

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Meeting
May 13, 2024
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The Mayor and City Council Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, May 13, 2024.

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

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the April 3, 2024 and April 8, 2024 regular meeting and the April 8, 2024 closed session – motion to approve all minutes by Chaney, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 - 0

Mayor Miller administered the Oath of Office to Officer Willie Buntley and Officer Dakota Myers.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Ordinance 2024 – Establishment of Information Technology Department – City Manager Wieprecht advised the ordinance as presented is the first draft. Discussion followed about the feasibility of moving the Information Technology Specialist to a salary position without creating an Information Technology Department.

Adoption:

Ordinance 01 – 2024 – Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 - Operating Budget – motion to carry passage to June by McCarron, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Ordinance 02 – 2024 – Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 – Water and Sewer Rate – motion to adopt by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.

Ordinance 03 – 2024 – Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 – Tax Rate – motion to adopt by McCarron, 2nd by Chaney – carried 5 – 0.

Resolution 2024 – 07 – Water allocation for May – motion to adopt by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from council about potentially scheduling an additional bulk trash event. There will be further discussion at the June Mayor and council meeting.

Department Reports:

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- City Manager Wieprecht and Attorney Gullo responded to questions from council about the ramifications of terminating the agreement with the current street sweeping contractor.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo advised the final plat from the engineer for the Riffles Lane storm drain project is expected soon.
- Gullo advised the schedule for the upcoming week includes a meeting of the Ethics Commission to review 2023 Annual Financial Disclosure forms, a Board of Zoning Appeals hearing for off-site parking at Evapco and a training session for Planning and Zoning Committee members.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Chaney, 2nd by McCarron – carried 5 – 0.
3. Approval of lead and copper rule proposal – motion to approve by Fuller, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.
4. Approval of Contract – Cunningham Recreation for Memorial Park Tot Lot playground replacement – motion to approve by Fuller, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 - 0
5. Contract Award – THS Park athletic field lighting installation – motion to award to Fern Rodkey by Chaney, 2nd by Fuller – carried 5 – 0.
6. Special Event Permit – Good News Club – July 1 through 5th, 2024 – motion to approve by McCarron, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.
7. FY 23 – FY 30 Capital Improvement Program – Mayor Miller advised the resolution for the program will be presented at the June meeting. City Manager Wieprecht advised the program does not contain many new projects.
8. Approval of Comprehensive plan consulting proposal – Arro Consulting, Inc – motion to accept the proposal from ARRO, Inc. by Foster, 2nd by McCarron – carried 5 – 0.
9. Approval of Proposal for Westview Drive water line replacement design – motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.
10. Nomination to Board of Zoning Appeals – Stephen “Nick” Kalinock – motion to approve by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Council member Reports

Mayor Miller read a Presiding Officer’s Closing Statement

Motion to adjourn to a closed session at 8:09 PM by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – pursuant to § 3 – 305 (b) (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and § 3 – 305 (b) (1) (i) (ii) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, City Council minutes 5/13/2024

resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Mayor and Council did not return to open session following the closed meeting

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk