

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Workshop  
August 9, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Chaney and Tillman. **Present Virtually:** Attorney Gullo **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. **Not Present:** Council member Foster was excused from the meeting. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Miller read the Closed Session minutes from July 10, 2023

**Review of Minutes:** Review of the minutes of the July 5, 2023 and July 10, 2023 regular meetings and the July 10, 2023 closed session – no changes were requested.

**Proclamation:** Maryland Monarchs 10 U Softball Program – Mayor Miller issued a proclamation to recognize the Maryland Monarchs and their coaches. All members of the team and coaches received a certificate of recognition.

**Certificate of Appreciation:** Haleigh Engels – Mayor Miller extended thanks to Ms. Engels for arranging a very successful National Night Out and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

**Council member statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

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

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Introduction:**

**Ordinance 05 – 2023 A** – Community Village Technical Amendments – City Manager Wieprecht explained the ordinance is to include townhouses in two areas of Ordinance 05 – 2023.

**Ordinance 06 – 2023** – Clarification of Dwelling Types – Mayor Miller and City Manager Wieprecht explained the ordinance defines the categories of single-family dwellings and multi-family dwellings and clarifies an attached dwelling is the same as a townhouse.

City Manager Wieprecht advised Ordinance 05 - 2023 A is a technical correction and will not require an additional public hearing, but Ordinance 06 – 2023 will go through the public hearing process.

**Ordinance 07 – 2023** – Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 – Budget Amendment #3 – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the amendment, which includes an increase to bank interest, increased billing revenue due to more water and sewer usage and an increase in materials and supplies for chemicals used at the waste water treatment plant.

**Ordinance 08 – 2023** – Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 – Budget Amendment #1 – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the amendment, which includes sewer rehabilitation project funds carried to Fiscal Year 2024 and the tot lot and fieldhouse lighting at Memorial Park.

**Adoption:**

**Resolution 2023 – 12** – Water Allocation for August – no questions, or concerns were expressed.

**Resolution 2023 – 13** – Nomination of Resident Agent – City Manager Wieprecht explained the purpose of the resolution is to officially designate an individual for service of process.

Introduction of Major David Stem from the Carroll County Sherriff's office, who will be conducting various audits of the Taneytown Police Department.

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included an update on the Roberts Mill Road and Broad Street project and responded to questions from Council members.

**Department Reports:**

- No questions, or concerns were expressed.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo stated council will need to provide direction on how to proceed with a request to the County for land involved in a recent property acquisition.

**Old Business:**

1. Chicken Husbandry – City Manager Wieprecht presented the results of his research and Mayor and Council discussed various factors to consider before changing City code.

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or concerns were expressed.
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed.
3. Water discussion – various aspects of water billing were discussed. Mayor Miller and City Manager Wieprecht advised the City continues to explore ways to alleviate water costs.

4. Police Department promotion procedure – Consensus of Council is to conduct a special meeting after Major Stem reviews the process.
5. Approval of Special Event Permit – Maryland Horse Rescue fundraising concert – Memorial Park – September 17, 2023 – no questions, or concerns were expressed.

Mayor Miller provided an update on the Police Chief hiring process.

**Public comment pertaining to agenda items:**

**Adjournment** - motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM by McCarron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.

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