

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Meeting
September 14, 2020**

The Mayor and City Council meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, September 14, 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, Chief Etzler and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Vigliotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Approval of minutes** of the August 5, 2020 and August 10, 2020 regular meetings – motion to approve as presented by Hale, 2nd by Vigliotti. Vigliotti requested a change to the August 10, 2020 minutes to include that a staff member is also preparing a statement. Councilmember Hale amended his motion to include the statement, 2nd by Vigliotti to include the statement – the minutes as amended carried 5 – 0.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Ordinance 06 – 2020 – Budget Amendment #3 – Motion by Fuller to approve, 2nd by Vigliotti – carried 5 – 0.

Resolution 2020 – 10 – Water Allocation for September 2020 – motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Haines – carried 5 – 0.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht extended thanks for the approval of the budget amendment and stated that the auditors were on site earlier in the day. He also advised that City Hall renovations are advancing and the hope is to move into the ground floor in the next few days. Mayor Wantz stated that the City intends to have City Hall accessible to the public on October 1.

Department Reports: no questions, or additions

Legal Report: no additions questions, or additions

Old Business:

New Business:

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

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3. **Award of Contract – Taneytown High School Park Playground** – motion to award the bid to Playground Specialists, in the amount of \$133,499.00 by Hale, 2nd by Fuller – carried 5 – 0
4. **Special Event approval – Halloween party at Memorial Park – October 24** – motion to approve by Vigliotti, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 - 0
5. **Carroll County Board of Election ballot drop box placement** – motion to approve by Vigliotti, 2nd by Fuller – carried 5 - 0
6. **Park Impact Fee** – no discussion, or action taken
7. **Twelve hour shifts for Taneytown Police Department** – motion by Vigliotti to approve 12 hour shifts for Taneytown Police Department pursuant to the recommendation of Chief Etzler, which includes time and a half holiday pay, the addition of 1 personal day per year and the idea of 96 hours of roll-over vacation, instead of 80, 2nd by Hale. Mayor Pro Tem Foster expressed that she hopes going forward there will be no need of discussions regarding buy-outs of annual leave. Motion carried 5 – 0.
8. **2020 annual leave pay – out** – Mayor Wantz stated the buy-out figure is approximately \$14,000.00 for unused annual leave and that he encouraged Chief Etzler and Major Mitchell to use leave and direct officers to do the same, which will reduce the figure. Mayor Wantz recommended a cap of \$14,000.00 on the buy-out amount. Motion by Vigliotti to cap pay-out at \$14,000.00, 2nd by Fuller. After discussion, Vigliotti made a motion to table until the next council meeting with the hope that the figure for pay-out will be lower than \$14,000.00 and withdrew his original motion. Councilmember Fuller withdrew her 2nd to the original motion. Mayor Pro Tem Foster made a 2nd to Vigliotti's motion to table and that motion carried 5 – 0.

Councilmember reports

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 7:58 by Fuller, second by Foster – carried 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk