

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
August 3, 2022**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, August 3, 2022. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti and Councilmembers Foster, Fuller, Haines and Hand. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. **Present virtually:** Attorney Gullo. Councilmember Fuller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the July 6, 2022 and July 11, 2022 regular meetings – a correction to the July 11, 2022 minutes was 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 06 – 2022 – FY 2021 – 2022 – Budget Amendment No. 3

Ordinance 07 – 2022 – FY 2022 – 2023 - Budget Amendment No. 1

City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the details of the amendments, which includes more state income tax revenue than projected, the movement of the purchase of Police vehicles from Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2023, removing the water tank and standpipe renovations from the capital improvement program, the movement of the dewatering project from Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2023 and the purchase of a four (4) acre property to protect the Antrim Boulevard corridor.

Adoption of:

Resolution 2022 – 11 – Water allocation for August – City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from council.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his monthly report.
- Wieprecht explained the current City code does not include guidelines for solar generation facilities and added it may be beneficial to have regulations in place before a permit request is presented. Wieprecht explained the issues surrounding tax assessments for such a property and stated he would like to receive comments from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding setbacks. Mayor Wantz instructed City Manager Wieprecht to contact Maryland Municipal League to inquire what has proven successful for other municipalities. Mayor Wantz and City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from council

- Wieprecht advised a second community informational meeting regarding the Roberts Mill Road and Broad Street reconstruction project is scheduled for August 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the American Legion.
- The rescheduled Mayor and Council workshop will be moved back to the normal date of October 5, 2022, which will be a combined meeting and allow for the presentation of the annual audit.
- The Meadowbrook development is in the process of building on the remaining lots and has made a request to switch the letter of credit to a surety bond. This item will be placed on the agenda for ratification at the August 8, 2022 Mayor and Council meeting.

Department Reports: no questions or concerns were expressed.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo advised City staff is prepared for any eventuality regarding the Sewell Annexation.
- The Sirian option for the by-pass will be executed in the near future. City Manager Wieprecht is continuing to work out details with the county.

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. Police vehicle donation – Mayor Wantz advised Police Chief Etzler has requested approval to donate a retired vehicle to the Harney Volunteer Fire Department. Responding to councilmember Haines, City Manager Wieprecht stated he will confirm the rotation schedule. Mayor Wantz stated City staff has made a request to have the opportunity to purchase retired vehicles before they are sent to public auction.
4. Award of bid – Bollinger Park – Mayor Wantz stated the recommendation for the infrastructure portion (Phase One) of the bid is to award to Hobbs Excavating, in the amount of \$545,808.75. Councilmember Fuller and City Manager Wieprecht explained the infrastructure portion (Phase One) of the project includes the entrance, parking area, grass overflow and the multipurpose trail. Mayor Wantz explained the bid contains two parts and stated the recommendation for the porous pathway portion is to award to Hobbs Excavating, in the amount of \$297,483.00 Mayor Wantz responded to questions from Council.
5. Award of bid – well #8 generator – Mayor Wantz advised 10 bids were received and the recommendation is to award to Fern Rodkey, in the amount of \$50,934.00.
6. Approval of Special Event Permit – Alyssa Richards Memorial Car Show – No questions or concerns were expressed.

Councilmember Fuller requested exploration of way to remedy the ongoing issues with fence set-backs and placement. City Manager Wieprecht provided details of the existing issues with corner lots, and stated the desire is to provide some relief to homeowners and to make the process of obtaining zoning certificates less cumbersome for the Zoning Administrator, without creating sight line issues for motorists.

Mayor Wantz stated a small restricted general business district exists consisting of 7 properties. He asked councilmembers to consider if this zone should be redefined. Mayor Wantz and City Manager Wieprecht responded to comments and questions from council.

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Both topics will be sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Adjournment: motion by Fuller to adjourn at 8:46 PM, 2nd by Haines – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk