



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 Public Meeting
57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

DATE: November 19, 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, (Absent)

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk;
Shannon Adams, Fire Chief; James Burt, Police Captain; Michael Cohen, City
Solicitor

IV. Presentations

1. The Councilmembers recognized Allegany High School Historical Research Methods Class for their hard work and dedication for a research project they completed that involved research of the history of downtown and the buildings and how they evolved

over time and how big box businesses affected shopping as time moved forward. No one was present to accept the recognition so an invitation to return at a later time will be sent out.

2. Captain Burt presented awards to officers of the Cumberland Police Department, and acting Mayor Laurie Marchini administered the Oath of Office.

Amanda Flanagan, badge number C269 was born in Cumberland and is married to Detective Tavin Flanagan, a deputy with the Allegany County Sheriff's office, has a 6-year-old daughter. Amanda worked 3 years at the Allegany County Detention, a criminal traffic clerk for the District Court for 2 years and was hired at the CPD in February 2024 and graduated from the Police academy. She is currently assigned to patrol squad 1A.

Logan Talley, badge number C272 was born in Cumberland graduated from Bishop Walsh and has a 4-year-old daughter. Upon graduation from HS, Logan attended ACM and in 2018 he attended the WV state police academy, was employed by the MD county Sheriff's office for 2 years, transferred to the Keyser Police Department as a patrol officer for 4 years. He received his MD compliance and transferred CPD and is still in field training.

V. Proclamations

1. Proclaiming November 30, 2024 as Small Business Saturday in the City of Cumberland

Acting Mayor Laurie Marchini read the proclamation and it was accepted by Melinda Kelleher, Downtown Development Commission.

Since construction started, 15 new businesses have opened with 7 more to follow. Please continue to support downtown businesses.

2. Proclaiming the month of November, 2024 as Municipal Government Month in the City of Cumberland

Councilman Cioni read the proclamation.

Director's Reports

Motion to approve the reports was made by Council Member Furstenberg, seconded by Council Member Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

(A) Administrative Services

1. Administrative Services Monthly Report for October 2024

(B) Public Works

2. Maintenance Division Monthly Report for October 2024

(C) Police

3. Police Department Activity Monthly Report for October 2024

(D) Utilities- Flood, Water, Sewer

4. Utilities Division Water/Sewer/Flood Monthly Report for October 2024

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member Cioni, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

1. Approval of the Closed Work Session, Open Work Session and Regular Public Minutes from November 4, 2024

Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person, no comments were made.

VII. New Business

(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda and Acting Mayor Marchini called for questions or comments. Motion to approve each item was

made by Council Member Fraizer, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

1. Order 27,598 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 with Triad Engineering for additional work not specified in the original contract for the MSC Fuel Tank Replacement Project (City Project 2023-14-PBLD), consisting of an electrical panel, additional paving between the fuel island and salt dome and additional paving around the AST concrete pad in the amount of \$36,650, bringing the total contract price not to exceed \$606,244
2. Order 27,599 - authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) for the purpose of establishing and implementing the legislatively mandated "End the Violence" Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together (PROTECT) Program
3. Order 27,600 - authorizing the formal adoption of the City of Cumberland Mission Statement
4. Order 27,601 - authorizing the execution of an Outdoor Dining Lease Agreement with Corner Tavern & Cafe LLC for the use of the public right of way immediately in front of and adjacent to the property for outside cafe dining for a term effective November 19, 2024 through October 31, 2025
5. Order 27,602 - accepting the proposal from Shaffer Construction Co. for paving work on Memorial Avenue from Arundel Street to Oldtown Road with the addition of a crown in the street to provide proper run-off as a part of the Memorial Avenue Paving Project (City Project 2024-11-PVG) in the amount not to exceed \$42,785
6. Order 27,603 - authorizing the renewal of the contract with Denali Water Solutions for the "WFP Residuals Management Transportation, Storage, Beneficial Use and/or Disposal" Project (33-20-WFP) in variable amounts based on material generated for a term of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026
7. Order 27,604 - authorizing the approval of Change Order No. 2 to the Sole Source contract from AquaLaw PLC in the amount of \$1,584 to extend the 1998 Consent Order issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to address Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), with the additional cost being split evenly between the City of Cumberland, the City of Frostburg, Allegany County, and LaVale
8. Order 27,605 - accepting the bid from Kauffman Metals, Inc. for the purchase of a Post Frame Structure for Constitution Park in an amount not to exceed \$26,728

9. Order 27,606 - accepting the sole source proposal from Link Computer Corporation for the renewal of the Cisco WebEx cloud based phone system for a one year term from November 28, 2024 to November 28, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$30,135
10. Order 27,607 - declaring certain City-owned property at 461 Central Avenue and 921

VIII. Public Comments

Mary Eccles- addressed the Councilmembers with her concerns about the Gene Mason Sports Complex and the Skatepark. Her concern was the odor that is apparent from the Sewage plant being in close proximity to the area and feels that the City should provide a better location for the youth. Mary also mentioned that she has been in contact with Ryan Mackey with her idea of an ice-skating rink at the old Memorial Hospital parking decks.

Mr. Silka informed Mary that the City does not own the property at the old Memorial Hospital site.

Dana Tinnen – expressed to the councilmembers that he felt as though they brushed Mary off and that she had a legitimate concern. Dana went on to speak about the Cumberland Christmas Smiles program, mentioning that in 2023 the program provided gifts to 75 youths and 2 families and are hoping to serve 100 youths and 3 families for 2024. Dana is seeking \$1,000 towards the program from the City for the event that is presented by Diversity Awareness TV Inc, a 5013C. He asked everyone to think about December 24 as a kid waiting for Christmas Day to open gifts, as he would like to bring that joy to kids in need.

Councilwoman Marchini reminded all in attendance of the upcoming events and activities downtown and the opportunities to support small businesses.

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IX. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Minutes approved on December 3, 2024

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk