



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Richard J. “Rock” Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilman James L. Furstenberg
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini

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

MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting
57 N. Liberty St.

DATE: July 16, 2024

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Council Member Richard J. “Rock” Cioni
Council Member Eugene T. Frazier
Council Member James L. Furstenberg, III
Council Member Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk; Shannon Adams, Fire Chief

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

On July 16, 2024, the Mayor and City Council met in closed session at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall to discuss Board and Commission Appointments and to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition. Authority to close the session is provided by Section 3-305(b)(1)(i) and (3) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

V. Presentations

1. Recognition of William Harris II for his service with the Public Works Department and being the first African-American foreman for the City of Cumberland.

Mayor Morriss spoke to William Harris II, and his service to the Public Works Department. William was the first African-American foreman for the City of Cumberland. Councilmember Furstenberg added to the recognition of William stating that he was more like a relative because

he felt like a family member to him growing up. Bill was a great friend and a hard worker and stayed by Jimmy's side when his own father passed away. A photo was taken with William Harris's family and council members.

2. Presentation of awards given in recognition of employee career milestones.

Recognition of Kenny Dawson. Devin Burke, Street Superintendent spoke to Kenny's milestone and how appreciative the department is to have him. Kenny is a great asset to the City and cares about what he is doing every day and they are very lucky to have him, and appreciate everything that he does. A photo was taken with Kenny, Devin and members of the council.

VI. Director's Reports

Motion to approve the reports was made by Council Member Cioni, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(A) Administrative Services

1. Administrative Services Monthly Report for June 2024

(B) Public Works

1. Maintenance Division Monthly Report for June 2024

(C) Fire

1. Fire Department Monthly Report for June 2024

(D) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

1. Utilities Division Water/Sewer/Flood Monthly Reports for June 2024

VII. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. Approval of the Closed and Open Work Sessions from June 11, 2024 and the Open Work Session and Regular Public Meeting Minutes from July 2, 2024

VIII. Public Comments- – FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Eli Crowe, vice president of the Fire Fighters union addressed M&CC and Mr. Silka thanking them for their part of the contract process, making it fair and streamlined to benefit the fire department which then enables them to better serve the community of Cumberland. Your attention to public safety has not gone unnoticed.

Dana Tinnen- signed up, but passed

IX. New Business

(A) Resolutions

1. Resolution R2024-04 (*1 reading only*) - A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland adopting the 2024 Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the City of Cumberland 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan

READING: The resolution was submitted in title only for its reading. **Motion** to approve the resolution was made by Council Member Fraizer, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. **Motion** to approve each order was made by Council Member Furstenberg, seconded by Council Member Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. **Order 27,501** - approving the fuel contract for Inventory Gasoline and Diesel Fuel from Stuck Enterprises, Inc., DBA Bedford Valley Petroleum and Propane in the not to exceed amount of \$285,000, piggybacking off of the Allegany County Commissioners' contract, in accordance with City Code Section 2-171(c)
2. **Order 27,502** - authorizing the City of Cumberland's lawyers to accept the Kroger settlement in the opioid multi-district litigation
3. **Order 27,503** - accepting the proposal from Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) to provide insurance coverages for FY25 for property, general and excess liability, police legal liability, auto comprehensive and liability, and equipment breakdown for the amount not to exceed \$438,456
4. **Order 27,504** - accepting the proposal from Long View Systems Corporation USA for software and services to enhance the cybersecurity monitoring and system patching of our existing OT Tenable systems, in the amount not to exceed \$52,122.87
5. **Order 27,505** - approving the agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide time, attendance and advanced scheduling software and services for a 12- month period beginning in FY25 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000
6. **Order 27,506** - approving a change to the sole source proposal from Amazon Web Services, Inc. to provide server hosting and support services for FY24 with an increase of \$815.71, bringing the new not to exceed amount to \$36,815.71
7. **Order 27,507** - authorizing the execution of a three -year Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland and the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, Local #203, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027
8. **Order 27,508** - approving the proposal from Belt Paving, Inc. provide mill, patch and paving work on Greene Street (City Project 2024-11-PVG) in the amount not to exceed

\$230,029.05 and pursuant to Section 2- 171(c) of the City Code, is awarded in accordance with the terms of the Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) existing contract with Belt Paving

9. **Order 27,509** - authorizing the execution of Tariff Supplement No. 001 to the Tariff Water – Pa. P.U.C. No. 4 implementing the Evitt's Creek Water Company's Lead Service Line Replacement Program, addressing the Company's efforts to replace company-owned and customer-owned Lead Service Lines
10. **Order 27,510** - declaring certain equipment to be surplus property and authorizing it for sale, trade in, scrap or disposal
11. **Order 27,511** - authorizing the Sole Source purchase of the City's annual amount of water meters and smartpoints from L/B Water Service in the amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the entire fiscal year
12. **Order 27,512** - authorizing the Sole Source purchase of the City's annual amount of Meter Setters, Meter Boxes and Frost Free Lids from L/B Water Service in the amount not to exceed \$65,500 for the entire fiscal year
13. **Order 27,513** - authorizing the Sole Source purchase of the City's annual amount of Meter Setters, Meter Boxes and Frost Free Lids from Core & Main LP in the amount not to exceed \$65,500 for the entire fiscal year
14. **Order 27,514** - authorizing the Sole Source purchase of the City's annual amount of Meter Setters, Meter Boxes and Frost Free Lids from CITCO Water in the amount not to exceed \$62,533 for the entire fiscal year
15. **Order 27,515** - authorizing the Sole Source purchase of the City's annual amount of Meter Setters, Meter Boxes and Frost Free Lids from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount not to exceed \$65,500 for the entire fiscal year

Mayor Morriss added that he has had concerned citizens approaching him asking why the City is cutting the EMS Services and he clarified that county services being cut does not affect City residents. We have a solid contract with the IAFF so services will continue. Laurie thanked the Fire and EMS for their services and expressed her appreciation for the services they provide to the residents.

Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Minutes approved on August 20, 2024

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk