

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Workshop  
June 7, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Councilmembers Fuller, Foster, Chaney and Tillman. **Present Virtually:** Attorney Gullo **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Chaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Miller read the minutes of the May 31, 2023 closed session.

**Review of Minutes:** Review of the minutes of the May 3, 2023 and May 8, 2023 regular meetings, May 8, 2023 closed session and May 31, 2023 open and closed meetings – no changes were requested.

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

**Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:**

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Introduction:**

**Ordinance 05 – 2023** – Community Village Revisions – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed updates which included relief for alleys for single family dwellings if a higher percentage of open space is provided and allow for Special Exceptions for home occupations to go before the Board of Appeals. Wieprecht advised the final version will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval followed by a public hearing at the July Workshop. Responding to Councilmember Tillman, Wieprecht advised Community Village does not exclude commercial uses but does require the underlying zoning to incorporate commercial. Wieprecht further advised, in recognizing three (3) of the largest undeveloped properties in the city have some piece of major infrastructure set to go through them, the general feeling was the larger properties could perhaps receive more flexibility with the housing mix. This would mean areas over 150 acres could not exceed more than 40% of the land area for attached dwellings.

**Adoption:**

**Resolution 2023 – 08** – Water Allocation for June – no questions or concerns were expressed.

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included a status report of the Charter and Code update project and an update of the Roberts Mill Road and Broad Street reconstruction project.

Wieprecht added:

- The City is within a 1-year window of the expiration of the Sustainable Communities designation and explained this program allows eligibility for more grant funding. The area covers the historic district and townhome areas. As part of the renewal the City must advise the State of the accomplishments during the last period.
- The Department of Public Works and the Information Technology Department are overseeing a fiber network contractor working within the City to ensure the impact on public utilities will be minimal.
- Responding to Councilmembers, Wieprecht stated the Sewer Rehabilitation project has proven very helpful in reducing inflow and infiltration. The positive trend will be part of the information provided to Maryland Department of the Environment to demonstrate the City's commitment to compliance.
- Carroll County is approaching a drought situation. It is possible mandatory water restrictions will need to be implemented during the rehabilitation of the standpipe.

**Department Reports:**

- City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from Councilmembers.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo explained the updates to the Community Village Ordinance took great effort on the part of City Manager Wieprecht and advised Councilmembers to be aware any requests for changes will need to be carefully cross-referenced.
- The resolution to an issue with a property owner next to Bollinger Park will be in the form of a licensing agreement to use City property.
- Updates on the Polyfluoroalkyl substance lawsuit
- Explained the purpose behind the creation of the Carroll County State's Attorney Office Memorandum of Understanding.
- Written legal reports will be reinstated.

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from Councilmembers.
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed.
3. Acting Police Chief duties – Mayor and council discussed the limitations placed on the acting Police Chief and Mayor Miller indicated he will bring his nomination for Police Chief to council.
4. Memorandum of Understanding – Carroll County State's Attorney – no questions or concerns were expressed.
5. Public comment at Council meetings – Mayor and Councilmembers discussed the benefits and potential issues with public comment at Monday council meetings. The result was the current process for public comment will stay in place.
6. Juneteenth holiday discussion – the consensus was to follow the majority of County and State agencies.

7. Chicken husbandry – discussion led to a request from City Manager Wieprecht to provide direction to staff at the July Mayor and council meeting and staff will provide the necessary amendments to the City Code if necessary.
8. Acceptance of Meadowbrook Section Six – City Manager Wieprecht advised the developer has corrected all of the issues identified by the Department of Public Works and the Developer has provided the Maintenance Surety. When accepted, the remainder of the Construction Surety can be returned.
9. Head Start Lease renewal – no questions or concerns were expressed.
10. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Town/County Agreement – City Manager Wieprecht explained the annual agreement will provide a total of approximately \$499,564.00 for the upcoming fiscal year.
11. Approval of Contract Amendment – Ecker’s Lawn Service, LLC – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the areas covered under the agreement.

**Public comment pertaining to agenda items:**

**Adjournment** - motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM by Chaney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 5 - 0

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