

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

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 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.

Mayor Wantz read the closed session minutes from November 2, 2022.

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the October 5, 2022 combined meeting and October 5, 2022 and November 2, 2022 closed sessions. No changes or corrections were requested.

Reception of Delegation: CQI Association – Richard Anderson – Solar Feasibility Assessment – City Manager Wieprecht explained the presentation is to introduce a means to reduce long term costs. Mr. Anderson reviewed the process for solar installation and the costs associated with the project.

Proclamation: Municipal Government Works Month – Mayor Wantz declared November 2022 as Municipal Government Works Month.

Councilmember statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: none

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items and the Solar Feasibility presentation:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Review:

Ordinance 08 – 2022 – Amendments to Ethics Ordinance – Attorney Gullo explained the ordinance was submitted to the State Ethics Commission for approval at their November 17, 2022 meeting. The ordinance will be up for approval at the December Mayor and council meeting.

Introduction:

Ordinance 09 – 2022 – Amendment to Restricted General Business District – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the additions and changes recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and responded to questions from council.

Ordinance 10 – 2022 – Amendment to Yard Exceptions - City Manager Wieprecht advised the amendments were added to provide relief to property owners of corner lots. The ordinance allows property owners to erect a 6-foot fence and provides for the use of more of the equivalent front yard than the current code allows. Wieprecht explained the administrative responsibilities of the Zoning Administrator and advised if a contiguous property owner objects to the fence the result would be a hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals. Wieprecht responded to questions and concerns from council.

Adoption of:

Resolution 2022 – 14 – Water allocation for November – no questions, or concerns from council.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his report and advised the Department of Public Works has been working for several days to clear a sewer blockage and determine the source. Responding to an inquiry from City Manager Wieprecht, councilmembers indicated they will entertain a change in City code to allow distilleries. Responding to Mayor Wantz, Wieprecht provided an update on the progress of Bollinger Park.

Department Reports:

- No questions or concerns were expressed

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo had no additions to his report

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. Award of Bid – Roberts Mill Road / Broad Street – City Manager Wieprecht advised the low bid was from W. F. Delauter & Sons, in the amount of \$ 3,484,217.34 and is the recommendation of staff and the City Engineer, CDM Smith.
4. Award of Bid – Sewer Rehabilitation – City Manager Wieprecht explained the bid was for two separate contracts. Contract one is for replacement and contract two is for CIPP lining. The contracts were broken into 3 separate areas in the event the bids came back higher than the allotted amount in the Capital Improvements Program. The low bid for contract one was submitted by W. F. Delauter & Sons in the amount of \$499,000. The low bid for contract two for lining, in the amount of \$249,575.81, was submitted by Insituform Tech, LLC. Both bids are the recommendation of City Engineer, CDM Smith. Wieprecht advised a budget amendment will be necessary.
5. Sheriff's Office Memorandum of Understanding regarding pawn, precious metal and scrap metal dealers – Attorney Gullo explained there is an MOU already in place and the only update is to change one word.

Mayor Pro Tem Vigliotti indicated, in light of the outcome of the election for County Commissioner, he would like to be afforded time at the Monday meeting to submit his letter of resignation.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Referring to the solar presentation, City Manager Wieprecht indicated the parking area at Riffles Lane was determined not to be a viable option for solar installation.

Adjournment:

Mayor Wantz read a Presiding Officer's Closing Statement to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to Section 3 – 305 (b) (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, to obtain legal advice.

Motion to adjourn to a Closed Session by Vigliotti, 2nd 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