



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilman James L. Furstenberg
Councilman Brian R. Lepley

City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

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WORK SESSION

City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room
57 N. Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
Tuesday, April 1, 2025; 5:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Raymond M. Morriss; Council Members: Richard Cioni, Eugene Frazier, James Furstenberg, Brian Lepley.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison Layton, City Clerk; Chief Ternent; Michael Cohen, City Solicitor; Chief Adams

Media: Hannah Fout, WCBC and Theresa McMinn, Cumberland Times News

I. DISCUSSION ON FEE CHANGES FOR THE CUMBERLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silka initiated the discussion about increases in EMS rates and then handed it over to Chief Adams. Chief Adams distributed a copy of the current rates implemented in 2023. Medical Claim-Aid recommends a \$50 increase for the following ambulatory services:

- BLS- transport with minor medical first aid with an EMT
- ALS I – requires starting IVs and providing Cardiac monitoring
- ALS II – requires pushing medications or advanced procedures

- Mileage – increase from \$15-19 per mile

Research into fire billing indicated that the increases would align with the state fire marshal's guidelines. An increase in the absorbent fee from \$10 to \$20 has been implemented. Due to an increase in automatic alarm calls that businesses were not correcting, an adjustment to false alarm rates was implemented, resulting in a decrease in the number of false alarms calls.

The average amount of calls per day is 22 with 15 of those being transports.

All Councilmembers were in agreeance of the rate increases and Mr. Silka advised the Ordinance would be ready for adoption at the next Mayor and City Council meeting.

II. REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA OF APRIL 1, 2025

Mayor Morriss reviewed the Agenda and inquired about employee milestones, Allison Layton advised six would be attending and two were unavailable.

Mr. Silka updated:

- Resolution 2025-04 is for the Cumberland Outdoor Club property tax credit per Maryland Code
- Order 27,688 needs to be removed from the Agenda because the project cannot be completed during the fiscal year.
- Order 27,682 is for accepting the bid for Burgmeier's Hauling, Inc. The bid timeframe has expired and a request for extension was sent to both respondents. Since only Burgmeier responded the Order will accept their bid for a three-year contract. Burgmeier will be handling the dumping so there will be no delays in pick-up with landfill closures.
- Order 27,686 the City of Cumberland Citizen Participation Plan was to receive Public input but have received none.
- Order 27,685 is for the rejection of bids for 26 E. Industrial Blvd. A previous bid was accepted but then later withdrawn from the bidder. The property was made available again but received a low

bid. The recommendation is to reject all bids and wait to market at a later time.

- Order 27,678 is for overtime and emergency visits

III. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

- Friday is the Skatepark dedication at 1:00 PM
- Mad Hatter is opening Friday at 10:00 AM
- Mayor Morriss attended the Civil Air Patrol banquet. He noted the work and leadership skills the youth exhibits
- An update from Rich Reinhardt indicates that some of the bills opposed will not pass. A meeting in May will provide an overview of the entire session.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton_____

City Clerk

Minutes approved on_____

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Closed Session Minutes

City Hall, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, April 1, 2025; 5:15 p.m.

On April 1, 2025, the Mayor and City Council met in public session beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room of City Hall, for the purpose of immediately closing the meeting to discuss Board and Commission appointments. Authority to close the session is provided by Section 3-305(b)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Persons in attendance included Mayor Raymond Morriss;

MOTION: Motion to enter into Closed Session was made by Council Member Furstenberg seconded by Council Member Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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