

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
September 4, 2024**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Foster, Chaney and Tillman. **Present virtually:** 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 August 7, 2024 and August 12, 2024 regular meetings – Council member Tillman expressed he would like to see more detail in the August 7, 2024 minutes about the discussion and comments from the public related to the Main Street Committee. He stated he will submit the comments he wants added to the minutes to City Manager Wieprecht.

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

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Ordinance 10 – 2024 – Campaign Finance Code amendment – No questions, or concerns were expressed.

Ordinance 11 – 2024 – Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Year End Close Out amendment – for emergency adoption – City Manager Wieprecht explained an end-of-year budget amendment is normal to close out the year. The items suspected to be of concern to the Council last month have been removed. Separate ordinances have been created for each. Wieprecht advised emergency passage is requested so it will be in effect prior to the conclusion of the Fiscal Year 2024 audit.

Ordinance 12 – 2024 - Fiscal Year 2024 Budget amendment Fire Company Donation – for emergency adoption – No questions, or concerns were expressed.

Ordinance 13 – 2024 - Fiscal Year 2024 Budget amendment Public Safety Salary Adjustment – for emergency adoption – Council member Tillman stated he continues to object to the ordinance because he feels it treats a City employee unfairly.

Adoption:

Ordinance 08 – 2024 – Fiscal year 2024 – 2025 – Budget amendment No. 1 – No questions, or concerns were expressed.

Resolution 2024 – 12 – Water allocation for September – No questions, or concerns were expressed.

City Manager Report:

City Manager Wieprecht advised of the following:

- Attorney Gullo is coordinating with CDM Smith to create inspection reports for the Roberts Mill Road / Broad Street Project. These reports will identify defects which can be included in a bond claim letter.
- Wieprecht continues to contact property owners for signatures on the Deeds of Easement for the Riffles Lane stormwater project. Attorney Gullo updated the easement language on one of the deeds due to a trustee situation. A reminder will be sent to the property owner. Responding to Council member Tillman, Wieprecht stated there has been no resistance from property owners.
- A bid opening was held for the second phase of the sewer rehabilitation project. The two bids which were received are for approximately \$900,000.00 and \$1,200,000.00. CDM Smith is reviewing the information and will provide their recommendation.
- Responding to Council member Tillman, Wieprecht stated the City has worked with Mid Atlantic Utilities for televising and cleaning of sewer lines in the past, there has been a good response in paper format to the lead service line inventory and the phosphorus loading spike is currently under control. The City is still on track for compliance.
- Council member Tillman expressed concern the Economic Development Report contains much activity categorized as Main Street despite the fact the Main Street Board has been repealed. Mayor Miller stated Main Street is still a category of Economic Development, even without a Board. Discussion between Mayor Miller and Council member Tillman continued. Council member Tillman left the meeting at 7:55 PM

Department Reports:

- There were no additional comments about the department reports.

Legal Report:

City Attorney Gullo advised of the following:

- CLSI has completed a survey of the Flowserve property for an easement which will connect to the anticipated bypass. The information will need to be vetted by Flowserve.
- There are two possible avenues for dealing with the W. F. Delauter and Son bankruptcy issue, which currently affects the Roberts Mill Road project. The City can make a claim against the bond or hire a bankruptcy lawyer. Gullo explained the details of each option and advised it would be best for the Council to decide at the October meeting which avenue they wish to pursue. Gullo will provide a cost estimate for a bankruptcy lawyer.

- Gullo reminded the Council of a memo he sent which advised of a Public Works Agreement for Georges on York which is listed as an open item on the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda. City code makes it clear the EDU is owed. The Council has the option to amend the agreement to make the additional EDU unnecessary.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or concerns were expressed
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed
3. Mountain Brook Traffic Impact Study Proposal – Responding to Mayor Pro Tem McCarron, City Manager Wieprecht advised the City must enter into a contract with the consultant but the developer is responsible for the cost.
4. Cooperative Procurement Participation with Maryland Department of General Services – no questions or concerns were expressed.

There were no comments from the public on agenda or non-agenda items

Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM by Foster, 2nd by McCarron – carried 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk