

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Combined Meeting  
October 5, 2022**

The Mayor and City Council combined meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 5, 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 Hand led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the September 7, 2022 and September 12, 2022 regular meetings and September 7, 2022 closed session. Motion to approve all minutes by Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti. Mayor Wantz requested a correction to the September 7, 2022 minutes. Councilmember Foster amended her motion to reflect the correction, councilmember Vigliotti maintained his 2<sup>nd</sup> – the amended motion carried - 5 – 0.

**Reception of Delegation:** DeLeon and Stang – 2022 Audit presentation – The audit was presented by Michelle Mills and Addie Blickenstaff, who reported there were no material weaknesses or instances of non-compliance detected and responded to questions from council

**Councilmember statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

**Public comment pertaining to agenda and non-agenda items:**

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Approval:**

**Fiscal Year 2022 Audit** – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 5 - 0

**Introduction:**

**Ordinance 08 – 2022 – Amendments to Ethics Ordinance** – Attorney Gullo explained the City's current Ethics Ordinance is mandated by the State of Maryland and received approval from the state when it was passed by council. The City expanded on the ordinance to add Campaign Finance forms and Financial Disclosure forms. New legislation has recently been passed by the State and needs to be included in the City's ordinance. These additions are mandatory. Attorney Gullo advised he sent the updated ordinance to the attorney representing the State Ethics Board for review and was advised to include changes which were approved in 2019. Attorney Gullo explained some of the updates will also require updates to the Financial Disclosure form which will need to be approved by the Taneytown Ethics Commission. Gullo responded to questions from councilmembers. The introduction of the ordinance was passed by unanimous consensus.

**Adoption of:**

**Resolution 2022 – 13** – Water allocation for October – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haines – carried 5 - 0

### **City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his report and advised Southern Corrosion will be able to paint the entire water tank near Breakiron Street except for the legs. It was previously thought the tank would need to be drained when AT & T removes their equipment, but it is no longer necessary. The interior of the tank is painted and after proper testing will be put back online. Mayor Wantz and City Manager Wieprecht explained it will be necessary to issue water restrictions during the rehabilitation of the standpipe.

### **Department Reports:**

- No questions or concerns were expressed

### **Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo stated the Sirian land option to purchase 4.4 acres to preserve land for the bypass has been executed and settlement must occur before December 1, 2022. The City was aware this land could not be subdivided and it would be added to an adjacent partial as a boundary adjustment to land owned by the County. The City is currently in a position allowing the County to have the 4.4 acres at the City's expense. To remedy this, the suggestion of the county attorney is for Attorney Gullo to draft a convenience document and stated the county will have settlement on the transaction for the property owner. The City will then make payment. The City should then approach the county for the donation of the entire property back to the City. Gullo responded to questions from councilmembers. Mayor Wantz stated he will open conversation with Carroll County Commissioners.

### **Old Business:**

- Acceptance of Meadowbrook Section 5 – City Manager Wieprecht stated manholes have been adjusted and staff recommends acceptance – motion to accept by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vigliotti – carried 5 – 0.

### **New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Vigliotti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 5 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 5 - 0
3. Ratification of Special Event Permit Application – Coach Xavier Smith's Fall Basketball Camp – motion to ratify by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller carried - 5 - 0
4. Approval of Special Event Permit Application – FSK FFA Alumni car show - motion to approve by Vigliotti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hand. Vigliotti amended his motion to make approval conditional upon department approvals, councilmember Hand maintained his 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion – carried 5 – 0
5. Surety Reduction – Taneytown Crossing – City Manager Wieprecht explained the project has been complete for some time and advised the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a revised easement plat. The streetlights the City will be maintaining along the sidewalk fronting Harney and West Baltimore (at the intersection) were located just outside of the line of the easement which was reported previously. Taneytown Crossing has given the City a 10-foot utility easement to cover the streetlight area. The request is to reduce to the maintenance level surety of 10% - motion to reduce the surety by Hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller - carried 5 - 0
6. Ratification of Special Event Permit Application Approval - #Finish Kathleen's Run – motion to ratify by Vigliotti , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hand – carried 5 – 0.

Responding to councilmember Haines, City Manager Wieprecht and Attorney Gullo advised they don't recall an instance in which the City has exercised Eminent Domain

**Councilmember Reports:**

Mayor Wantz read a Presiding Officer's Closing Statement to enter into a closed session pursuant to Section 3 – 305 (b) (1) (i) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction.

**Adjournment:** motion to adjourn to a Closed Session by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

**The Mayor and City Council did not reconvene in public session after the discussion.**

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