

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Workshop  
July 6, 2022**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti and Councilmembers Foster, Haines and Hand. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht, Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. **Present virtually:** Councilmember Fuller. Councilmember Haines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes:** Review of the minutes of the June 8, 2022 combined meeting - 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:**

**Adoption of:**

**Annexation Resolution 2022 – 03 A** – (formerly Annexation Resolution 2021 – 15 A) Sewell Annexation – City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from councilmember Haines regarding the Glass property currently for sale and the comprehensive plan, explaining there has been renewed interest in the idea of creating various district regulations. Wieprecht advised the Planning and Zoning Commission will entertain conversations on the issue next month.

Mayor Wantz explained the idea behind the Sewell annexation is to have a project for the future, not something to be immediately developed.

Councilmembers expressed varying opinions and concerns associated with the annexation. The statements included such topics as school capacity, the Adequate Facilities Ordinance, health facility availability, snow removal, water and sewer capacity, infrastructure, increased traffic, agriculture, and emergency services.

City Manager Wieprecht commented about normal county zoning policies.

Mayor Wantz explained the intent is to bring to public attention what has been requested of the City for many years, it is not a result of the City's desire for growth.

**Resolution 2022 – 10** – Water allocation for July – no questions or concerns were expressed.

**City Manager Report:**

- In addition to the monthly report, City Manager Wieprecht advised he is searching for available state resources to assist with the Comprehensive Plan update.

- Wieprecht stated he spoke with State Highway Administration to obtain pedestrian safety information and reviewed various options. SHA plans to install white rectangular blocks at the square this summer in an attempt to make the crosswalk more visible.
- Concept plans for Mountain Brook and the property east of the former Havilah site will soon come before the Planning Commission.
- The motor at well 9 is not functioning and a replacement part is in transit.
- It will be necessary to adjust the October meeting schedule to allow for the presentation of the annual audit.

**Department Reports:** no questions or concerns were expressed.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo advised the Sirian purchase option has been executed and City Manager Wieprecht is working on phase two.
- The Taneytown Police Department executed a search warrant with assistance from animal control at a house on Chestnut Court where 24 cats were found and relocated to the Humane Society of Carroll County. Code Enforcement Officer Hale was able to enter the house and document the conditions.
- The PFAS lawsuit is ready to be filed in South Carolina in federal court. The law firm handling the suit has a history with the City and has asked partners from other firms to adjust legal fees, but the cost to the City will not be affected. Gullo advised expenses will be incurred if City water meets the EPA contamination level and requires treatment.

**Old Business:**

- No items for discussion

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or concerns were expressed.
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed.
3. Ratification of special Event Permit Approval – Xavier Smith Basketball Camp – no questions or concerns were expressed.
4. Approval of design-build agreement – American Ramp Company for THS Park skate park project – Responding to Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti, City Manager Wieprecht explained available contractors have gone through a public process for their cost for the services they provide. This public process allows the City to proceed without developing a full Request for Proposals.
5. Acceptance of Taneytown Crossing Road frontage parcels - City Manager Wieprecht explained the county requested future widening parcels along Harney Road and State Highway Administration requested a piece of land along 140 for the same purpose. Wieprecht responded to questions from council and Attorney Gullo advised the staff is working to settle the necessary deeds which will avoid paper alleys for these areas in the future.
6. Ratification of Meadowbrook section 5 surety reduction – City Manager Wieprecht advised the overall construction is complete, allowing the construction surety to be released.
7. Low-income Household Water Assistance Program Memorandum of Understanding – City Manager Wieprecht explained this is a State program, administered through Human Resources of Carroll County and provides an additional resource for residents to assist with the payment of water charges. Information about the program will be advertised on social media to circulate awareness.

Councilmember Hand was excused from the meeting at 8:56 PM

8. Catholic Charities lease renewal – Mayor Wantz advised there is no change to the lease from the previous year
9. Ratification of Meade's Crossing EDU Memorandum – Mayor Wantz and Attorney Gullo explained the allocation of EDU's will be reevaluated after one year of usage, upon the completion of building. The current allocation is for 3 EDU's
10. Turf mowing contract amendment: fuel surcharge – Mayor Wantz and City Manager Wieprecht explained the contract charges. City Manager Wieprecht will obtain more information for the Monday, July 11,2022 council meeting.

**Public comment pertaining to agenda items:**

**Adjournment:** motion to adjourn at 9:18 PM by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – carried 4 - 0

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