

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Combined Meeting
October 8, 2025**

The Mayor and City Council combined meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

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

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the September 3, 2025 and September 8, 2025 regular meetings – motion to approve as presented by Kalinock, 2nd by Meade – carried 3 - 0

Introduction and Swearing in of City Officials – Mayor Miller administered the Oath of Office to Director of Planning and Zoning, Andrew Gray; Executive Administrative Assistant, Makensie Albin; Patrolman First Class Neil Kleczek and Director of Economic Development, Robert Jones.

Proclamation: National Community Media Day: Mayor Miller read a proclamation designating October 20, 2025 as Community Media Day.

Reception of Delegation: DeLeon & Stang – Michelle Mills and Addie Blickenstaff presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit advising there were no issues of non-compliance, and all transactions were properly stated. Motion to accept the audit report by Kalinock, 2nd by Meade – carried 3 - 0

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

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda and agenda items:

- Resident David Buie stated he feels he was treated disrespectfully by two members of staff. Council member Meade stated he was in attendance at the event in question and disagrees with Mr. Buie's characterization. Mayor Miller stated he spoke to Mr. Buie about his concerns and spoke to residents who were also in attendance. The Council does not believe adverse actions against staff members is warranted or an apology necessary. City Manager Wieprecht stated he would like the Council to read his emails to Mr. Buie and will forward them.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Ordinance 21 – 2025 – Amendment to Restricted Industrial District – City Manager Wieprecht explained the ordinance has been created to add service-related businesses in the industrial district at the request of manufacturing companies. The idea of solar energy as an ancillary use for the manufacturers to offset energy needs and battery energy storage systems have been discussed which may necessitate further revisions after state legislation has been reviewed to further explore state preemptions. Mayor Miller reviewed the process for adoption of ordinances and concurred with City Manager Wieprecht that this good faith effort towards Flowserve may be beneficial when conversations progress about an easement

across their property which is a crucial piece to creating the bypass. Director of Planning and Zoning, Andrew Gray responded to questions from the Council. Motion to introduce by Meade, 2nd by Kalinock – carried 3 - 0

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Adoption:

Resolution 2025 – 16 – City Organizational Chart – Mayor Miller explained City Code regulations require adoption of an Organizational Chart and reviewed the public facing version.

Council member McCarron made a motion to table Resolution 2025 – 16 and 2025 – 17 to allow for further review and expressed that he does not like to receive information so close to the meetings that he does not have time to adequately review the item.

Mayor Miller indicated the organizational chart is rather straightforward and was part of the original council packet that was released before the weekend, which allowed ample time for review and a draft of the Water Relief Fund Resolution has not changed from the draft that was sent to the Council previously. Council member Kalinock stated although he would be satisfied with a few minutes to review the organizational chart, he agrees with Council member McCarron's statement that items need to be received by the Council timely.

There was a lengthy discussion in response to Council member McCarron's concerns about the Funding Structure of the proposed Water Relief Fund. Mayor Miller provided several examples of government subsidies and Council member Meade stated water bills are one of the issues of most concern to residents.

The motion to table died with no second.

Motion by Kalinock to adopt Resolution 2025 – 16 – City Organizational Chart, 2nd by Meade – carried 3 - 0

Resolution 2025 – 17 – Water Relief Fund – motion to adopt by Kalinock, 2nd by Meade – City Manager Wieprecht stated, if the resolution is adopted, he will keep the Council advised of the progress and advised the City currently works with charitable organizations who may be able to assist with the administration of the fund. The motion carried 2 – 1 with McCarron opposed due to concerns the public has not been adequately informed. Mayor Miller stated the concept of the Water Relief Fund has been discussed for a couple of years and residents are welcome to contact the Mayor or Council members with their questions or concerns.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included an update on the Streets and Stormwater Management Facilities manual. There was a brief discussion about street widths and various factors for consideration expressed by Wieprecht. Council member Kalinock stated financial implications should be considered as discussions by the Planning and Zoning Commission continue.

Department Reports:

- Responding to Council member Kalinock, Mayor Miller explained the increase in water usage will be explored to determine if the spike is due to residential or commercial use before any water restrictions are issued. City Manager Wieprecht advised with some wells off-line due to polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination, the hope is that the Maryland

Department of the Environment will allow a couple of wells to temporarily pump beyond the permitted limit.

Old Business:

1. Revisions to General Specifications for Street and Stormwater Management Facilities Construction – City Manager Wieprecht had no further updates.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Kalinock, 2nd by Meade – carried 3 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by McCarron, 2nd by Meade – carried 3 - 0
3. 180 – Day Resolution update – Mayor Miller explained most of the items contain elements that are awaiting completion by staff.
 - Establishment of a Mainstreet Committee framework– Director of Economic Development, Jones continues to make progress.
 - Taneytown newsletter - waiting for monetary support from business advertisements
 - City Attorney - addressed in May
 - Welcome to Taneytown Signage – Ideally would be located on the property across from Sheetz.
 - Charter and code language to implement term limits: 8 years for Mayor and 12 years for Council along with citizen petition mechanisms – Will be part of the Charter repeal and replacement scheduled for introduction in November.
 - Acquisition plan for equipment to weigh and stop trucks, including officer training and compliance procedures – waiting for completion of the public safety fund review.
 - Draft legislation for election reform, including simplification and modernization of City election code – will be part of the Charter repeal and replacement scheduled for the November meeting.
 - Training plan and budget for Committees for the City to make sure members are adequately trained upon being appointed – planned for the November meeting and will be in the form of an ordinance.
 - Creation and funding model for a Water Relief fund, including administrative intake, anonymous Council presentation and approval process – the only changes to the model that was initially presented to the Council is to the anonymous presentation and approval process.
 - Proposal to separate administrative and legislative powers, add a sixth Council seat and designate the Mayor Pro Tem as the presiding officer of Council while retaining executive authority in the Mayor's Office for budget and administrative leadership – will be part of the City Charter repeal and replacement in November. Both council seats will be filled in January. Only one application has been received so far.
 - A street interconnectivity and sidewalk plan with the goal of ensuring all residential areas are connected by sidewalks on at least one side of the road – the general budget is under review. This would establish a sidewalk system from the Carroll Vista community to Trevanian Road and would require county and property owner involvement.
 - Ordinance establishing a Public Safety Committee or expanding the Charter and Code Review body into a Citizen Advisory Board with public safety oversight – will be part of the

Charter repeal and replacement and would expand the Council liaison assignments to include a representative role for a committee related to the department.

- A formal plan and resolution to transition emergency dispatch service to Carroll County 911 – the City is waiting for a date to go before the County Commissioners.
- Proposal to establish a criminal investigator career track within the Taneytown Police Department - waiting for public safety budget review.
- Preliminary recreation/community center plan, with grant research and stakeholder engagement, followed by the formation of a community steering committee for implementation – research continues
- A salary restructuring plan for Taneytown Police Department establishing a base officer salary of \$60,000.00 inclusive of a ladder adjustment for current personnel – waiting for the completion of the public safety budget.
- A program framework in partnership with nonprofits for elderly resident assistance, including criteria and administrative process for delivering basic home care (e.g. snow removal, lawn maintenance). – this will be similar to the Water Relief Resolution and administered by a third party.

A dedicated workshop will be scheduled for February or March.

4. Nomination to Parks and Recreation Advisory board – Brian White – Council member Kalinock made a motion to approve the nomination, 2nd by Meade and carried 3 - 0. Mr. White will fill seat E on the Boards and Commissions matrix to replace Makensie Albin, who was hired as the Executive Administrative Assistant.

Council member Reports

- Council members provided updates for their particular areas of focus.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 10:23 PM by Meade, 2nd by Kalinock – carried 3 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk