

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
August 7, 2024**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

Present: Mayor Miller and Council members Fuller, Foster and Tillman. **Present virtually:** Mayor Pro Tem McCarron, Councilmember Chaney and Attorney Gullo. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the July 8, 2024 combined meeting – no changes were requested.

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

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Ordinance 06 – 2024 – Main Street Advisory Board Code Revisions – City Manager Wieprecht explained the ordinance is to remove language requiring sub-committee meetings to be open to the public and is at the request of the Main Street Advisory Board.

Ordinance 07 – 2024 – Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 – Budget Amendment No. 5 – City Manager Wieprecht advised the budget amendment includes movement of projects to Fiscal Year 2025, the addition of a donation to the Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company, adjustment to police salaries, an increase for chemical use and hauling at the wastewater treatment plant and an adjustment for higher revenue than anticipated.

Ordinance 08 – 2024 – Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 – Budget Amendment No. 1 – City Manager Wieprecht advised the budget amendment includes police radios and cars which were not received in Fiscal Year 2024, the purchase of a street sweeper, lighting for the Tot Lot at Memorial Park and payment of a penalty to Maryland Department of the Environment.

Adoption:

Resolution 2024 – 11 – Water allocation for August – No questions or concerns were expressed.

City Manager Report:

City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included:

- Update on capital equipment
- Riffles Lane to York Street drain
- Fiscal Year 2024 sewer rehabilitation

Wieprecht responded to questions from the Council.

Council member Fuller stated there are regular occurrences of sewer blockages which may be prevented if residents are educated about the damages caused by inappropriately disposing of grease.

Department Reports:

Economic Development Director, Jay Meashey announced he notified the business owners who were awarded Consolidated Building Improvement program grants.

Legal Report:

Attorney Gullo's report included:

- An update on the polyfluoroalkyl substances settlement
- Status of the outstanding Public Works Agreement for George's on York
- Advised he will be meeting with the City Manager and City Clerk to discuss possible code changes related to campaign finance reporting.
- The Social Media Policy is in the review process
- Potential release of legal opinions related to Budget Amendment No. 4
- Explained Charter and Code changes were previously requested to clarify the City Attorney position but remain unresolved. Gullo stated he needs the Council to provide direction.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or concerns were expressed
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed
3. Speed camera discussion – City Manager Wieprecht advised complaints have been received about speeding on Trevanion Road. There was discussion about the benefits of conducting a speed survey.
4. Main Street discussion – There was extensive discussion regarding the dysfunction of the Main Street Advisory Board and the reasons behind it. Consensus was reached that the Board should be disbanded and a plan drawn up for moving forward.
5. Approval of Special Event Permit – St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Catholic Mass & Picnic – September 21, 2024 at Memorial Park – No questions or concerns were expressed
6. Taneytown Record discussion – The Council discussed possible avenues for a regular publication.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items: Members of the public spoke regarding the Main Street Advisory Board.

Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 10:16 PM by Tillman, 2nd Foster – carried 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk