

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Combined Meeting  
February 10, 2025**

The Mayor and City Council combined meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, February 10, 2025.

**Present:** Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Foster, Chaney and Tillman. **Also**

**Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. **Not Present:** Council member Fuller was excused from the meeting. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Combined Meeting and the January 29, 2025 special Main Street Meeting – motion to approve both sets of minutes by Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.

**Reception of Delegation:** Storm water management – Chris Heyn – Carroll County Director of Planning and Land Management – Director Heyn explained several municipalities partner with the County for the review of various environmental codes which includes resource management, agriculture preservation, development review, comprehensive plans, natural preservation and storm water management.

City Manager Wieprecht reviewed some of the advantages of review by the County versus review by the City engineer.

The Consensus of the Council is to explore a partnership with the County for review of storm water management and the creation of related ordinances which will be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

City Manager Wieprecht explained inspection of the storm water facilities by the County could prove advantageous and provide cost savings.

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

Mayor Miller announced the Director of Economic Development position will be advertised and asked Council members to provide their suggestions to the City Manager.

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

There were comments from the public related to the vacant Economic Development Director position.

Council member Chaney read an anonymous email from a resident who expressed concerns about the upcoming election and the search for an Economic Development Director.

## **Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

### **Introduction:**

Council member Tillman stated he will send his suggestions for grammatical corrections to the City Manager.

**Ordinance 01 – 2025 – Water Recharge** – Motion to introduce by Chaney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.

**Ordinance 02 – 2025 – Building Construction Fees** – Motion to introduce by Chaney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.

**Ordinance 03 – 2025 – Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment #2** – City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from the Council relating to the recent roof repairs at City Hall. Motion to introduce by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 – 0.

### **Adoption:**

**Resolution 2025 – 02** – Water allocation for February – Motion to adopt by McCarron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.

### **City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included an update on Capital Equipment, an outstanding deed of easement for the Riffles Lane to York Street Drain project, the Sewer Rehabilitation project and the Westview Drive sewer line replacement.

Following up on an item from the January 13, 2025 meeting, Wieprecht explained the inconsistent well numbers reported in the monthly report from the Department of Public Works was due to a transducer malfunction. The transducer has been repaired.

- Wieprecht explained a section of sewer line near Crimson Avenue and Hammersham Court was recently rehabilitated, but there was never a deed of easement recorded. The Developer of Meadowbrook has had the area resurveyed and requests the City to expeditiously accept a Deed of Easement. Staff would like the Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the easement as soon as the City Attorney has it prepared. Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Meadowbrook Sewer deed of easement by McCarron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0

### **Department Reports:**

- No questions or concerns were expressed

### **Old Business:**

1. 3300 Harney Road – City Manager Wieprecht explained a recent survey of the property led to the discovery of inaccuracies in the GIS boundaries. The request of staff is for the Council to consent to the new area and authorize the Mayor to execute the annexation agreement which will be drafted by the City Attorney. This will allow the City to submit the annexation packet to the County within a manageable time frame.

Motion by Tillman to authorize the Mayor to execute the annexation agreement and consent to annex the additional area, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 – 0.

**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 Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.
3. Reappointment to Election Board – Mayor Miller stated he will not be making a nomination at this time.

**Council member Reports**

- Council members provided updates for their particular areas of focus.
- City Manager Wieprecht advised the wastewater treatment plant met the MDE permit for 2024.

Council member Tillman stated he was pleased with the January 29, 2025 Main Street meeting. Tillman stated he would like to schedule another meeting to create the framework, so it is in place before a new EDC Director is hired. Tillman stated the scope and mission of Main Street needs to be addressed and the expectation of a Main Street Committee needs to be clear. City Manager Wieprecht will arrange a meeting.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarron – carried 4 - 0

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