

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

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 3, 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 Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Review of minutes** of the February 3, 2021 and February 8, 2021 regular meetings and the February 25, 2021 budget workshop – no changes were requested
- **Reception of Delegation:** The Village at Meade’s Crossing – Request to allow sheds in a Community Village – It was decided by unanimous consensus to direct staff to draft language to amend the Meade’s Crossing Developer Rights and Responsibilities Agreement, as well as the 1999 Ordinance for community developments. Staff was also directed to look into modifying the current zoning map to reflect community village developments.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Ordinance 02 – 2021 – Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Operating Budget – Mayor Wantz and City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the adjusted budget which included a decrease to projected costs for recycling and the addition of a position for an Assistant Public Works Director. Mayor Wantz stated that his recommendation remains that the City will absorb the increased recycling costs.

Ordinance 03 – 2021 – Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Tax Rate – Mayor Wantz stated that the tax rate will remain unchanged at \$.37.

Ordinance 04 – 2021 – Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 – Water and Sewer Rate – Mayor Wantz stated that there will be no change to either rate.

Adoption of:

Ordinance 01 – 2021 – Budget Amendment #1 – City Manager Wieprecht provided an overview.

Resolution 2021 – 05 – Water Allocation for March 2021 – There were no questions or comments.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his written report, which included an announcement that a grant application was submitted to Maryland Strong Economic Recovery Initiative which awarded the City \$41,596.00 to help Mainstreet businesses. Mayor Wantz recommended that the proceeds from the Police apparel sale should be distributed to main street businesses, as well. Council decided by unanimous consensus to direct staff to appropriate the funds.

Department Reports: there were no questions or comments.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo provided an update of the preparations for the May 3, 2021 City election. He advised the announcement was published in the Carroll County Times and that it explained the registration requirements and advised that candidate nomination forms are currently available. Gullo also stated that there will be the opportunity to vote by absentee ballot and that the polling place will again be at the Taneytown police station.

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 advised that he received a request from a business owner to improve lighting at the square and that there are also concerns about lighting at the crosswalks. Mayor Wantz explained that lighting at the square is controlled by State Highway Administration and suggested various options to remedy the issues. Mayor Wantz asked Mayor Pro Tem Foster and councilmember Vigliotti to submit a request to SHA for assistance. City Manager Wieprecht explained that he has had conversations with SHA in the past and that they believe the square is adequately lit. He added that the crosswalks are owned by the City. Mayor Wantz stated education and enforcement will need to be exercised to make crosswalks safer.

Councilmember Haines and councilmember Vigliotti advised that they have begun their pursuit of the exploration of hydroelectricity options.

City Manager Wieprecht advised that Meade's Crossing has submitted a request for a construction surety reduction down to \$737,519. The request will be on the agenda for the March 8, 2021 Mayor and council meeting.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM by Haines, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk