

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Special Budget Meeting
June 18, 2025**

The Mayor and City Council Special Budget Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Council members Tillman, and Kalinock. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. **Not Present:** Council members McCarron and Meade were both excused from the meeting. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Operating Budget – Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 7:30 PM

Old Business:

1. Ordinance 06 – 2025 – Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 – Operating Budget – Motion to adopt by Kalinock, 2nd by Tillman. Responding to comments and questions from the public, Mayor Miller advised the following:
 - The initial newsletter mailing will use remaining funds from the current budget and will be prepared by the City. Residents will be able to decide if they want to continue receiving it and that process will help to determine future distribution costs.
 - The Director of Economic Development can request funds for the Advertising and Marketing Initiatives line items, but it is important to first have a plan in place for the use of those funds that can be vetted by the Council.
 - The audit will reveal any unused funds that could potentially be used for various initiatives.
 - The Council and City staff continue to work with Maryland State Highway Administration to create ways to restrict some of the commercial traffic to create a more appealing downtown shopping experience while work continues to explore a bypass, but fund accounting restricts how funds can be allocated.

The motion carried 3 – 0.

2. Speed camera monitoring system – Mayor Miller clarified the contract is a “piggy back” off of another municipality’s contract, so some items may not be applicable. The only enabling legislation is for the speed camera monitoring system. Motion to approve by Kalinock, 2nd by Miller.

Mayor Miller and City Manager Wieprecht clarified several items:

- Projected revenue is difficult to calculate because fines are based on a tiered system. The vendor administrative fee is \$14.00 and the remainder of the citation amount will be paid to the City.
- The Police Chief and Major will be responsible for signing off on the citations, so there is no burden to City staff.
- Currently the only avenues for placement are Trevanion Road and potentially East Baltimore Street.

- Mayor Miller stated Council members McCarron and Meade have expressed their opposition.
- Implementation would allow officers to be able to patrol other areas.
- The warning period is 30 days after the speed monitoring system is activated.
- The revenue will allow for some flexibility in the budget.
- State legislation only allows this type of speed monitoring in school zones, so other speed calming measures will need to be explored for other areas of the City.
- The creation of a Public Safety Committee may be a viable option.
- The software allows for regular reporting that can be presented to the Council with the liaison report.

The motion carried 3 – 0.

The public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 budget was closed at 8:37 PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM by Tillman, 2nd by Kalinock – carried 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk