

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
August 6, 2025**

The Mayor and City Council workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

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

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

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the July 9, 2025 and July 14, 2025 regular meetings – no changes were requested

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Ordinance 18 – 2025 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Mayor Miller stated the ordinance is to add an additional board member and will align the Chairman and Secretary terms to coincide with the July 31 term expiration date. The board is aware of the pending ordinance.

Ordinance 19 – 2025 – Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment #3 – City Manager Wieprecht explained the amendment increases the General Fund for underestimated tax revenue and increases expenditures to allow for street repairs using Highway User Revenue fees and moves funds to Fiscal Year 2026 for police car upfitting. The Utility Fund will increase due to the receipt of the first installment of the polyfluoroalkyl substances settlement.

Ordinance 20 – 2025 - Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment #1 – City Manager Wieprecht explained the amendment shows the receipt of revenue from underestimated State Income Tax and the increase in the General Fund for Police expenses including bonuses, overtime for the Drug Task Force, police vehicle upfitting and travel / education expenses.

Mayor Miller and City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions and concerns from the Council.

Public comment pertaining to agenda and non-agenda items:

- A resident expressed frustration about their neighbor violating the junk yard ordinance, which led to a lengthy discussion about the difficulties and complications the City faces when attempting to resolve situations of this nature. Mayor Miller explained there would be great cost to taxpayers if the City seeks legal recourse for every situation and the City cannot be involved with disputes among neighbors regarding property rights. Mayor Miller reassured property owners that they have various mechanisms at their disposal through entities which can provide assistance beyond what the City is able to provide. The Council will continue to explore the feasibility of creating legislation and means of enforcement to assist residents encountering these difficulties.

City Manager Report:

City Manager Wieprecht advised a draft for Specifications for Streets and Stormwater Management Facilities has been reviewed and the requested changes will be incorporated. Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included updates on the Comprehensive Plan, Riffles Lane to York Street Drain and Westview Drive water line replacement. Wieprecht advised a bid opening was held for the sewer manhole rehabilitation project. The City engineer is reviewing the bids and the recommendation will be provided to the Council at the August 11, 2025 meeting.

Department Reports:

- There were no questions or concerns from the Council.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – No questions or concerns were expressed.
2. Accounts Payables – No questions or concerns were expressed.

Mayor Miller and City Manager Wieprecht advised the Department of Public Works removed debris around well 17 to allow line of sight which creates the ability for various communications within the City. The easement around this area is owned by Taneytown Baptist Church. The pastor and members of the board expressed their displeasure with the removal and indicated the individual that gave permission was not authorized by the church to do so. The church has made a request for a reduction in water charges as a “good-will” gesture for allowing the easement for well 17 on church property and because their water usage is significantly below normal range. The potential reduction considered is to reduce the quarterly usage by 6,000 gallons which equates to approximately \$128.00 per billing cycle. The consensus of the Council is to entertain further discussion at the August 11, 2025 meeting.

Mayor Miller provided updates on pending projects:

- Nominations for Boards and commissions are planned for the Monday meeting.
- The City Newsletter will be temporarily paused to await the hiring of an Executive Administrative Assistant.
- The City government electric accounts contract with CQI will be discussed again in September following a presentation that will provide updated information.
- Economic Director Jones continues to make progress on the Main Street framework.
- Work will resume on a Welcome sign when additional staff is hired.

The consensus of the Council is to hold a combined meeting in October due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:51 PM by Kalinock, 2nd by Tillman – carried 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk