

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
March 6, 2024**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Foster and Tillman.

Present virtually: Council member Chaney **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman.
Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the February 7, 2024 and February 12, 2024 regular meetings and the February 12, 2024 closed session – no changes were requested.

Presentation: Department of Public works building – Director of Public Works, Smeak and Assistant Director of Public Works, Myers presented their recommendations for a potential new building to house the Department of Public Works. City Manager Wieprecht stated a new building has been part of the Capital Improvement Program for several years.

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

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:

- Council member Tillman stated residents have expressed interest in submitting questions remotely during the Mayor and Council meetings. City Manager Wieprecht explained some of the potential issues and suggested residents could submit questions by emailing Council members, the Mayor, or City staff. Another option is to submit the question through the City website or on the mobile application.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Adoption:

Ordinance 04 – 2024 – Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 – Budget Amendment – 3 – City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2024 – 02 – Water allocation for February – City Manager Wieprecht explained a fluctuation in the total gallons per day compared to the previous month and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2024 – 05 – Adoption of Carroll County Hazard Mitigation Plan – City Manager Wieprecht provided a summary of the approval process and advised adopting the Resolution will help to ensure the City maintains eligibility status to receive FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Funds, if needed.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report, which included an update on Roberts Mill Road and Broad Street project, the Riffles Lane to York Street drain and the Fiscal Year 2024 Rehabilitation project.

Department Reports:

- Council member Tillman stated concerns from the Main Street Board have been addressed and advised there is a desire to hire a Main Street Manager versus placing the responsibility on the Director of Economic Development. The topic will be revisited at a later date.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or concerns were expressed.
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed.
3. Planning and Zoning discussion – Council member Tillman presented a list of items the Planning and Zoning Commission would like for Council to review and provide feedback. A Town Hall style meeting was suggested following review by a Comprehensive Plan consultant.
4. Main Street city code change – City Manager Wieprecht advised some members of the Main Street Board and sub-committees would like the open meeting requirement lifted for the sub-committees. Staff will be looking for consensus of council before proceeding.
5. Approval of Special Event Permit Application – MWA Music in the Park – August 3, 2024 – no questions or concerns were expressed.
6. Police Radio Purchase – City Manager Wieprecht advised the budget currently has funds available for the purchase. Police Chief Baker stated the request is for 12 radios and advised most of the radios currently in use are ten years old.
7. Meades's Crossing Section 2A Surety Reduction – City Manager Wieprecht advised after discussions with Director of Public Works Smeak and City Engineer Lubenow it was determined the full construction surety of \$245,109.00 is no longer necessary and reduction to the maintenance level of \$181,980.00 is deemed appropriate. Wieprecht advised the deeds to streets, deeds of easement and stormwater facilities have not been accepted by the City.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items

Mayor Miller read a presiding officer closing statement.

Motion to adjourn to a Closed Session at 8:59 pm by Tillman, 2nd by McCarron – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk