



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
3 Pershing St., Cumberland, MD

DATE: May 07, 2024

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15

II. Pledge of Allegiance- Pledge of Allegiance was not recited due to there not being a flag present

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, President

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

Presentations

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

Robert Smith spoke about John Reckley – he graduated from WVU. We are very privileged to have someone like John on our staff. We rely on people who are experts. He was presented with a gift of appreciation.

2. Presentation of Employee Retirement Awards

Allison spoke about Sherri's retirement and her employment - Sherri came to the city in 2013. When Allison was appointed as the City Clerk, Sherri helped to get her acclimated in her new position. Sherri was presented a gift of appreciation.

Proclamations

1. Proclaiming May 2024 as Historic Preservation Month in Cumberland

Mayor Morriss read the Historic Preservation Month Proclamation, recognizing the contributions and efforts made by all organizations that are involved in Historic Preservation in Cumberland, and thanked them for being present. Photographed the group in attendance afterwards.

2. Proclaiming May 2024 as General Aviation Appreciation Month in Cumberland

Mayor Morriss read the General Aviation Month Proclamation and discussed the Greater Cumberland Regional Airport and the significant economic impact it brings to the City of Cumberland. The State of MD has 35 public use airports serving almost 9,400 pilots and almost 2,200 registered aircraft. A 2018 economic study showed that general aviation airports in the state of MD, supports annual business revenues of \$867 million dollars, more than 9,900 jobs and a payroll of \$582 million dollars and a local economic impact of \$9 million dollars. – No one present to accept, so no photo was taken.

Director's Reports

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

(A) Engineering

1. Engineering Division Monthly Report for April 2024

(B) Police

1. Police Department monthly report for March 2024

(C) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

1. Utilities Division Water/Sewer/Flood Monthly Report for April 2024

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 Session minutes of April 9, 2024, and the Work and Regular Session minutes of April 16, 2024

Public Comments - FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No public comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

New Business

(A) Ordinances

1. Ordinance 3977 (*1st reading*) - authorizing the transfer of a parcel of real property located at Rear Greene Street, Lots Nos. 33 and 34 of Block 33 of the Cumberland Development Company's Ridgedale Addition, to Betsy and Thomas Harrison for the purchase price of \$600

FIRST READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its first reading. **Motion** to approve the first reading and table until next meeting was made by Council Member Furstenberg, seconded by Council Member Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda for orders 27,451-27,464 and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. **Motion** to approve Orders 1-13 was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. Order 27,451 - authorizing the abatement of taxes and interest for three City-owned properties at Youngs Terrace, Blk. 21, 454-456 Goethe St. and 0 Sperry Terrace
2. Order 27,452 - authorizing the City Solicitor to notify the City's opioid case attorneys that the City wishes to amend the Complaint filed in the opioids case to include claims against pharmacy benefits managers and to authorize the City Solicitor to take such actions on the City's behalf that are in furtherance of that action
3. Order 27,453 - authorizing the proposal from Coccia Ford for one new Ford F250 Regular Cab Pickup in an amount not to exceed \$47,530 utilizing COSTARS Cooperative Pricing, which is in accordance with City Code Sec. 2-171 (c)
4. Order 27,454 - accepting the proposal from J&J Truck Equipment (Somerset Welding) for a Service Body and Installation on a new Ford F250 in an amount not to exceed

\$34,550 utilizing COSTARS Cooperative Pricing, which is in accordance with the City Code Sec.2-171 (c)

5. Order 27,455 - authorizing a budget not to exceed \$200,000 to be used for the acquisition, demolition and/or site preparation for the Central Avenue City/County Initiative, contingent upon Allegany County's approval of matching funds
6. Order 27,456 - accepting certain bids received for the "2024 GovDeals Sale 4 of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment" and rejecting all other bids
7. Order 27,457 - approving a \$10,000 Micro-Revolving loan for Chris Myers, Liberty Street Sandwich Shop and General Store at 11 S. Liberty Street for the term of a 60-month amortization period, 3% interest, first payment due January 2025, and no interest charged until January 1, 2025
8. Order 27,458 - authorizing the execution of an updated Allegany County Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire and EMS Protection
9. Order 27,459 - authorizing the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 1, with Harbel, Inc. due to the need for additional concrete repair discovered after the project began, for the repair of Bridge A-C-01 McMullen Bridge (City Project 18-16-BR), in an increased amount of \$2,376.61, bringing the total contract price not to exceed \$502,954.53
10. Order 27,460 - authorizing the execution of a Cost Share Agreement between the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (MDOT-SHA) and the City of Cumberland relative to City Project 2022-24-BR, Replacement of Bridge A-C-08 Fayette Street Over CSXT Railway, with the City's cost share portion estimated at \$121,880.52, which is 20% of the total estimated cost of \$609,402.58
11. Order 27,461 - accepting a donation from Queen City Motors in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing various fire prevention material and fire prevention items to support the mission of Fire Prevention in the City of Cumberland
12. Order 27,462 - authorizing the acceptance of a FY25 Program Open Space Local Share Grant, administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Board of Public Works, in the amount of \$97,000 with a City match requirement of \$9,700 for Constitution Park Playground Equipment
13. Order 27,463 - authorizing the acceptance of a FY25 Program Open Space Local Share Grant, administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Board of Public Works, in the amount of \$153,760 with a City match requirement of \$15,376 for Gene Mason Recreation Complex Playground Safety Surfacing
14. Order 27,464 - authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Carver Community Center, Inc. and the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland for funding to help cover operational costs until the building is ready for occupancy

Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. Mayor Morriss advised that in reference to Order 27,464, because he and Council Member Frazier are on the board of the Carver Community Center, they are going to abstain themselves from that vote.

Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments.

Motion to approve Order 27,464 was made by Council Member Furstenberg, seconded by Council Member Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 3-0.

Public Comments

No public comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes approved on June 4, 2024

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk