

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Combined Meeting
November 4, 2024**

The Mayor and City Council Combined Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 4, 2024.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Foster and Tillman. **Also**

Present: City Manager Wieprecht, Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. **Not Present:** Council member Chaney was excused from the meeting. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2024 combined meeting – Council member Foster indicated there was an incorrect name in the City Manager portion of the minutes. Motion by Tillman to approve with the revision, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 – 0.

Proclamation: Municipal Government Works – Mayor Miller read a proclamation stating the City of Taneytown is joining with Maryland Municipal League to declare the month of November Municipal Government Works month.

Council member statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: None

Public comment pertaining to agenda and non-agenda items: There were no comments from the audience about agenda or non-agenda items. Council member Tillman stated the agenda does not allow for comments after agenda items have been presented. Mayor Miller and City Manager Wieprecht explained this is the normal agenda for combined meetings.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Adoption:

Resolution 2024 – 14 – Water allocation for November – Motion to adopt by McCarron, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 – 0.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included an update on Capital Equipment and the Sewer Rehabilitation project. Wieprecht advised the audit was finalized and submitted on October 29, 2024 which met the deadline. A few property owners have requested traffic studies including Mountain Brook Farm and the Sewell farm. Council members discussed downtown holiday parking expressing a three-hour limit restriction is difficult to monitor. The consensus was to allow free holiday parking downtown without an hourly limit from the day after Thanksgiving through January 1, 2025.

Department Reports:

- Main Street Recommendations – City Manager Wieprecht and Director of Economic Development Director Jay Meashey presented a Power Point presentation which outlined their recommendations for the restructuring of Main Street based on their research.

Council member Tillman expressed one issue of concern with the restructuring is there seems to be an embedded distrust among some of the members of the business community and several property owners. Tillman also stated he is in favor of moving the Main Street boundary to expand the downtown business base.

Responding to Council member Tillman, Meashey advised he did contact the business owners who did not respond to the survey to encourage their participation.

Mayor Pro Tem McCarron expressed he would like discussion to include ways to fill empty store fronts and stated he is pleased Main Street will focus more on historical preservation.

A meeting dedicated to further discussion of the recommendations will be scheduled soon. Council member Tillman suggested it may be beneficial to create a subcommittee.

The full presentation can be found on the City website at www.taneytownmd.gov

- City Manager Wieprecht advised leaves must now be placed in paper Kraft bags for Tuesday morning pick-up.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo advised work continues on various easements to allow pending projects to move forward.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – Motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 4 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – Motion to approve by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 – 0.
3. Approval of Special Event Permit – National Capital Region Early Ford V8 club Car Show – May 18, 2025 – Motion to approve by McCarron, 2nd by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.
4. Sheetz Storm Water Management Agreement – motion to approve by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 – 0.
5. City Hall Roof Repair Recommendation – Council members expressed concern the proposal did not seem to contain enough specific information to justify the cost. City Manager Wieprecht explained the original scope of the project has grown to include window sills, trim, the copula and masonry work on the exterior of the building. Wieprecht advised some patch and seal work has been done but it cannot be estimated how long those repairs will hold. The council instructed staff to expedite a bid process.

Council member Reports:

- Council members provided updates for their particular areas of focus.

Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM by Foster, 2nd by McCarron – carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk