

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
February 9, 2022**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti and Councilmembers Foster, Fuller, Haines and Hand. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht, Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the January 5, 2022 and January 10, 2022 regular meetings – no changes were requested.

Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: none

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Ordinance 01 – 2022 – Budget Amendment #2 – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the details of the budget amendment which includes an increase in revenue due to assessed property values, county tax differential, payroll increases to encourage police officer retention, movement of funds from impact fees for architectural services for re-design of the police station, replacement of a skid loader, building demolition at Festival Park and MDE fines. Wieprecht explained the cost for the rehabilitation of the elevated water tank will be removed from Capital expenses because the project was awarded to Southern Corrosion and will no longer effect fund balance. Councilmember Foster expressed she feels the police station re-design is a project for future consideration and stated upgrades to the Public Works utility shop should be included. Mayor Wantz instructed staff to obtain information and an estimate for improvements to the utility shop.

Adoption of:

- **Resolution 2022 – 02** – Water Allocation for February – no questions, or concerns.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his report and explained the Meade's Crossing bond renewal will become due before the Monday meeting, so authorization was granted for the reduction and will come before Mayor and councilmembers for ratification at the February 14, 2022 Mayor and council meeting.

Department Reports:

- No questions, or comments

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo provided an overview of a pending PFA (Polyfluoroalkyl) class action lawsuit against a manufacturer that knowingly placed forever chemicals in foam-like products that were released into water systems. The EPA issued a warning letter expressing concerns if PFA contaminants are at a certain level, but it is not yet known the level of contaminants in City water. Mayor and Council will need to vote at the February 14, 2022 Mayor and council meeting to agree to participate in the class action lawsuit. Responding to a concern from Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti, Gullo advised no health hazard has been detected.
- Gullo reminded council the Sewell annexation hearing will take place in April and stated the annexation plan has been submitted to the state and county.

Old Business:

- No items for discussion

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions, or concerns
2. Accounts Payables – no questions, or concerns
3. Award of Bid – cleaning – Mayor Wantz stated four bids were received and the recommendation is to award a 3 - year contract to Multicorp, Inc., in the amount of \$17,185.00
4. Award of Bid – Mayor Wantz stated this was a re-bid for tennis courts and a basketball court. Wantz explained 5 bids were received and the recommendation is to award to Mid - Atlantic Asphalt in the amount of \$84,870.00.
5. Award of Bid – street sweeping – Mayor Wantz announced the recommendation by the Department of Public Works is to award the 3 – year contract to Reilly Sweeping at a monthly per curb mile rate of \$198.00 and an annual per cub mile rate of \$175.00. Responding to Mayor Wantz, City Manager Wieprecht explained that street sweeping signs have been removed resulting in cars parked along roads that are contracted to be swept. Although multiple passes are made, it is not possible to adequately sweep around cars. Public Works would like for Mayor and council to consider reinstallation of the signs. Mayor Wantz asked for specifics to be presented at the Monday meeting about the area in which the signs would be installed and the method for notifying residents.
6. Award of Bid – solid waste / recycling – Mayor Wantz stated 2 bids were received and the recommendation is to award a 5 – year contract to Ecology Services. After discussion, it was determined that it may be beneficial to have a meeting with the contractor to express the City's expectations. Mayor Wantz stated he would like a logging system implemented for tracking resident complaints.
7. Award of Bid – biosolids – Mayor Wantz announced two bids were received and the recommendation is to award a 5 – year contract to Synagro Central. Mayor Wantz provided an explanation of biosolids and the disposal process.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM by Fuller, 2nd by Foster - carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk