues to provide services despite the COVID-19 pandemic. He also advised that the Department of Public Works would have to reschedule bulk trash day, which was scheduled to take place in May, due to the schedule changes effecting the county landfill. Mayor Wantz stated that the budget may have to be revisited due to changes to both the recycling and tipping fees that are scheduled to go into effect in January 2021.

Department Reports: no questions, or comments

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo explained that many projects are in a holding pattern due to the closures of courts and state agencies. Gullo indicated that the City is waiting for the developer of Creekside to issue a letter stating that all contractors have received payment and the easement to be executed before enacting the Letter of Credit Release for the Creekside development and stated that a letter to the Secretary of Maryland Department of the Environment, which will ask for approval to move forward with the Taneytown Crossing development, will soon be finalized.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or comments
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or comments
3. Special events approvals: Acting City Manager Wieprecht advised that both of the applications have been vetted by both the Department of Public Works and the Taneytown Police Department.
 - Sober Truth community outreach picnic at Memorial Park – May 30, 2020
 - Uniontown Bible Church soccer camp at Robert's Mill Park – June 22 – 25, 2020
4. Freedom Broadband agreement – Attorney Gullo provided a brief summary of the agreement and responded to questions from council.
5. Meadowbrook roadways – section 4 B – Acting City Manager Wieprecht stated that the infrastructure and inspection are both complete and Attorney Gullo advised that two remaining issues that must be voted on by council is to accept the roads and reduce the Letter of Credit to the maintenance amount.
6. Bid approval – City Hall Renovations – Acting City Manager Wieprecht explained that 3 addendums were made to the original Request for Proposals in response to questions from bidders and provided a list of the bids received. He also stated that a reference check has been conducted for both of the low bidders. Mayor Wantz, Wieprecht and councilman Hale all expressed their desire to maintain a more historical street front. Wieprecht said that his recommendation at the Monday, April 13, 2020 meeting will be for Eagle Construction.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM by Fuller, 2nd by Haines – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk

