

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
January 3, 2024**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Foster, Chaney and Tillman. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the December 6, 2023 and December 11, 2023 regular meetings – Council member Tillman requested a change to the December 6, 2023 minutes.

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

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Charter Resolution 2024 – 01 – Appointment of City Attorney – City Manager Wieprecht explained the Charter Resolution will prevent conflicts with the City Charter and City Code.

- Council member Fuller stated it may be best to wait until the City has legal counsel before proceeding.
- Council member Tillman requested changes to the verbiage.
- Council member Fuller stated, to be transparent, she feels a letter Council members received from the previous Attorney should be read and would make a motion to do so.
- After discussion Council member Foster made a motion to hold a Closed Session to allow for further discussion following the Monday, January 8, 2024 meeting, 2nd by McCarron - carried 5 – 0.
- City Manager Wieprecht advised it would be best to adopt the Ordinance and the Charter Resolution simultaneously.

Adoption:

Resolution 2024 – 01 – Water allocation for January – No questions, or concerns were expressed.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report. Responding to a concern from Mayor Pro Tem McCarron, Police Chief Baker reassured council members various options are explored before making vehicle purchases.
- The wastewater treatment plant met permit for the year due in large part to the support received from Council for Capital Improvement projects. Council member Tillman congratulated staff for their efforts.
- Responding to Council member Foster, City Manager Wieprecht advised additional reporting and documentation will be submitted to Maryland Department of the Environment within the next month. The information will then be evaluated, and the hope is the City will receive a counter offer to settle fines.

Department Reports:

- There were no questions, or concerns expressed.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions, or concerns were expressed.
2. Accounts Payables – no questions, or concerns expressed.
3. Discussion on downtown parking – Director of Economic Development, Jay Meashey, presented a report on downtown parking and responded to questions from council members.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 8:56 PM by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk