

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
June 4, 2025**

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Council members Tillman, McCarron, Meade and 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 May 12, 2025 combined meetings one and two and the May 21, 2025 special meeting – No corrections were requested.

Public Hearing: Annexation Resolution 04 A – 2025 – Sauble – 3300 Harney Road – Mayor Miller opened the hearing at 7:32 PM and with no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:59 PM

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

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items: There were no comments from the public.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Adoption:

Resolution 2025 – 13 – Water allocation for June – No questions or concerns were expressed.

Resolution 2025 – 14 – Staggering terms of commissions and boards – Mayor Miller explained board member terms will be tied to a seat designation rather than the individual, so the term dates will remain consistent and provide clarity of term appointment and expiration dates. The current provision allowing members to continue in the seat until they are reappointed, resign or are asked to vacate the seat will continue.

City Manager Report:

City Manager Wieprecht advised of the following in addition to his monthly report:

- The hydro excavator will potentially be delivered in July.
- Staff met with CDM Smith to discuss some code updates and determined 150 feet as the minimum distance between points of ingress and egress for communities with 150 or more dwelling units. The speed limit was not discussed, but the desire is for a City-wide speed limit of 20 miles per hour. Mayor Miller stated areas with speed limits under 20 miles per hour will not be increased.
- Riffles Lane to York Street storm drain contract will be reviewed by special counsel.
- Wieprecht advised Attorney Jack Gullo has agreed to extend various services on a limited basis through September while the City continues to search for a new attorney. Mayor Miller stated the search will be expanded if necessary.

- Wieprecht requested the Monday agenda to include acceptance of the Meads Crossing infrastructure. The final punch list items have been corrected including the installation of watertight manhole covers. There is an increase in water flow at the pump station after rain events, but the Department of Public Works has determined the readings are acceptable. A two-year maintenance bond will be received.
- The State Highway Administration has received complaints about vehicles blocking the firehouse driveway. A pavement treatment may be applied by the state to remedy the issue.

Department Reports:

- Council member Meade inquired about the status of the relocation of turtles from Roberts Mill Park. City Manager Wieprecht will obtain details and provide information at the June 9 meeting.

Old Business:

1. Ordinance 06 – 2025 – Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 – Operating Budget – Mayor Miller advised a special meeting will be held on June 18, 2025 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the operating budget.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or concerns were expressed
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed
3. Approval of Memorial Drive water line replacement design – City Manager Wieprecht advised Brian Lubenow from CDM Smith will provide details at the Monday meeting. Proposals are prepared for projects over \$10,000.00 and presented to the Council for approval.
4. Director of Economic Development appointment – Mayor Miller advised nine applications were received and his recommendation is to offer the position to Mr. Robert Jones. City Manager Wieprecht stated the salary offered was in line with the budgeted amount.

There was discussion about the establishment of an America 250 committee. Mayor Miller and Council member McCarron encouraged the involvement of City organizations. Mayor Miller stated he would like Council member McCarron to be the liaison for the committee and stated staff will be instructed to dedicate time to the event and bring their recommendations to the Council.

City Manager Wieprecht advised the recommended salary for the new Director of Economic Development is \$58,154. Motion to approve the appointment by Tillman 2nd by Meade – carried 5 – 0.

5. Approval of Special Event Permit – Good News Club – Roth Avenue Park, July 7 – 11, 2025 - no questions or concerns were expressed
6. Approval of Catholic Charities lease renewal – no questions or concerns were expressed

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM by McCarron, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk