

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

The Mayor and City Council Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, May 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. Councilmember Fuller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the April 6, 2022 and April 11, 2022 regular meetings – motion to approve as presented by Foster, 2nd by Vigliotti – carried 5 – 0.

Councilmember statements regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: none

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

Resolution 2022 – 06 Capital Improvement Program – City Manager Wieprecht explained \$100,000.00 will be included for the creamery building as requested at the Mayor and council workshop and an inflationary factor of 3% per year will also be added, beginning with the 2024 fiscal year, which is based on the Consumer Price Index from the past nine years. Motion to introduce by Vigliotti, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 - 0

Adoption of:

Resolution 2022 – 05 – Water Allocation May - motion to approve by Fuller, 2nd by Hand – carried 5 - 0

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht had no updates from the Wednesday meeting

Department Reports:

- There were no questions or concerns expressed.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo advised the closing of the public hearing for the Sewell property annexation is scheduled for June 1, 2022 at 7:30 PM and there will be no other business that evening. Gullo explained the discussion on the matter will take place at the July 6, 2022 Mayor and Council workshop.

Old Business:

- No items for discussion

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Fuller – carried 5 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Haines, 2nd by Vigliotti – carried 5 – 0
3. Approval of mowing bid – Mayor Wantz explained only one bid was received with a total potential annual expenditure of \$56,000. Motion to award to Eckers Lawn Service by Foster. Mayor Wantz and City Manager Wieprecht explained the contracted cost of \$55,200 and potential additional mowing of \$800.00 creates the total potential cost of \$56,000.00. Councilmember Foster approved the amounts to clarify her motion, 2nd by Vigliotti – Carried 5 - 0
4. Property acquisition and removal from growth area – Sirian – Attorney Gullo advised the property is currently in the growth area and the City is slating the area for future expansion. Gullo further explained the property aligns with the potential bypass, which will go across a portion of the property. The City has been working with the owner for several years to purchase the area which is approximately 4 acres of the entire property. Gullo added if the City acquires that portion of the property, it will no longer be needed in the growth area and the owner would like to move the remainder of the land into Agricultural Preservation. Mayor Wantz stated the potential purchase further shows the City's commitment to pursuing the Antrim Boulevard extension to show the county and state the City finds the bypass necessary. Motion to pursue the 4.4 acres and remove the remainder of the area from the Growth area by Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti, 2nd by Fuller - carried 5 – 0.
5. Property removal from growth area – Stapleton – Mayor Wantz explained the property next to the Stapleton property is entered into a tree bank with the county making it a form of preservation and would also be removed from the Growth area, because it would no longer have the potential to be developed. The owner is requesting an area to be sold to the current tenants who would like the land moved into Agricultural Preservation. Motion to pursue the removal of the property from Growth area by Hand, 2nd by Foster. Mayor Wantz and Attorney Gullo explained moving the properties from Growth is out of cycle, however those properties will simply be removed with the next comprehensive plan map. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Councilmember reports:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 7:57 PM by Fuller, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk