

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

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti and Councilmembers Foster, Fuller and Haines. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht, City Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Fuller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of minutes: of the June 9, 2021 and June 14, 2021 regular meetings – no changes were requested

Reception of Delegation: – Wilson Bounds – Harney Road annexation – Wilson Bounds was not in attendance.

Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: none

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Resolution 2021 – 10 – Water Allocation for July 2021 – There were no questions, or concerns expressed.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht advised that the PSI contract documents have been signed and returned to the City and stated that work has begun on the Trevanion Terrace project.

Department Reports:

- Mayor Wantz extended thanks to City staff and Police for their efforts that provided a successful Independence Day celebration event.
- Referring to Item three (3) of the monthly report from the Public Works Department, Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti inquired about the monthly recycling chart. City Manager Wieprecht advised that it will be provided at the July 12, 2021 meeting.
- City Manager Wieprecht stated Director of Economic Development, Jay Meashey, is preparing a grant application through the Department of Housing and Community Development for \$65,000 to be used for façade improvements. It was just realized that a resolution needs to accompany the application, but the due date is July 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM. It was decided by unanimous consensus of council to create the resolution as appropriate and move forward with the application. Attorney Gullo reviewed a draft of a resolution and advised that he will make revisions so that it can be prepared for signatures.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo stated that the Annexation Resolution, plat and Annexation Agreement for the Sewell property have been received and explained the process for council approval. Councilmembers agreed for the documents to be presented before the August 4, 2021 Mayor and Council Workshop to allow for the timeline to be held in place.

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. **Monthly Financial Report** – no questions, or concerns were expressed
2. **Accounts Payables** – no questions, or concerns were expressed
3. **Annexation request** – The item was removed from the agenda, because the property owner was not in attendance to make a presentation.
4. **Town and County Agreement** – City Manager Wieprecht provided a review of the agreement and stated that the language is much the same from previous years.
5. **Revised use of parks capital funding for fiscal year 2022** – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed an updated memo from Director of Parks and Recreation, Lorena Vacarre. Wieprecht advised that Fund Balance will not need to be disrupted and the budget amendment may be provided at the August Mayor and council meeting. Mayor Wantz asked councilmembers to consider the purchase of a fountain, for approximately \$9,300.00 to correct the issue of stagnant water at Robert's Mill Park as well as a recurring odor. Wantz explained that Park Impact fees could be used to fund the purchase. Councilmembers requested a proposal outlining the proposed purchase.

6. **Mayor's Ad Hoc committees:**

City Branding – Mayor Wantz explained that the committee would be responsible for the creation of a new slogan and updating of the City flag. Councilmember Haines was appointed as the Chairman.

ARPA Action Team - Mayor Wantz explained that the purpose of the committee would be to determine how best to utilize funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Councilmember Foster was appointed as the Chairperson.

Selection of Councilmember:

- Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti provided a report of the process that was followed to fill the council vacancy. Vigliotti announced that applications were received from Kelly Buie, Lee Hand, Emmanuel Harvey and Christopher Miller. All applications were reviewed by councilmembers. Attorney Gullo stated that all of the City's legal obligations were met and explained the voting process for filling the vacancy. All councilmembers agreed that all applicants are eligible for consideration. Councilmember Foster made a motion to accept Kelly Buie to the vacant council seat, with no second the motion died. Motion by Fuller to accept Lee Hand, 2nd by Vigliotti and carried 3 – 1.

Public Comment Pertaining to non-agenda items:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM and carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk