

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
June 14, 2021**

The Mayor and City Council meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, June 14, 2021. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti and Councilmembers Foster, Fuller, Hale and Haines. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. **Present by teleconferencing:** Attorney Gullo. Councilmember Haines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Approval of minutes** of the May 5, 2021 and May 10, 2021 regular meetings – motion to approve as presented by Hale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 5 – 0.
- **Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items** – Councilmember Hale stated a conflict of interest with item nine (9) under New Business relating to the hiring of a Director of Planning and Zoning.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Approval:**

**Introduction:**

**Adoption of:**

**Resolution 2021 – 09** – Water Allocation for June 2021 – Motion to adopt by Vigliotti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 5 – 0.

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht stated that notice has been received from Maryland Department of the Environment requesting payment within 14 days of fines relating to the waste water treatment plant. Wieprecht advised that a conference call with MDE is pending. It was decided by unanimous consensus of council to authorize the payment of the fines not to exceed \$27,400.00 and that payment should not be made until after the conference call.

**Department Reports:** no questions, or comments were expressed

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo had no additions to his report from the Mayor and council Workshop

**Old Business:** no items

**New Business:**

1. **Monthly Financial Report** – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 5 – 0.
2. **Accounts Payables** – motion to approve by Hale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – carried 5 – 0.
3. **Annexation request** – with a delegation presentation pending, the item was removed from the agenda

4. **Request for honorary street sign** – motion by Foster to select the sign with the scroll design in blue with a white border, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti. Councilmember Foster explained the meaning behind the honorary street sign was to recognize the individual for their work on main street and the Streetscape project. Motion by Haines to amend the motion to a double-sided sign with navy blue background with a white border and lettering and the recipient sign to a one-sided sign. The amendments were accepted by both Foster and Vigliotti and passed by a vote of 5 – 0.
5. **Comprehensive Plan update** – City Manager Wieprecht advised that, as requested by council, he contacted Maryland Municipal League to obtain advice and received a lot of information and samples that might prove helpful. Wieprecht explained possible ways to proceed. It was decided by unanimous consensus of council for staff to move forward with the search for a consultant, or third party to develop or update the comprehensive plan.
6. **Memorandum of Agreement for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System** – City Manager Wieprecht explained that the item is on the Water Resource Coordination Council agenda and that it will come before council at the July Mayor and council meeting. Responding to Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti, Wieprecht stated that it is a good package for the City, as presented. Mayor Wantz stated he did not feel the need for a delegation before council. Motion by Vigliotti to table until the July Mayor and council meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 5 – 0.
7. **Special Event Approval – Uniontown Bible Church Soccer Camp – June 28, 2021 – July 2, 2021 at Robert’s Mill Park** – motion to approve by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 5 – 0.
8. **Contract Award for Taneytown Memorial Park – parking lot demolition/construction** – motion by Hale to award to HTI contractors, in the amount of \$203,553.75, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – carried 5 – 0
9. **Recommendation for hire: Director of Planning and Zoning** – Mayor Wantz stated that his recommendation is for the hiring of Darryl Hale. Councilmember Hale recused himself from the discussion and exited the council chamber. Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti made a motion to hire Darryl Hale for the position of Director of Planning and Zoning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haines. Mayor Wantz advised that a start date has yet to be determined and stated the salary for the position is \$46,319.00 annually. Mayor Wantz asked that councilmembers acknowledge Hales years of service as a councilmember by offering an additional week of paid time off. There were no objections. The motion to hire Darryl Hale carried 4 – 0. Councilmember Hale rejoined the meeting. Mayor Wantz advised he must submit a letter of resignation effective immediately. Mayor Wantz advised that he asked Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti to develop a plan for filling the vacant council seat and stated that he has reviewed the procedure and approves. Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti explained the procedure he created and various options for advertising the vacancy. Mayor Wantz advised that Darryl Hale was now considered a member of staff and excused from the meeting and his votes would no longer be recognized. Conversation continued regarding how best to advertise the vacancy and it was decided to utilize various mediums, including social media and an advertisement in the Carroll County Times.

**Appointment of Council Liaisons:** - Mayor Wantz made the following appointments –

- |                         |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Councilmember Foster    | - | Department of Public Works  |
| Councilmember Fuller    | - | Parks and Recreation / Fuller will continue with Planning and Zoning until a new councilmember is appointed |
| Councilmember Haines    | - | Economic Development  |
| Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti | - | Police  |

**Adjournment:** motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 4 - 0

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