

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Combined Meeting  
January 13, 2025**

The Mayor and City Council Combined meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, January 13, 2025.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2024 and December 9, 2024 regular meetings and the December 9, 2024 closed Session – Motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2024 and December 9, 2024 regular meetings by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0. Mayor Pro Tem McCarron read the minutes of the December 9, 2024 closed session. Motion to approve by Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.

**Reception of Delegation:** Michael Phelan presented an automated photo speed enforcement program available through Altumint and responded to questions from the Council. Mayor Miller stated he is in favor of the program. The vote to move forward with implementation was 3 – 1, with McCarron opposing.

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

**Public comment pertaining to agenda and non-agenda items:**

- Paul Kluth encouraged the Council to support a monthly, consistent newspaper.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Adoption:**

**Resolution 2025 – 01** – Water allocation for January – Motion to adopt by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 - 0

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included updates on pending projects.
- The Council decided the special Main Street meeting which will be open to the public will be held on January 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM

**Department Reports:**

- Responding to Council member Tillman, City Manager Wieprecht stated he will obtain information from the Public Works Department to explain the fluctuation of performance numbers for well seventeen.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo advised the election season is approaching and expressed the importance of appointing members to the Elections and Ethics Commissions. Gullo explained the role of each committee and stated the election follows the schedule set forth in the City code. Gullo explained the budget should be passed prior to the seating of the new Council members.
- Clerk Kalman reviewed the schedule for the 2025 City election.

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Chaney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.
3. Ratification of Evapco Public Works Agreement – Responding to Council member Tillman, City Manager Wieprecht stated the agreement is in the standard format and has been reviewed by Attorney Gullo. Motion to ratify the agreement by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 – 0.
4. Water Recharge Program – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the recommended changes to the water and building construction section of the City code and stated they have been reviewed by Attorney Gullo. Wieprecht advised a draft ordinance will be brought to the Council for approval in the Spring. The consensus of the Council is for staff to move forward
5. Nominations to Election Board and Ethics Commission –  
City Manager Wieprecht announced the Mayor's nomination of Michelle Harris, Alex Kelly, Ruth Gwynn and Janine Hill for the Election Board with a term of 2025 – 2027 and the nomination of Robert Hill to the Ethics Commission with a term of 2025 – 2028. Motion to approve all nominations by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 – 0.

**Council member Reports:**

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

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:43 PM by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Clara Kalman, City Clerk