

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
December 3, 2025**

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Council members McCarron and Meade **Present**

Virtually: Council member Kalinock. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the November 19, 2025 combined meeting – no changes were requested

There was a moment of silence to honor the memory of a student from FSK High School who recently lost his life.

Oath of Office: Mayor Miller administered the Oath of Office to new police officer Jordan Longo

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

Public comment pertaining to agenda and non-agenda items:

Consideration and Review: Mayor Miller explained the Council received a letter for their review prior to the meeting which detailed his recommendation to buy-out unused leave for three employees.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Ordinance 22 – 2025 – Amendment to Fences and Walls – City Manager Wieprecht explained the only change was the removal of the permitting process.

Adoption:

Ordinance 21 – 2025 – Amendment to Restricted Industrial District – Mayor Miller and City Manager Wieprecht explained further amendments are needed and therefore the seventy-day approval process will start over.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included an update on the Memorial Drive water service reconnections. Wieprecht advised the project scope has been expanded to include Church Street.

Department Reports:

- There were no questions or concerns expressed.

Old Business:

1. Approval of revisions to General Specifications for Street and Stormwater Management Facilities Construction – City Manager Wieprecht explained more discussion with the engineer is necessary before the revisions are presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
2. Welcome Sign – A quote was previously provided to the Council for review. The item will be on the January agenda for more discussion.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – No questions or concerns were expressed.
2. Accounts Payables – No questions or concerns were expressed.
3. Leave Buy-Out - Mayor Miller read a memo he sent to the Council which explained three employees were unable to use their accrued leave for reasons beyond their control and he is requesting a buy-out of the hours. Responding to Council member McCarron, Mayor Miller explained the timing of officer graduations from the Police Academy and operational demands prevented use of leave time by the end of the year. Council member Meade stated he is not opposed but suggested a change in policy may be appropriate. Police Chief Baker stated these requests are not typical and the request is more cost effective than providing coverage for the leave time to be used. The total amount of the request is \$14,925.76. Motion to approve the buy-out as outlined by Meade, 2nd by Miller – carried 3 – 1, with McCarron opposed.
4. Parking Meters - The Council received a letter from the Mayor's office which included results of research carried out by Executive Administrative Assistant Albin. Two companies have been examined which would provide sensor-based monitoring to replace physical meters and provide two hours of parking at no cost. The Mayor and Council made it clear the program is not to generate revenue, but to provide more parking turnover, which would be beneficial to businesses. The conversation included consideration of enforcement feasibility. Council member Meade stated he feels the system is more efficient than meters but would like more information to create dialog about the best use of resources. Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Council member Meade suggested the program may help to make the downtown area more appealing to residents.

There were comments from the public expressing that most downtown business owners are generally pleased with the proposal to move towards a new system and agreed the parking meters act as a deterrent. Responding to a complaint about long-term parking, Mayor Miller advised that the State Highway Administration will often assign parking spaces to individuals with disabilities.

5. CDM Smith 2026 Rate Schedule – City Manager Wieprecht stated staff is very satisfied with the service that is provided by CDM Smith. There were no concerns expressed by the Council.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM by Miller, 2nd by Meade Carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk