

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
February 3, 2021**

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. **Present by teleconferencing:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmembers Vigliotti, Hale and Haines **Also Present by teleconferencing:** City Manager Wieprecht, City Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. **Not present:** Councilmember Fuller was excused from the meeting. Councilmember Haines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Review of minutes** of the January 6, 2021 and January 11, 2021 regular meetings – no changes were requested.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Ordinance 01 – 2021 – Budget Amendment #1 – City Manager Wieprecht provided a review of the items on the amendment and responded to questions from councilmembers. Mayor Wantz stated that Joe Mason from Davenport and Company suggested the City may wish to explore the refinancing of loans to provide a savings. Council agreed by unanimous consensus to advise staff to explore the possibility.

Adoption of:

Resolution 2021 – 04 – Employee manual amendment – extended emergency policy – City Manager Wieprecht explained that the amendment is being presented because the current employee manual does not contain a policy for long term emergency situations. Discussion followed with the suggestion of amending the City code and including cross-references for the amendments.

Resolution 2021 – 03 – Water Allocation for February 2021 – There were no questions, or comments.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his written report and provided a status of the search for a Director of Economic Development and a Director of Planning and Zoning. Wieprecht provided a follow-up to conversation about park regulations from the January meeting stating that the City code does provide council with the ability to adopt a resolution for individual parks. Responding to a question from Mayor Wantz, Wieprecht stated that staff continues to work through sewer capacity issues relating to the Sewell property annexation and that an agreement cannot move forward until they are resolved. Wieprecht stated that an application has been submitted to Maryland Department of the Environment for financing assistance for the Robert's Mill Road reconstruction project for storm water management, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water and also submitted an application for a sewer interceptor for the Meadowbrook development.

Department Reports:

- Mayor Wantz advised that renovations are underway at the war memorial at Memorial Park.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo advised that the City is still waiting for the deed for the Trevanion Terrace lot, because the courts are still on a modified schedule. Gullo also stated that if the City moves forward with Davenport and Company's suggestion to refinance loans, they will provide background information at no cost. Gullo advised that refinancing may present the need for the City to apply for a bond rating. Gullo concurred with the comments from City Manager Wieprecht that, although the owner's of the Sewell property have submitted an annexation agreement, there are pending issues that need to be addressed.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – there were no questions, or comments
2. Accounts Payables – there were no questions, or comments
3. Special Event Approval – Susan G. Komen Promise Ride at Memorial Park on 6/13/21 – no concerns were expressed.
4. Boards and Commissions nominations – Mayor Wantz stated that he will have nominations at the February 8, 2021 meeting and advised that there are availabilities on the Election Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He encouraged anyone interested in those positions to contact him.

Mayor Wantz announced that February is Black History Month and encouraged residents to explore the African American history of Taneytown.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:19 P.M. by Foster, 2nd by Vigliotti – carried 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk