

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
April 7, 2021**

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

- **Review of minutes** of the March 3, 2021 and March 8, 2021 regular meetings – no changes were requested
- **Public Hearing** – Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget and Constant Yield tax rate – the public hearing was opened at 7:32 PM and closed at 7:38 PM with no public comment.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Ordinance 02 – 2021 – Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Operating Budget – City Manager Wieprecht stated that there were no changes to the draft budget that was presented at the Mayor and Council budget workshop. Wieprecht advised that the complete revenue number has not been calculated and explained that the budget can be amended after adoption to include the final number.

Ordinance 03 – 2021 – Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Tax Rate – Mayor Wantz stated the tax rate will not change and stated that the state required notices have been published. Mayor Wantz explained that the assessment that the state assigns to some properties may change, which will affect the overall tax bill for some residents.

Ordinance 04 – 2021 – Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 – Water and Sewer Rate – Mayor Wantz stated that both the water and sewer rates will be held at the current rate and added that both rates have held steady for the past four years.

Resolution 2021 – 06 – Water Allocation for April 2021 – Responding to a question from councilmember Vigliotti, City Manager Wieprecht advised that there have been discussions with the Carroll County hydrogeologist in terms of reassessing the number of gallons that can be drawn, however it will be several months before a formal presentation can be provided. Mayor Wantz reminded council that sewer capacity is currently a more urgent issue.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht provided an update on the Sewell property annexation, the Trevanion Terrace project and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Wieprecht added further detail to item six of the Department of Public Works monthly report, explaining that only two of the nine leaks detected by the leak detection system remain. Wieprecht advised that the Director of Economic Development, Jay Meashey, has been working with business owners to complete applications to receive funds from the Maryland Strong Economic Recovery Initiative.

Department Reports: there were no questions or comments.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo explained that issues with the Trevanion Terrace project deed have been resolved and that the preparation of the deed is underway and will soon transfer to the City. He explained that this will provide the ability to get easements for the project and that no further issues are anticipated. Gullo advised the parties involved with the Sewell property annexation have agreed to a path for the creation of an annexation agreement that will address generalities.
- Clerk Kalman announced that the candidates that were certified for the May 3, 2021 city election are Barbara Cook, Diane Foster, Judith Fuller and Joseph Vigliotti. Kalman explained that absentee ballots will be available beginning April 12.

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 – FSK athletic boosters bull / oyster roast – May 22, 2021 – there were no questions or concerns expressed.

Mayor Wantz announced the recent passing of George Naylor and acknowledged his many years of service to the City. Mayor Wantz asked residents to keep members of the community of Frederick in their thoughts and prayers after a recent act of violence and assured residents that the Taneytown police force is always ready for unexpected situations. Mayor Wantz provided a Legislative Committee update expressing that many bills that the Maryland Municipal League opposed were defeated.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM by Foster, 2nd by Fuller – carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk