

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
May 8, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, May 8, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Fuller and Councilmembers Foster, Haines and Chaney. **Present Virtually:** Attorney Gullo  
**Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Haines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wantz recognized County Commissioner Joe Vigliotti, Carroll County Sherriff Jim Dewees and Clerk of the Circuit Court Heather Dewees.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the April 5, 2023 and April 10, 2023 regular meetings and April 27, 2023 open and closed meetings with corrections – motion to approve all minutes by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Foster - carried 4 - 0

**Councilmember statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Approval:**

**Introduction:**

**Adoption:**

**Resolution 2023 – 06** – Water Allocation for May – motion to approve by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 - 0

**Resolution 2023 – 07** – Capital Improvements Program – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 4 - 0

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht advised the final site plan approval for the de-watering project has been received.

**Department Reports:**

- No questions or concerns were expressed.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo had no additions to his report from the May, 3, 2023 Workshop

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haines - carried 4 - 0
3. Approval of Special Event Permit – Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue – Memorial Park – July 2, 2023 – motion to approve by Chaney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller - carried 4 - 0
4. Approval of Special Event Permit – Good News Club – Roth Avenue Park – July 3 – 7, 2023 – motion to approve by Haines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster - carried 4 - 0

**Councilmember reports:**

**Oath of Office - Mayor:** Christopher Miller – Administered by Heather DeWees, Clerk of the Circuit Court

**Oath of Office – Councilmember:** James McCarron and Christopher Tillman administered by Mayor Miller.

**Election of Mayor Pro Tem:** Councilmember Foster nominated Jim McCarron as Mayor Pro Tem, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.

**Appointment of Council Liaisons:**

**Mayor Miller announced his desire to appoint the following:**

Councilmember Tillman – Planning and Zoning – motion to confirm the appointment by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 5 – 0.

Councilmember Chaney – Police – motion to confirm the appointment by Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarron – carried 5 – 0.

Councilmember Fuller – Parks and Recreation – motion to confirm the appointment by McCarron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Pro Tem McCarron – Economic Development – motion to confirm the appointment by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.

Councilmember Foster – Department of Public Works – motion to confirm the appointment by Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarron – carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Miller stated he would like consensus to restore full Acting Chief powers to Major Robert Mitchell during the hiring process for a Police Chief. City Manager Wieprecht explained when Major Mitchell was appointed to Acting Chief he was directed to defer any promotions and not to implement any new policies or procedures.

After a brief conversation council member Foster made a motion not to restore any powers and to table any further decisions until the June Mayor and Council meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarron – carried 5 - 0

**Adjournment** - motion to adjourn the open meeting at 8:09 PM and reconvene in a closed session by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman - carried 5 – 0.

Mayor Miller read a Presiding Officers closing statement.

Attorney Gullo clarified the Council will not reconvene in open session.

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