

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Workshop  
January 6, 2021**

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. **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 Vigliotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Review of minutes** of the December 9, 2020 and December 14, 2020 regular meetings – a change was requested to the December 9, 2020 Workshop minutes.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Approval:**

**Introduction:**

**Resolution 2021 – 02** – Bay Restoration Hardship Exemption – no questions, comments.

**Adoption of:**

**Ordinance 07 – 2020** – Amendment to Chapter 153 – Park Impact Fees – There were no issues expressed with the content of the ordinance, as presented. Mayor Wantz and councilmembers discussed the applicability of the ordinance and Mayor Wantz invited representatives from the Meade's Crossing development to be the Reception of Delegation at the January 11, 2021 Mayor and council meeting to allow the opportunity for the developer to address their request for an exemption. City Manager Wieprecht will provide excerpts from Developer Rights and Responsibilities Agreements for reference.

**Resolution 2020 – 14** - Park Impact Fees – no questions, or comments

**Resolution 2020 – 15** – Fee schedule for 2021 – Councilmember Vigliotti requested that, if adopted, the date of enactment should be changed to January 12, 2021.

**Resolution 2021 – 01** – Water Allocation for January 2021 – a correction to numbering was requested by councilmember Vigliotti.

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht explained that well 17 is not pumping at the normal rate and advised that a vendor has been contacted to investigate the problem that is believed to be associated with the motor. Wieprecht stated that the Extended Emergency Operations Policy referred to in his monthly report will be in the February Mayor and Council packet.

**Department Reports:**

- Councilmember Vigliotti expressed that the pet waste stations mentioned in the Parks and Recreation monthly report seems contrary to the restriction that no pets are allowed in City parks. Mayor Wantz suggested that the City Code could be amended to allow for dogs in certain areas of the parks. City Manager Wieprecht indicated that he will research the areas of the code that should be amended.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo advised that the May 3, 2021 City election is for three councilmember seats and stated that there needs to be discussion about absentee ballots and if the City will explore mail-in ballots . Mayor Wantz stated that there should be emphasis placed on making sure residents are aware that absentee ballots will be available.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – there were no questions, or comments
2. Accounts Payables – there were no questions, or comments

Councilmember Vigliotti introduced the idea of a summary sheet for all legislation that comes before council, which would provide relevant history of the proposed legislation, the reasons for it and state if a councilmember sponsored it. Mayor Wantz stated he will work with staff to establish a format.

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

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Clara Kalman, City Clerk