

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
September 11, 2023  
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The Mayor and City Council Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, September 11, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Foster and Tillman. **Present Virtually:** Attorney Gullo **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. **Not Present:** Council member Chaney was excused from the meeting. Mayor Miller asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the September 11, 2020 attack. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the August 9, 2023 and August 14, 2023 regular meetings – motion to approve both sets of minutes by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.

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

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Adoption:**

**Ordinance 06 – 2023** – Clarification of Dwelling Types – motion to adopt by Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarron – carried 4 – 0.

**Ordinance 07 – 2023** – Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 – Budget Amendment #3 - motion to adopt by Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.

**Ordinance 08 – 2023** – Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 – Budget Amendment #1 – motion to adopt by McCarron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 – 0.

**Resolution 2023 – 14** – Water allocation for September – motion to adopt by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 - 0

**City Manager Report:**

- Responding to a question from the council workshop, City Manager Wieprecht explained the payment to Shannan Baum signs is for new signage along Roberts Mill Road and Broad Street.

**Department Reports:**

- No questions, or concerns were expressed.

**Legal Report:**

- Attorney Gullo explained there are nine (9) mandatory policy updates for the Police Department and they must be implemented immediately.

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – City Manager Wieprecht responded to a question from council related to street sweeping. Motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarron – carried 4 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.

3. Proposed County Nuisance Ordinance – After a brief discussion, the consensus of council was to instruct Attorney Gullo to review the ordinance.
4. Ratification of waste water treatment plant floodplain easement – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.
5. Ratification of Bollinger Park Floodplain easement – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.
6. Ratification of Bollinger Park forest conservation easement – motion to approve by McCarron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 4 - 0
7. Ratification of Bollinger Park forest conservation agreement – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 – 0.
8. Ratification of Duffy Box and Recycling Surety Reduction Ratification – motion to approve in the amount of \$4,298.80 by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarron – carried 4 – 0.
9. Approval of Special Event permit Application – motion to approve by McCarron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 4 – 0.
10. Acceptance of Meades’s Crossing drainage and utility easement – motion to approve by Tillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarron – carried 4 – 0.
11. Charter and Code review – Mayor and council members discussed the necessity and time frame for the review of City Charter and Code. Attorney Gullo advised the changes would be presented in the form of a Charter Resolution, which would be adopted by City Council, followed by a public hearing. Residents could submit a petition referendum if desired. Mayor Miller stated he will form a committee of residents to perform the review.
12. October Meeting Schedule – the consensus of council was to have a combined meeting on October 4, 2023.

City Manager Wieprecht expressed immediate action is necessary to implement several policies for the Police Department and asked for council to authorize Acting Police Chief Major Robert Mitchell to issue general orders to immediately implement policies for use of force, pursuit, authorized firearms and weapon, roadblocks, internal affairs, less lethal munition (bean bag), BWC/ICC system, patrol rifle and conducted energy weapon (taser). Motion by Tillman to authorize Mitchell to institute the nine (9) policies, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 3 – 1, with McCarron opposed.

City Manager Wieprecht requested approval of a revised holiday leave policy for the Police Department. McCarron indicated he would like more information before approval - motion to allow Mitchell to implement the new policy by Tillman, with no second the motion failed.

**Council member Repots:**

**Adjournment** - motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tillman – carried 4 - 0

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