

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
May 5, 2021**

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 5, 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 Fuller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Review of minutes** of the April 7, 2021 and April 12, 2021 regular meetings – no changes were requested
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Resolution 2021 – 07 – Amendments to Personnel Manual – City Manager Wieprecht explained that the proposed changes are to add maternity or paternity leave as a reason to use sick leave and will be limited to a period not to exceed 30 days from the birth or adoption of a child.

Resolution 2021 – 08 – Water Allocation for May 2021 – City Manager Wieprecht expressed that the shift in the water allocation is due to the Meade's Crossing development.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his report.

Department Reports:

- Mayor Pro Tem Foster expressed concern with the number of unread water meters. City Manager Wieprecht explained that the replacement of batteries ceased during COVID-19 and he added that the Public Works department has recently been able to complete several replacements. Wieprecht explained how residents are billed when a change out is required. Mayor Wantz encouraged residents to respond to requests for battery changes and explained that credits and debits will be issued when appropriate.
- Responding to a request from Mayor Pro Tem Foster, Mayor Wantz instructed staff to report monthly recycling charges in the form of a graph for the purpose of comparison.
- Councilmember Fuller stated that she would like for security cameras to be installed in all City parks to help reduce vandalism. Mayor Wantz explained that there are several cameras currently being utilized and more can be added as the budget allows.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo stated the May 3, 2021 Election was executed without any issues.
- Gullo explained that the City has the deed for Trevanion Terrace. The hope is to record the deed and have discussions about the payment of approximately \$20,000.00 in taxes at a later date.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. **Monthly Financial Report** – there were no questions, or comments
2. **Accounts Payables** – there were no questions, or comments
3. **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church – parking lot** – Mayor Wantz advised that a letter was received from the church explaining that in the 1950's the City entered into an agreement with the church to assist with maintenance of the church parking lot. Part of the agreement allowed City use of the lot for public parking. City Manager Wieprecht indicated he has had conversations with former councilmembers who confirmed the existence of the agreement. Mayor Wantz suggested the creation of an updated agreement. City Manager Wieprecht explained that in the fall the church received 3 bids for repairs, in the range of \$5,130.00. Councilmembers made several recommendations, and City Manager Wieprecht was instructed to obtain more information from Public Works Director, Kevin Smeak. It was decided by unanimous consensus to have staff draft an agreement to execute with the City churches.
4. **Contract extension consideration/approval** – Ecker's Lawn Service – Mayor Wantz explained that the approval would simply extend the contract that is already in place. Councilmember Vigliotti requested a copy of the contract for council to review.
5. **Special Event Approval** – Welcome Home Lifestyle Home Show/Expo. – September 18 and 19, 2021 at Memorial Park – no questions, or concerns were expressed.
6. **Award of bid** – Micro C bulk storage – Mayor Wantz stated the recommendation from CDM Smith is for PSI Pumping Solutions, in the amount of \$139,700.00. City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from councilmembers.

Mayor Wantz congratulated the winners of the May 3, 2021 election and extended a very grateful thank you to candidate Barbara Cook for her valiant effort and her dedication to the City of Taneytown. Mayor Wantz stated he felt the election was successful despite the low turnout of only 5%. He added that, despite a few complaints, he felt the election was adequately advertised. Mayor Wantz also advised that the hope is to begin in-person council meetings in the newly renovated council chambers on Monday, May 10. He explained that the meetings will continue to be streamed live and it will be announced when the meetings will again be open to the public.

City Manager Wieprecht, responding to councilmember Haines, answered questions on various topics, including façade grants, signage for industrial zones and signs for carriage crossing.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM by Haines, 2nd by Fuller – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk