

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
December 7, 2022**

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

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the November 9, 2022 and November 14, 2022 regular meetings and the November 9, 2022 closed session – no changes were requested

Election of Mayor Pro Tem: Councilmembers unanimously voted in favor of Councilmember Fuller as Mayor Pro Tem.

Public Hearing:

Ordinance 09 – 2022 – Amendment to Restricted General Business District - with a brief summary of the Ordinance by Mayor Wantz, the hearing was opened at 7:38 PM

Ordinance 10 – 2022 – Amendment to Yard Exemptions – the hearing was opened at 7:39 PM

Ordinance 11 – 2022 – Amendment to Downtown Business District - the hearing was opened at 7:39 PM

Councilmember statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: none

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Introduction:

With no public comment, all public hearings were closed at 7:46 PM

Adoption of:

Ordinance 08 – 2022 – Amendments to Ethics Ordinance – City Manager Wieprecht advised approval was received from the State Ethics Commission. There were no questions or concerns expressed.

Ordinance 09 – 2022 – Amendment to Restricted General Business District – There were no questions or concerns expressed.

Ordinance 10 – 2022 – Amendment to Yard Exceptions – There were no questions or concerns expressed.

City Manager Wieprecht clarified, under Section C of Ordinance 11 - 2022, additional uses will still be by special exception.

Ordinance 11 – 2022 – Amendment to Downtown Business District - No questions or concerns were expressed.

Resolution 2022 – 15 – Water allocation for December – No questions, or concerns were expressed.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his report and provided an update on conversations with State Highway Administration regarding a lead pedestrian interval crossing at the route 140 and route 194 intersection, a new crosswalk at Church Street with ADA access and the replacement of the center pedestrian crossing sign at Middle Street. City Manager Wieprecht was instructed, by unanimous consensus of councilmembers, to move forward with a request to SHA to allow the implementation of the lead pedestrian interval crossing at the 140 and 194 intersection.
- Wieprecht advised a response to Maryland Department of the Environment relating to compliance issues is pending and expressed the timing may be appropriate to develop a water and sewer capacity plan to set forth how the City may allocate capacity in the future. Mayor Wantz advised the ongoing inflow and infiltration project to fix aging sewer lines will likely not be completed until next November, so realistic data to gage improvement will not be available for several months.

Department Reports:

- Councilmember Foster cited an error in the Professional Services Agreement for Memorial Park.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo explained the updates to the Ethics Ordinance will require some changes to the current Financial Disclosure form. Those changes will need to be approved by the City Ethics Commission.
- Gullo advised the City Allocation Policy needs to address how the City will regulate the flow of development and follow the Capacity Management Plan. Gullo explained the creation of the allocation policy may prevent Maryland Department of the Environment from imposing a consent order, which would not allow the City to manage the policy.

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. Reappointment to Park and Recreation Advisory Board for 2023 – 2026: Mayor Wantz requested the reappointment of Kelly Buie, Elizabeth Chaney, Jerry Hobbs and Emmanuel Harvey.
4. Approval of Proposal for Memorial Park Expansion Project Engineering Services – The correct name of the City will be inserted.
5. Approval of Special Event Permit Application – Alyssa Richards Memorial Car Show – no comments or questions from councilmembers.
6. CDM Smith 2023 Rates – City Manager Wieprecht advised the rate increase is for approximately 2.9% and responded to questions from council.
7. Proposal for Construction Services for Roberts Mill Road and Broad Street Reconstruction Project – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the proposal and stated the total cost is in the amount of \$295,040.00, which does not include the cost of construction services.
8. Mainstreet Board appointments – The recommendation of Director of Economic Development, Jay Meashey, is for the appointment of Brandi Bollinger, Stefani Pautz Stephenson, Sharon Tillman, Dr. Jason Tate, Beth Lee and Lauren Wieprecht.
9. Process to fill council vacancy – Mayor Wantz, with the approval of councilmembers, explained resumes and letters of interest should be submitted by the close of business on December 31, 2022 and directed to Mayor Pro Tem Fuller. The resumes will be reviewed by council and the vote will be on the agenda for the January 4, 2023 Mayor and Council Workshop.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM by Foster, second by Haines - carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk