OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Combined Meeting
August 17, 2026

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, August 17, 2026.
Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Council members Meade, McCarron and Kelly.
Also Present: Clerk Kalman. **Present Virtually**: Council member Kalinock and City Manager Wieprecht.
Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes from July 8, 2026 and July 13, 2026 regular meetings – motion to approve as presented by Meade, 2nd by Miller – carried 4 – 0. Council member McCarron was not present for the vote.

Council member statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: There were no statements of conflicts.

Public comment pertaining to agenda and non-agenda items:

- There were several comments from the public and downtown business owners relating to the removal of parking meters. Business owners expressed they continue to have concerns that the removal will have a negative impact.
- Matthew Clark addressed the Council explaining he is the tenant of property at Bollinger Park and uses the land for farming purposes. Recent complaints from property owners on Fringer Road led to the discovery that he was in violation of section five of the lease because he did not communicate with the City about the schedule for spraying the field and the chemicals he planned to use. Mr. Clark explained this was not intentional and asked the Council to allow continuation of the lease.
- To clarify confusion relating to Charter Resolution CR2026 – 02, Mayor Miller explained the resolution would remove from City Code, the requirement for the Council to censure an official for violations which will give residents the right to directly petition for removal of an elected official.
- Responding to comments relating to Charter Resolution CR2026 - 01, Mayor Miller explained the Federal statute does not allow contributions from anyone under the age of 18 unless it is through a trust.

Consideration and Review: There were no requests from the Council

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:
Introduction:
Ordinance 10 – 2026 – Accessory Dwelling Units – re-introduction – Council member McCarron stated he would like the section on parking to be better defined. City Manager Wieprecht reminded the Council the City must adhere to the state requirements. The Planning and Zoning and Police Departments are currently conducting parking studies. Motion to introduce by Meade, 2nd by Kelly – carried 5 - 0

Ordinance 11 – 2026 – Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment No. 3 – motion to introduce by Meade, 2nd by Miller carried 5 – 0.

City Manager Report:
City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report. Responding to Council member Kelly, Wieprecht advised water usage spikes are still occurring during weekends.

Department Reports: There were no questions or concerns expressed.

Old Business:
1. Charter Resolution CR 2026 – 01 – Term Limits, Amendment to Terms of Office – pending review
2. Charter Resolution CR 2026 – 02 – Amendment to Removal from Office - pending review

Council member McCarron encouraged the Council to vote down both Charter Resolutions, stating he is not in favor of term limits because it may discourage individuals from running for office and feels the current process for removing an elected official from office is appropriate. Mayor Miller again explained Charter Resolution CR 2026 – 02 is to remove the need for the Council to censure an official. This creates a pathway for residents to directly remove officials from office.

3. Charter Article 1 – pending review
4. Campaign Finance – pending review – Special Council Gullo will review the section relating to the age limit for contributions, self-funding will be clarified and educational materials for candidates will be explored.
5. Memorial Park Expansion - Council member Kalinock continues to pursue assistance from the county.
6. Parking Meters – Mayor Miller advised City staff has been instructed to implement free 2-hour parking. The Council wants to continue studies to determine if the removal of parking meters exacerbates parking issues before spending an estimated $70,000 on a parking solution. The Council has always planned to be methodical in their approach to the changes to parking. Removal of the meters was just one step in the process. Mayor Miller stated there is an abundance of street parking throughout the City and the expectation of business owners should not be for there to be designated parking for their specific business. Responding to Council member Kalinock, Mayor Miller stated 2-hour parking is from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and approximately 3 business are open past 5:00 PM. There was discussion about the accumulation of fines and when enforcement should include towing. Business owners should contact the City to report violations of 2-hour parking.

New Business:
1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Meade, 2nd Miller 5 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Miller, 2nd by Meade 5 - 0
3. Impact Fee Funding Model – Council member Meade stated the impact fee model does not work and perhaps a blended scenario should be considered. Parks and Recreation Director Vaccare stated she agrees that new growth impact fees cannot be relied on solely to ensure sustainability and to cover the short fall. The need is for a funding model that will help perpetuate the amenities and the sustainability of the parks and the park system. Mayor Miller asked the Council to digest the information that was provided and anticipate further discussion at the September meeting because State legislation taking effect on October 1 will lock in developments with whatever rate is in effect on that date.

Responding to Council member Kalinock, Mayor Miller stated the Developer Rights and Responsibilities Agreement for Mountain Brook is progressing. Kalinock expressed that various items should be discussed because the agreement will have direct implications on the City's ability to fund itself.

4. Bollinger Park Lease – The Council continued the discussion from the public comment portion of the meeting with further information provided by Parks and Recreation Director Vaccare.
   Mayor Miller stated the Council must decide if continuation of the lease is in the best interest of the City and the residents of Taneytown. Motion by Meade to continue the lease with the understanding that the lease must be completely adhered to. The wording will be reviewed at the end of the five-year term, 2nd by McCarron, carried 4 -1 with Kelly opposed.
5. Copperfield Storm Drain – Motion to approve by McCarron, 2nd by Meade – carried 5 - 0

Councilmember Reports: Council members reported on their areas of focus

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM by Meade, 2nd by Miller - carried 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk