

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Meeting
December 9, 2024**

The Mayor and City Council Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, December 9, 2024.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Foster and Tillman. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. **Not Present:** Council member Chaney was excused from the meeting. **Present Virtually:** Attorney Gullo. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the November 4, 2024 combined meeting – Motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by McCarron – carried 4 – 0

Oath of Office – Mayor Miller administered the Oath of Office to new police officer David Beck

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Adoption:

Resolution 2024 – 15 – Water allocation for December – Motion to adopt by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 - 0

Resolution 2024 – 16 – Fee Schedule for 2025 – Motion to adopt by Foster, 2nd by McCarron. Several fees will be reassessed during the budget process, as discussed at the December 4, 2024 Mayor and Council workshop.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht responded to several concerns Council member Tillman expressed at the December 4, 2023 meeting regarding the Small Business Saturday event.

Department Reports:

- There were no additions to any of the reports.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo explained the closed session will be based on land acquisition and reviewed the status of pending easements. Gullo explained several items will come to fruition in the upcoming months.

There was a lengthy discussion about the recent replacement and positioning of several cameras at the Police Department. Attorney Gullo advised it is always concerning when a project does not have an implementation plan in place. Many of the concerns were about liability, the interaction which took place between various officials and staff members and who has the authority to determine camera placement. City Manager Wieprecht stated he would like the opportunity to work with the Police Chief and Information Technology Specialist to create a Resolution to provide the desired protections.
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Old Business:

- Main Street – Council member Tillman expressed he feels there needs to be discussion to determine if the overall desire is to be a Main Street community and if there is a willingness to fund the program and commit to a clear mission. Tillman also stated there should be discussion about boundaries and discussion to define the marketplace. The Council decided to hold a special public meeting the third week of January on a date yet to be determined.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – Motion to approve by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – Motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 4 - 0
3. Award of Westview Drive Water Line Replacement Project – Motion by McCarron to award to Stambaugh's Inc. and authorize Mayor Miller to execute the contract, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 - 0
4. CDM 2025 Rate Proposal – Motion to approve by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 - 0

Responding to concerns from the December 4th Workshop, City Manager Wieprecht explained Parks and Recreation Director Vaccare indicated the current farmer leasing Bollinger Park has already prepared the field with crops which may not be harvested before the end of the lease. Responding to Council member Tillman's inquiry about the possibility of selling the property, Wieprecht expressed the property currently provides a buffer for the neighboring property owners which is desirable and there is no plan to expand the walking park. The Stumptown property was originally envisioned as a festival type park. The acreage will be advantageous in the future although currently there is no development plan.

5. Approval of 2025 – 2030 Lease – Bollinger Park – Matthew Clark- Motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 4 - 0
6. Approval of 2025 – 2030 Lease – Festival Park – Robert Bowers – Motion to approve by McCarron, 2nd by Tillman – carried 4 - 0
7. Approval of Special Event Permit – Alyssa Richards Car Show – Memorial Park – October 4, 2025 – Motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by McCarron – carried 4 - 0
8. Annexation – 3300 Harney Road – Motion by Tillman to authorize staff to begin the annexation process and to explore the potential for neighboring properties to annex into the City, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 - 0.
9. Award of bid for City Hall roof repairs – Wieprecht advised Gordian reviewed the price for the scaffolding which reduced the cost to \$255,171.05. A second proposal was received from Jeranco Roofing and Exteriors for \$267,506.99. Motion to award to Gordian by Foster, 2nd by Fuller – carried 3 – 1 with Tillman opposing.

Council member Reports:

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

Mayor Miller read a Presiding Officer's Closing Statement

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:01 PM by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 4 – 0

Mayor and Council did not reconvene in open session.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk