

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
March 13, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, March 13, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Fuller and Councilmembers Foster, Haines and Chaney. **Present Virtually:** Attorney Gullo **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Haines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wantz read the closed session minutes from March 8, 2023

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2023 and February 13, 2023 regular meetings, February 22, 2023 Budget workshop and March 8, 2023 closed session – motion to approve all minutes by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – Mayor Wantz requested a change to the March 8, 2023 closed session minutes. The vote carried to approve all minutes with the amendment to the closed session 4 – 0.

**Councilmember statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** Councilmember Haines stated he will be abstaining from the appointment of members to the Ethics and Election Boards because he is not comfortable voting to appoint members to a board which will oversee an election in which he is a candidate.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Approval:**

**Introduction:**

**Ordinance 01 – 2023** – Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 – Operating Budget – motion to introduce by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 - 0

**Ordinance 02 – 2023** – Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 - Water / Sewer rate – motion to introduce by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 - 0

**Ordinance 03 – 2023** – Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 – Tax Rate – motion to introduce by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 4 – 0.

Mayor Wantz stated the public hearing for the ordinances is scheduled for April 5, 2023 and will come before council for adoption at the April 10, 2023 Mayor and Council meeting.

**Adoption of:**

**Ordinance 04 – 2023** – Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 - Budget Amendment #2 – motion to adopt by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 – 0.

**Resolution 2023 – 04** – Water Allocation for March – motion to adopt by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 4 – 0.

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht stated he has no additions to his report from the March 8, 2023 workshop

**Department Reports:**

- No questions or comments.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo advised the settlement for the Sirian property will occur next week.

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 - 0
3. Maryland Department of the Environment settlement offer – City Manager Wieprecht explained the proposed settlement amount covers violations through the end of 2022. Councilmembers directed staff to draft a letter to MDE stating Senator Ready has interest in the situation and the City would like to request additional time to work with him.
4. Appointment to the Election Board – Mayor Wantz recommended the reappointment of Sue Billings, William (Bill) Kennedy and Judy Furbay and the appointment of Barbara Heltebridle – motion to approve all nominations by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – the motion carried with 3 in favor and Haines abstaining.
5. Appointment to Ethics Commission – Mayor Wantz withdrew his nomination of David Buie and recommended the appointment of Thomas Latella. - motion to approve by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster - the motion carried with 3 in favor and councilmember Haines abstaining.
6. County transportation priorities letter of support – motion to approve and submit to the County by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.
7. Home occupation at Meades Crossing - Mayor Wantz expressed concern with the Community Village ordinance because it allows the designation of community village by the developer and creates the potential for certain home occupations to be prohibited. It was decided by unanimous consensus of council to direct staff to compile information for council review to show what types of home occupations create concern so it can be determined the best way to proceed.

**Councilmember Reports:**

**Adjournment:** motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haines - carried 4 - 0

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