



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

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AGENDA

M&CC Regular Public Meeting
57 N. Liberty St., Cumberland, MD 21502

DATE: January 20, 2026

OPEN SESSION – 6:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Statement of Closed Meeting

Presentations

1. Recognition of the retirements of Sam Wilson, Steve Hout and Cecil Kenner

Director's Reports

(A) Administrative Services

- [1.](#) Administrative Services Monthly Report for December 2025

(B) Public Works

- [1.](#) Maintenance Division Monthly Report for December 2025

(C) Police

- [1.](#) Police Department Monthly Report for December 2025

(D) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

- [1.](#) Utilities Division Water/Sewer Monthly Reports for December 2025

Approval of Minutes

- [1.](#) Approving the Open Work Session Minutes and the Regular Session Minutes of January 6, 2026

Public Comments – FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

- [1.](#) Ordinance 4039 (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - repealing Article I of Chapter 14 of the City Code pertaining to Health and Sanitation Nuisances and to reenact it with amendments

New Business

(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)

- [1.](#) Order 27,940 - extending the current contract with Farrell Forestry, LLC through June 30, 2026, to tally and identify the trees to be harvested on 40 acres for FY26 timber sale for the Evitts Creek Watershed project (City Project 2022-41-SRVC), for a total cost not to exceed \$18,000
- [2.](#) Order 27,941 - declaring real property known as 229 Columbia Street, 413 Broadway Street, 404 Chestnut Street and a Mechanic St. lot as surplus property to be offered for sale
- [3.](#) Order 27,942 - rescinding Order 27,921, originally approved on December 16, 2025 and authorizing a Special Taxing District residential exemption for 55 Baltimore Street in the amount of \$1,059.44
- [4.](#) Order 27,943 - rescinding the bid from Barbara Shaffer for a 2010 GMC Sierra 1500 from the "2025 Sale of Surplus Equipment on GovDeals", originally authorized by Order No. 27,914, due to non-compliance with bid procedures; and accepting the bid of Maduka Muhanderamalage for said vehicle
- [5.](#) Order 27,944 - lifting the provisions of Section 11-113 of the City Code to allow open containers of alcohol within a defined area of the downtown for the "Hooley Pub Crawl" Event on March 14, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM on March 15, 2026; notwithstanding, that open glass containers shall not be permitted
- [6.](#) Order 27,945 - accepting the bid from Denali Water Solutions for the "WFP Residuals Management Transportation, Storage, Beneficial Use and/or Disposal" Project (2025-21-WFP) in variable amounts based on material generated for a term of February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029
- [7.](#) Order 27,946 - authorizing an update to the Schedule of Fees for the Constitution Park Day Camp, effective on the date of passage

Public Comments

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Adjournment

File Attachments for Item:

. Administrative Services Monthly Report for December 2025



Administrative Services Monthly Report for December, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City Hall
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The following report is submitted by the Department of Administrative Services for the month of December, 2025.

Information Technology Department

December 2025

Johnna Byers, Director

Statistics

167 new help desk requests
92 help desk requests resolved

Activities

Major department initiatives in the past month include:

- Coordinate Parking System replacement project and go live on new system
- Assist with police mobile data terminal issues
- Assist with body camera issues including new unit evaluations
- Continue updating PCs to Windows 11 from Windows 10
- Continue evaluating alternatives to VMWare for virtual servers
- Create new access cards for city staff

Cumberland Main Street Report

December 2025

Melinda Kelleher, Main Street Manager

Meetings/Presentations

- Meeting with Chief Pyles – discuss safety of Main Street and how we work together.
- Meeting with Arcadian Gallery about events.
- Internal meeting about MD250 Cumberland Parade on June 27, 2026.
- Internal meeting about CDBG grant projects.
- Meeting with Curly Red regarding Main Street website refresh and updates.
- Internal meeting regarding parking and downtown code officers.
- Meeting with GAP Conservancy regarding promotions.

Main Street Meetings/Training

- BOOMS Tracker meeting regarding new platform to track building inventory.

Projects

Main Street Cumberland

- Main Street Technology Grant (\$20,000) approval and acceptance of consultant contract. Provided initial information to consultant.
- Working on final reports for 41 Baltimore Street, 7 and 11 North Liberty Street.
- Began work on the 2025 Main Street America Accreditation application (due January 28, 2026).
- Completed and submitted 2025 Impact Report for Main Street Maryland.
- Finalized information for Naming Opportunities for downtown trees.
- Worked with designer for full-page ad in 2026 Allegany County Destination Guide.
- Worked on details of the Groundhog Day Celebration for February 2.
- Call about compliance for the TAG Grant.

Parks and Recreation

December 2025

Ryan Mackey, Director

Field Usage - No field usage until spring 2026

Letters from Santa – Letter to Santa were mailed by area children using the mailbox on Canal Place. Letters with Return Address had a letter and sticker sent back to them from Santa.

News Years Eve Celebration - Organized Fireworks for the News Years Eve Downtown celebrations.

After School Program – The Afterschool program visited Mayor and City Council and Coney Island. All paid for by the city.

Meetings: Parks and Rec Board Meeting December 1st
Parks Capitol Budget Discussion Meeting with Engineering and Streets Depts.
Introduction meeting with the Skatepark Committee.
Parks and Recreation discussion with Ken Tressler

Other items: Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course Dec. 3rd-5th
Working on a Newsletter for Parks and Recreation
Working on a pamphlet for Parks and Recreation
Received reimbursement for POS 22 Gene Mason Poured in Place Safety Surfacing

Upcoming: Bower Trust annual letter for funding
Continue to receive seasonal applications for Park Pool employees, Constitution
Park Day Camp Counselors and Park Watchman/Security
Work related to FY27 Annual Budget

Community Development Report

December 2025

Kevin Thacker, Code Compliance Manager

Noted Activity;

Permit issued to:

- 7 N. Liberty ST – Mixed-use interior renovations, valued at \$550,00.00
- 0 Arrowhead Trail – new single family dwelling, valued at \$288,500.00

Two \$15,000.00 grants completed:

- 424 Goethe Street, \$90,468.09 total improvements
- 921 Lexington Avenue, \$40,589.32 total improvements

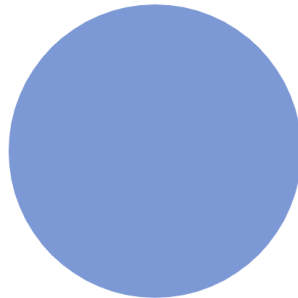
Code Enforcement Activity:

22 new cases received – 8 of those are still open

4 violations were found

14 cases have been resolved

Open Date From: 12/01/2025
Open Date To: 12/31/2025



Violations by Violation Type			
	Dwellings, yards and lots to be kept clean	4	100.0%

Permits/Reviews & Rental Licenses:

56 Total Permits/Reviews were issued

31 Rental Inspections were completed

Building

Residential ... 4

Commercial .. 3

Miscellaneous

Residential....2

Commercial .. 1

Occupancy

Residential3

Commercial .10

Signage

Residential.... 0

Commercial .. 2

Electrical

Residential ... 6

Commercial .. 4

Plumbing

Residential....4

Commercial .. 2

Utility

Residential1

Commercial...0

Demolition

Residential.... 1

Commercial .. 0

Public ROW

Issued 9

Rental Licenses

Issued..... 56

Rental Inspections

Passed28

Failed3

Plans, Reviews, Amendments and Appeals

(ZA, RPR, SR, ZMA, ZTA, SRA)

(Type) Issued 0

Certificates of Appropriateness

Issued3

Request for Change/Amendment

Issued0

Revenue from 'Issued' Permits/Reviews:

Building Permits.....	\$11,594.00	
Miscellaneous Permits	47.00	
Occupancy Permits.....	353.00	
Sign Permits.....	46.00	
Utility Permits	3,370.00	
Plan reviews, Amendments & appeals	0.00	
Zoning Classification Détermination (info request)		0.00
Infraction, Abatements, Admin Fees	8,915.00	
Certificates of Appropriateness (COA-ROA)	152.00	
Rental Licenses (new & renewal)	6,525.00	
Paid Rental Inspection Requests	0.00	
TOTAL	\$31,002.00	
Demolition Bonds Collected	\$0.00	(City)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Lee Borrer, Senior Community Development Specialist

CDBG Regular-Staff created the 2026 Annual Action Plan timeline and published the public notice to begin the annual action plan process. Applications are due Friday, February 14, 2026. Information went directly to our website, city media, participating sub recipients, committees, and community partners. Staff continued administering the new 2025 activities and working directly with agency directors to comply with block grant regulations. There are 19 open block grant activities. Staff continues to monitor expenditures to meet the May 2, 2026 Timeliness test which is an important regulatory requirement.

Staff conducted two ERR's from 2025 activities. Staff awaits construction proposals for two engineering projects in order to determine the best use of funds slated for re-allocation to shovel-ready activities.

HRC regular meeting and committee meetings were conducted by staff and planning is underway for the 2026 Human Relations Commission Annual Fair Housing Event on April 21, 2026 which is shaping up to be a very interactive and informative seminar education consumers regarding resources and processes to address housing needs removing the confusion regarding discrimination vs other avenues to resolve conflict.

(See spreadsheet below)

Community Development Block Grant Program	December 2025 Report	Original Budget	Lifetime Funds Exp	Remaining Balance
2022 Const Pk (amended)	2022	\$167.04		
2022 Grant Totals	2022	\$167.04	\$0.00	\$0.00
2023 Const Pk (amended)		\$42,231.28	\$0.00	
FAI Water Tank Imps	2023	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
FAI Gen Installation LEC	2023	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
2023 Grant Totals		\$120,231.28		\$78,000.00
Baltimore St Redesign Ph 5 Areas	2024	\$330,000.00	\$161,775.50	\$168,224.50
Alleg Youth Enrichment Youth Center Rehab	2024	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00
Admin	2024	\$113,818.00	\$113,818.00	\$0.00
IC	2024	\$15,182.00	\$11,374.75	\$3,807.25
FH	2024	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
ACDSS Emerg Rental Assistance	2024	\$10,000.00	\$9,326.70	\$673.30
ACDSS Emerg Sewer/Trash Assistance	2024	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
SOAR Program	2024	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00
Targeted Foot and Bike Patrol	2024	\$4,960.00	\$4,951.96	\$8.04
Parks and Recreation Improvements	2024			
Const Pk Trails Signage				
Wayfinding	2024	\$76,933.32	\$0.00	\$76,933.32
Const Pk ADA Parking Lot				
Grove 4	2024	\$165,000.00	\$0.00	\$165,000.00
2024 Grant Totals		\$787,393.32	\$348,746.91	\$438,646.41
City Infrastructure: Oldtown Rd sidewalks	2025	\$278,221.00	\$0.00	\$278,221.00
Allegany Museum Non Res Hist Preservation	2025	\$249,040.00	\$0.00	\$249,040.00
Admin	2025	\$111,374.00	\$978.10	\$110,395.90
IC	2025	\$15,182.00	\$0.00	\$15,182.00
FH	2025	\$13,444.00	\$166.44	\$13,277.56
ACDSS Rental Assist	2025	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
ACDSS Utility Assist	2025	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
SOAR Program	2025	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
FCRC Shelter Operating Cost	2025	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
FCRC Domestic Violence Services	2025	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Targeted Foot and Bike Patrol	2025	\$4,960.00	\$0.00	\$4,960.00
YMCA Food	2025	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
CEDC Cumberland Rideshare Program	2025	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
HRDC Closing Cost Grant	2025	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
2025 Grant Totals		\$786,221.00	\$1,144.54	\$785,076.46
			Total All Yrs	\$1,301,722.87
December 2025 CDBG Report				

Historic Planning/Preservation
December 2025
No Contribution

Human Resources

April Howser, HR Officer/Justin Lam, HR Associate
December 2025

- Time & Attendance System
 - * Helped answer questions and fix minor issues
 - * Relayed complex issues from Pay Clerks to Support Staff
- Employee Benefit Investigations
- Internal Employee Investigations
- Administered FMLA Program for City
- Administered Workers Comp Program for City
- Administered City's Drug Testing
- CY 2025 Drug Testing Audit
- Bi-Weekly Payroll
- YMCA Enrollments
- Employee Inquiries & Updates
- Posted and Administered Job Postings on Indeed
- Employee Disciplinary Meetings
- Longevity Pay Reports
- Payroll & Position Promotions, Shift Transfers
- New Hire Interviews Conducted for Police & Water Reclamation
- Continued support of prescription drug carrier – answered and relayed questions between employees & Liviniti
- Insurance Invoicing
- Hiring & Onboarding of New Employees
- AFSCME Reporting
- UFCW Reporting
- Scheduled Employee Physicals
- Coordinated Employee Interview w/ City's Legal Representation
- Final Pays
- Personnel Department Meeting
- Employee Termination
- Ordered and Prepared Employee Milestone and Retirement Awards
- Gathered information & documents related to employment issues & uploaded documents to proper authorities

	31-Dec
Open positions	8
New Hires	2
Retirements	0
Resignations	1
Terminations	1
FMLA	5
Workers Comp	2
Elected Officials	5
FT Employees	254
PT Employees	10
Contractual Employees	5

Comptroller's Office
Financial Activity Report
December 2025
Mark Gandolfi, City Comptroller

Cash Flow:

Attached for your review is a Cash Flow Summary for the month of December 2025.

On December 1, 2025, the City had a cash balance of \$19.9 million (\$19.1 million invested in a value money market program and \$800 thousand participating in a sweep program at First United Bank). Expenditures exceeded receipts by \$2.5 million resulting in a cash balance of \$17.3 million at December 31, 2025 (\$15.4 million invested in a value money market program and \$1.9 million participating in a sweep program at First United Bank).

As of December 31, 2025, the significant tax receivable balances are reflected in the table below.

Taxes receivable (General Fund)						\$ 3,406,379
	Beg Balance	New Billings	Adjustments/ Abatements	Collections	Bad Debt	Ending Balance
FY 2026	\$ 3,227,894	\$ -	\$ -	1,033,423	\$ -	\$ 2,194,471
FY 2025	734,863	-	-	38,187	-	696,676
FY 2024	305,518	-	-	9,433	-	296,085
FY 2023	58,247	-	-	734	-	57,513
FY 2022	45,040	-	-	659	-	44,381
FY 2021	28,384	-	-	20	-	28,364
FY 2020	39,087	-	-	-	-	39,087
FY 2019	8,545	-	-	98	-	8,447
FY 2018	9,171	-	-	-	-	9,171
FY 2017	7,492	-	-	-	-	7,492
FY 2016	6,820	-	-	-	-	6,820
FY 2015	5,811	-	-	-	-	5,811
FY 2014	4,357	-	-	-	-	4,357
Prior FY's	7,704	-	-	-	-	7,704
	\$ 4,488,933	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,082,554	\$ -	\$ 3,406,379

The current year tax receivable balance is comprised of the following:

Real property (non-owner occupied)	\$ 1,323,106
Personal Property	250,974
Real Property (semiannual payments)	620,391
Real Property (Half Year)	-
	<u>\$2,194,471</u>

The City's liquidity position continues to be strong as illustrated in the following cash and investments table. Restricted cash is comprised primarily of CSX funding restricted for capital projects.

Cash and Investment Summary		
December 31, 2025		
	Cash	Investments
Beginning Balance	\$ 19,878,116	\$ 12,046,496
Add:		
Cash Receipts	9,848,175	39,579
Investment Transfer	-	-
Less:		
Disbursements	12,342,385	-
Investment Transfer	-	-
Ending Balance	\$ 17,383,906	\$ 12,086,075
Restricted	\$ 1,932,291	\$ -

The table below illustrates cash restrictions and restricted investments associated with specific expenditures and/or capital projects.

Restricted Cash	12/1/2025	Increase	Utilization	12/31/2025
Police Seizures	\$ 71,912	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ 71,930
Fire Department Donation	2,200	-	-	2,200
Bowers Trust	66,277	3,960	-	70,237
Mason Sports Complex Donation	2,080	-	-	2,080
Infill Development Allegany County	150,000	-	-	150,000
National Opioid Settlement	149,148	-	-	149,148
DDC	14	-	-	14
Capital Projects	1,418,494	4,721	-	1,423,215
Let's Beautify Cumberland	7,375	3,695	-	11,070
Human Relations Commission	206	-	-	206
Demolition & Fiscal Agent Bonds	52,191	-	-	52,191
	<u>\$ 1,919,897</u>	<u>\$ 12,394</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,932,291</u>

Increases to Capital Projects and Bowers Trust are interest earnings.

Increases to Let's Beautify Cumberland are additional donations.

Capital Projects are CSX funding for Fayette St. and Cumberland St. bridge replacements.

DDC restricted cash was funded through donations and is restricted for the purpose of maintenance of the Wes Han Fountain.

National Opioid Settlement is available for opioid intervention in Cumberland.

Capital Projects and Associated Debt:

The tables below illustrate undrawn Maryland CDA bond proceeds as well as the accumulated debt and proceeds for the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) projects.

Available Bond Proceeds

	12/1/2025	Increase	Utilization	12/31/2025
CDA 2023	611,228	-	-	611,228
CDA 2024	475,388	-	-	475,388
CDA 2025	2,134,461	-	-	2,193,060
	\$ 3,221,077	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,279,676

CSO Projects

	12/1/2025	Increase	Utilization	12/31/2025
Evitts Creek Phase 3 Debt	\$ 2,618,130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,618,130
Evitts Creek Phase 3 Grant	5,418,560	-	-	5,418,560
Evitts Creek Phase 4 Debt	3,855,950	-	-	3,855,950
78" Pipeline Debt	23,193,833	-	-	23,193,833
78" Pipeline Grant	46,338,060	-	-	46,338,060
	\$ 81,424,533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,424,533

There was no utilization during the month of December.

Remaining CDA 2023 funds consist primarily of a 5-ton dump truck (\$64K), water filtration building design (\$466K), and WWTP main pump replacements (\$75K). Remaining CDA 2024 funds are primarily allocated to sewer lining (\$183K), and main pump replacements (\$79K). Remaining CDA 2025 funds are primarily allocated to sewer lining (\$160K), WWTP roof replacements (\$179K), watermain replacements (\$110K), hydrants and cross connections (\$293K), paving and concrete repair (\$703K), storage building (\$150K), garage entry software and equipment (\$59K), and SCADA improvements (\$101K).

The following three projects are major upgrades to the combined sewer collection system. Evitts Creek Phase 3 is in the engineering phase with necessary funding in place. Phase 3 project cost is estimated at \$8.0 million and is funded with \$5.4 million in grants and \$2.6 million in loan with \$1.1 million being forgivable. Phase 3 is on hold pending CSX granting site access. Evitts Creek Phase 4 is in the planning phase with most of the funding in place. Phase 4 project cost is estimated at \$4.0 million and is funded with \$3.9 million in loan including \$1.5 million being forgivable. The 78" pipeline project is pending Army Corp of Engineers approval and private property easement and is anticipated to begin construction during FY27 or FY28. The total estimated project cost is \$69.5 million and is substantially funded with \$46.3 million in grants and \$23.2 million in loan with \$4.4 million being forgivable.

Jeffrey F. Silka
City Administrator

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File Attachments for Item:

. Maintenance Division Monthly Report for December 2025

**MAINTENANCE DIVISION REPORT
DECEMBER 2025**

Street Maintenance Report

Fleet Maintenance Report

Central Services Report

**PUBLIC WORKS/MAINTENANCE
STREET BRANCH
MONTHLY REPORT
DECEMBER 2025**

- Potholes and Citizen Reports
 - 26 Service Requests Completed
 - 18 Streets and 4 Alleys Repaired
- Street Maintenance and Utility Work
 - Asphalt Utility work being completed for season
- Tree Removal and Pruning (Arborist)
 - 5 hazard trees were removed
 - 21 trees were trimmed
 - Tree Complaints and Tree Issues
 - Resolved and/or addressed 11 tree complaints and tree issues
- Street Cleaning Operations
 - Training has begun on new sweeper
 - Old sweeper will be surplus in the spring
- Sign Work
 - 22 Traffic Control Signs Repaired / Installed
 - 8 Street Name Signs Repaired / Installed
 - 5 Handicap Signs Repaired / Replaced
 - 2 Handicap Signs Removed / Installed
- Other
 - Leaf collection completed with very limited call backs
 - 4 Snow operation events with multiple Ice Control Shifts occurred in December
 - Pad for Skate Park sign poured
 - Misc park projects being completed
 - Handicap Parking
 - Time Capsule restoration

Fleet Maintenance Monthly Report

December 2025

Department	Maintenance Count
Central Services	2
Brakes	1
Lights and Electrical	1
Fire	4
Body Repair	1
Diagnostics	1
Fluid Leak	1
PM - Oil Change	1
Fleet Maintenance	1
PM - Oil Change	1
Flood	3
General Repair	1
PM - Oil Change	1
Snow Removal	1
Parks and Rec	3
PM - Oil Change	1
PM - Seasonal Service	2
Police	15
Battery	1
Brakes	1
Diagnostics	2
Oil and Filter Change	1
PM - Oil Change	7
Snow Removal	2
Tires/Tire Repair	1
Public Works	3
General Repair	2
PM - Oil Change	1
Sewer	5
Diagnostics	1
PM - Oil Change	1
Snow Removal	1
Steering/Suspension	1
Welding and Fabrication	1
Street	14
Diagnostics	1
Fluid Leak	1
Lights and Electrical	1
No Start	2
PM - Oil Change	4

PM - Seasonal Service	1
Snow Removal	3
Welding and Fabrication	1
Water Distribution	13
Diagnostics	2
General Repair	3
Lights and Electrical	1
No Start	2
PM - Oil Change	1
Snow Removal	1
Tires/Tire Repair	2
Windshield/Glass	1
WWTP	4
Diagnostics	1
Noise	1
PM - Oil Change	2
Grand Total	67

CENTRAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT DECEMBER 2025

- **City Hall:** Installed carpet on second floor City Hall and painted HR office (Justin). Replaced actuator on boiler intake air louvers. Took a large amount of trash out from Ruth's office in basement. Took the new supplies for the changeover on Thursday. Checked on the kitchen sink in the IT Department on why it might smell bad. Took the old TP, paper towels and soap dispensers down for the new to be installed. Took 5 tables and 10 chair to City Hall for tomorrow and Friday's events. Set up tables in the Council Chambers for the event. Painted and hung blinds in the HR office. Worked with Staple's installing all the new dispensers in all bathroom. Picked up tables and chairs from City Hall and returned to MSC storage. Toilet in IT Department is leaking, water on the floor. Adjusted heat in Comptroller's office blowing cold air. Checked on a smell from sink in IT department kitchen. Took tables, chairs and rugs to the Council Chambers for the lunch.

- **Municipal Service Center:** Leaking toilet in the women's bathroom Water Department. Took the old TP, paper towels and soap dispensers down for the new to be installed. Worked with Staple's installing all the new dispensers in all bathroom. Replaced safety eye on main gate. Heater in women's bathroom in the Water Department in not working correctly.

- **Public Safety Building:** Replaced the keyway on garage door #2 at the Fire Department PSB. Went with FPP for fire extinguishers inspections and replacement. Fixed toilet flush handle that was leaking in the 3rd floor women's bathroom. Fixed urinal in 2nd floor men's locker room Police Side. Disassembled desks, chairs and tables that are to be disposed of. Removed 6 file cabinets from the Fire Department. Checked on AHU #2 Heating control valve, not opening. Took the new supplies for the changeover on Thursday. Lobby public bathroom stall door hinge broken. Garage door #3 in the fire Department garage is not closing automatically. Safety eyes are not lined up again. Took the old TP, paper towels and soap dispensers down for the new to be installed. Worked with Staple's installing all the new dispensers in all bathroom. Fixed the busted drywall in the hallway in the police side first floor. Sink in Fire Department locker room is not draining, second floor. Leaking urinal in the police men's locker room 2nd floor. Sink in the Police break room is dripping. 2nd floor. Hung Door Placard, Parking / Code Enforcement Office 1st floor. Replaced 2 broken blower belts on AHU#2 boiler room. Desk from our second-floor hallway moved to report room 2 on the first floor and the desk that is in there removed. Leaking toilet 2nd floor PSB women's bathroom Fire Department. Removed sound panels from new engineering office wall and fixing the drywall 3rd floor. Unclogged floor drains in the Police garage. Started on the new doors install and walls on 3rd floor PSB for C3I.

- **Fire Stations #2:** Checked on the boiler and garage door.
- **Downtown Area & Mall:** Checked on the trash on Baltimore St. from tree lighting event. Checked Christmas lights on Baltimore St. and found that a car hit a power pole and bolted it back to the concrete. Checked on why the Christmas tree was not on. the outlets got wet in the rain and wind last night. Dried out, back on. Hung 2026 new year's sign on the Cumberland Arms building.
- **Parks:** Started installing CCTV camera racks, power and cables in the 2 building at the Mason Complex. Removed gutter from baiting cage at Park that is hanging off the building on secondary power cables. Weather stripping around door Craft House Park
- **Traffic and Street Lights:** Reported 20 street lights for the power company to repair. Replaced most of the pole mounted lights on McMullen bridge Bedford St. and Frederick St. Checked all traffic lights because of the high winds. Replaced a burned out yellow at Green St. and Johnsons St. intersection.
- **Other areas:** Snow clean up at PSB, City Hall and all bridge sidewalks. Checked on why the elevator at Frederick St. parking garage was not working. Installed 36 signs in the 2 parking garages for the new pay kiosk. Lowes for the shingles and nails to repair the roof of the Ridgeley pump station and checking the other 2 station for roof damage. Reset a CCTV camera on N. Centre St for IT that is not working. Checked on broken drain line in the CCPG garage. Removed roof metal that blow off in wind storm at City owned house at 10 East 4th St.
- Received 91 work orders in December
- Completed 77 work orders December
- Monthly Safety Meeting – December 9, 2025
- PMs on all the pumps and motors at PSB, City Hall and MSC

File Attachments for Item:

. Police Department Monthly Report for December 2025



City of Cumberland Department of Police

Monthly Report
December 2025



City of Cumberland Department of Police

Monthly Report

December 2025

Part 1 Crimes for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Aggravated Assaults	2	2	B & E (All)	7	4	Murder	1	0	Rape	3	1
Robbery	1	1	Theft - Felony	0	1	Theft - Vehicle	2	0			

Selected Criminal Complaints for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Theft - Misdemeanor	28	49	Theft - Petty	6	5	Domestic Assaults	15	13	CDS	23	21
Disturbances	126	122	DOP/Vandalism	19	21	Indecent Exposure	1	1	Sex Off - Other	3	4
Suicide	0	2	Suicide - Attmpt.	0	0	Tampering M/V	0	0	Abuse - Child	0	1
Trespassing	36	50	Assault on Police	1	3	Assault Other	29	31			

Selected Miscellenous Incidents for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Alcohol Volations	1	0	Juvenile Compl.	16	6	Missing Persons	14	7	School Resource	130	104
School Threat	0	0	Sex Off. Regist.	0	0	Truancy	0	0	Death Investigation	3	9

Selected Traffic Incidents for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
DWI	11	5	Hit & Run	21	11	M/V Crash	48	55	Traffic Stop	329	559

Selected Service Calls for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Alarms	37	44	Assist Motorist	33	28	Check Well-Being	96	104	Foot Patrol	169	113
Assist Other Agency	70	52	Bike Patrol	0	0	Special Events	7	3	Suspicious Activity	67	53

Current Incident Status for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Open	17	62	Arrest	194	255	Closed	1981	2215	Suspended	39	39



City of Cumberland Department of Police

Monthly Report

December 2025

Arrests Totals for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
M/V Citations	35	102	M/V SERO	0	11	M/V Warnings	286	440	Arrest on View Adult	27	25
Arrest On Crim. Cit.	27	24	Arrest Summons	26	24	Arrest Warrant Adult	64	61	Adult Crim.	144	144
Arrest Summon (Chrg)	19	13	Arrest Warrant (Chrg)	13	17	Juvenile Crim.	10	7	Arrest on View Juv	8	7
Arrest Warrant JUV	0	0	Emer. Petition	17	23	Fingerprinting	1	1	RunAway & Miss Per.	11	10
Civil Citation	1	4									

Total Incidents Reported :

2024	2025
2,231	2,571

James Pyles - Chief of Police

CUMBERLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2025

SWORN PERSONNEL: 48 SWORN OFFICERS

Administration	6 officers
Squad D1	9 officers
Squad N1	9 officers
Squad D2	9 officers
Squad N2	9 officers
C3I/C3IN	5 officers
School Resource	1 officer
CAT Team	0 officers
Academy	0 officers

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: 6 full time, 6 part time

CPD Office Associate	1 full time
CPD Records Clerk	1 full time
CPD Records Clerk	0 part time OPEN
MCIN Coordinator	1 full time*
CPD Patrol Assistant	1 full time
CPD Crime Analyst	0 full time OPEN
CPD Maintenance	1 part time
C3IN Office Associate	1 part time**
C3I Office Associate	1 full time
C3I Office Associate	0 part time** OPEN
MPA Supervisor	0 part time
Parking Meter Supervisor	1 full time
Parking Enforcement	3 part time
Code Enforcement	1 part time

*=Grant funded

**=Shared costs with other agencies

LEAVE REPORT

VACATION TAKEN: 1055.5
COMP TIME USED: 65
SICK TIME USED: 95.5

YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/25): 5,246.5
YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/25): 404.5
YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/25): 1,491.5

OVERTIME REPORT

OVERTIME WORKED: 76
HOSPITAL SECURITY: 63
COURT TIME WORKED: 452

YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/25): 1,299
YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/25): 655.5
YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/25): 1,994

MUNICIPAL PARKING AUTHORITY (MPA)

DECEMBER 2025

Parking Citations Issued	11
Warnings Issued	49
Vehicles Towed	4

File Attachments for Item:

. Utilities Division Water/Sewer Monthly Reports for December 2025

[illegible]

Watershed					
Removed downed trees - Evitts Creek Rd Removed trees & moved dirt - Moore's Hollow Rd fill site (several days) Dam - burned brush Looked at job @ train station for sewer dept - need to set gate valve with crane truck Removed downed tree on Golden Ln 36" main New Oakland Dr - leak investigation Assisted with all leaks - Hammersmith Alley/Eastern Ave/Central Ave/Ohio Ave Assisted with Greene St leak					
GRAND TOTAL					836

Sanitary Sewer Department Monthly Report



Dec-25

Calls Answered:	10
Service Lines Opened:	2
Owner's Trouble:	3
Traced Lines/ mains	53
Flushed Mains	2,260'
Mains Repaired/ Replaced	3-38'
Sewer Taps Installed	0
Cleaned Catch Basins	22
Cleanouts Installed	0
Televised Sewer Mains	8- 800'
Televised Sewer Lines	7 225ft
Call Outs/ Overtime	2 callouts 4hrs
Weekly Check of Overflows, pits, etc....	4

George Chory

Supervisor

Water Usage:

608	4,500	Gals.
605	6,500	Gals.

File Attachments for Item:

1. Approving the Open Work Session Minutes and the Regular Session Minutes of January 6, 2026



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

Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

WORK SESSION

City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room
57 N. Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
Tuesday, January 6, 2026; 5:30 pm

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

ABSENT: Richard J. "Rock" Cioni

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

Media: Theresa McMinn from the Times-News, and Hannah Fout from WCBC

I. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Silka suggested a meeting on January 26, 2026 at 4:00 to review edits with the consultant for approval at the following Mayor and City Council meeting.

II. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- Mr. Silka advised the parade for the 250th anniversary will be June 27, 2026 at 10:00 AM, save the dates will follow.
- A tour of 19 Frederick Street will be arranged to observe updates
- In an effort to increase social media presence, videos will be arranged with all directors and Mayor and City Council.
- Mr. Silka was accepted into the ICMA Leadership Academy in Williamsburg.
- The City Planner position is now live and ready to receive resumes.

III. REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA OF JANUARY 6, 2026

Mr. Silka updated on the following agenda items:

- Order #8 is revoking the outdoor dining lease per the Allegany County liquor board, for Uncle Jack's

IV. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

- New Year's and Christmas downtown were well attended and well received.
- Parks and Rec is working on a new sign for the skatepark and a scoreboard for the ball fields at Gene Mason Sports Complex.
- All the naming rights for benches downtown have been sold as well as the waterfall, the next round of naming rights would be for trees.
- Discussion of a "Welcome to Cumberland" sign took place for Baltimore Street.

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton _____
City Clerk

Minutes approved on _____



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MINUTES

M&CC Regular Public Meeting
57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

DATE: January 6, 2026

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Council Member Eugene T. Frazier
Council Member James L. Furstenberg, III
Council Member Brian R. Lepley
President Raymond M. Morriss

ABSENT: Council Member Richard J. "Rock" Cioni"

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

IV. Presentations

1. Presentation of awards given in recognition of employee career milestone anniversaries

5 Years

Stu Czapski, Cumberland Economic Development Corporation.

Hunter McCrobie, Fire Fighter and certified equipment operator

Nicolas Miller, Fire Fighter Paramedic

Alex Brooks – *not present*

10 Years

Matt Miller, Executive Director of the Cumberland Economic Development Corporation

20 Years

Russell Collins, Public Works – *not present*

Matthew Dennison, Public Works – *not present*

Marty Watts, Water Distribution Superintendent

25 Year

Danielle Miller, Accounting – *not present*

30 Year

Keith Lewis, Meter Technician Coordinator

V. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approving the Closed Session Minutes, Open Work Session Minutes and Regular Session Minutes of December 16, 2025

VI. Public Comments for Agenda Items Only

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

No comments were received

IV. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

1. Ordinance 4038 (2nd & 3rd readings) - authorizing and empowering Mayor and City Council of Cumberland to issue and sell (1)(A) general obligation bonds and (B) general obligation bond anticipation notes, each in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,550,000, and (2) general obligation refunding bonds subject to the limitations provided for herein, in order to finance, reimburse or refinance costs of certain projects

SECOND READING: Motion to forego the second reading was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. Being none, the ordinance was moved to its third reading.

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

V. New Business

(A) Ordinances

1. Ordinance 4039 (*1st reading*) - repealing Article I of Chapter 14 of the City Code pertaining to Health and Sanitation Nuisances and to reenact it with amendments

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 Frazier, seconded by Council Member Lepley, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

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

1. Order 27,929 - awarding an increment of the Choose Cumberland Relocation Package grant to Suzanne Klinejohn-Jones in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 (City match \$10,000, Grant \$10,000), with the cumulative programmatic City amount not to exceed \$100,000, utilizing grant funds received from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

2. Order 27,930 - authorizing the execution of a donation agreement between the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland and C Corp Leasing, Inc., for the donation of the parcels of real properties at 842 Dephart Drive, 846 Gephart Drive, 800 Maryland Avenue, 802 Maryland Avenue and 804 Maryland Avenue and improvements thereon, if any, to the City, and accepting the deeds effecting the transfer of said properties; and releasing certain reverter provisions in the deeds for two properties (107 N. Allegany Street and 619 Greene Street) previously conveyed by the City to the Owner
3. Order 27,931 - approving a Historic District Tax Incentive Program credit and assessment freeze for property at 204 Washington St. (Tax No. 06-014399) owned by John Pendleton, based on total eligible project costs of \$38,219.29 for a Property Tax Credit of \$3,821.93 valid for 3 years and a Property Tax Assessment Freeze for 2 years
4. Order 27,932 - declaring real property known as 124-126 Arch Street as surplus property to be offered for sale
5. Order 27,933 - accepting the proposal from Micro-Tech Designs for the WFP Main Filter Panel (City Project 2025-12-WFP) to perform PLC replacement to the Main Filter Panel in the cost not to exceed \$110,410
6. Order 27,934 - approving the sole source purchase from Southern States Cooperative of heating oil for the Water Reclamation Facility and the Water Filtration Plant in the estimated amount of \$54,740.00 for 23,000 gallons, being the current cost as of December 23, 2025
7. Order 27,935 - authorizing appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission
8. Order 27,936 - authorizing the revocation of an Outdoor Dining Lease Agreement, originally approved on October 21, 2025, by Order 27,868 between the Mayor and City Council and Uncle Jack's Pizzeria and Pub Inc., at the request of the Allegany County Liquor Board, effective 30 days from this date
9. Order 27,937 - approving the sole source purchase of garage door replacements at the Municipal Service Center and Public Safety Building from Overhead Door in the not to exceed cost of \$87,249

10. Order 27,938 - accepting the proposal from CUES, Inc., for the purchase and installation of GraniteNET Asset Inspection and Decision Support software in the City CCTV truck and office in an amount not to exceed \$35,000
11. Order 27,939 - accepting the bid from Carl Belt, Inc., for the Mechanic Street and Harrison Street Intersection Improvements Project (City Project 2024-06-PVG) in the amount not to exceed \$384,597 and rejecting all other bids received for this project

VI. Public Comments

Michael Mudge spoke of Ruth Davis-Rogers and noted her contribution to the City and the work she has done with Historic Preservation.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor _____

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk _____

File Attachments for Item:

1. Ordinance 4039 (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - repealing Article I of Chapter 14 of the City Code pertaining to Health and Sanitation Nuisances and to reenact it with amendments

ORDINANCE NO. 4039

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO HEALTH AND SANITATION NUISANCES AND TO REENACT IT WITH AMENDMENTS."

WHEREAS, Article I of Chapter 14 of the City Code regulates health and sanitation nuisances;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to expedite the remediation of these nuisances

WHEREAS, City staff have recommended amendments to Article I to expedite the remediation and abatement of nuisances, including provisions for posting properties with notice to eliminate identified nuisances within seven (7) days and authorizing the City to abate such nuisances if they are not corrected in a timely manner;

WHEREAS, City staff have recommended further revisions to Article I to enhance the clarity and effectiveness of its provisions and to rename it the City of Cumberland Nuisance Property Code; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance adopts those recommendations and incorporates them into the City Code.

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND, that Article I of Chapter 14 (Sections 14-1 through 14-10) of the Code of the City of Cumberland (1991 Edition) is hereby repealed, and it is reenacted, to read as is set forth in the Attachment A appended hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Passed this ____ day of January, 2025.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST:

Allison Layton, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

ARTICLE I. – NUISANCE ABATEMENT CODE

Sec. 14-1. - Title; policy, purpose.

- (a) *Title.* This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "City of Cumberland Nuisance Abatement Code."
- (b) *Policy.* It is the City's public policy to preserve, protect, and enhance the community's aesthetic character, and to prevent and eliminate conditions that are or could be harmful to public health, safety, and welfare. This policy aims to ensure that all properties are maintained in a manner that promotes a clean, safe, and orderly environment for the benefit of all residents.
- (c) *Purpose.* This article is enacted to define, regulate, and eliminate nuisances, and to establish penalties for violations of its terms.

Sec. 14-2. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bamboo means any grasses in the genera bambusa, phyllostachys, and pseudosasa of the family poaceae (grass).

Building means a structure adapted to permanent or continuous occupancy or use for residential, public, institutional, business, industrial or storage purposes.

Director means the director of administrative services and that individual's designees, including, but not limited to, code enforcement staff.

Dwelling means any building which is wholly or partly used or intended to be used for living or sleeping by human occupants, provided that temporary housing (i.e., any tent, trailer or other structure used for human shelter which is designed to be transportable and which is not affixed to the ground, another structure or any utility system for more than thirty (30) consecutive days) shall not be regarded as a dwelling.

Garbage means all kitchen refuse of residences, hotels, restaurants or other places where food is prepared for human consumption, and all offal from fish, meat, and vegetable markets, and all vegetable or organic substances unfit for food that are subject to immediate decay.

Infestation means the presence, within or around a dwelling, of any insects, rodents or other vermin and pests.

Junk vehicles means dismantled, partially dismantled, wrecked, junked, nonoperating, or discarded vehicles left on private property with or without the consent of the property owner.

Lot means a piece, parcel or plot of land.

Nuisance means any condition or use of premises or building exteriors which is dangerous to human life, health or safety; renders soil, water, food, or air impure or unwholesome; is generally detrimental to the health and safety of the citizens of the city; which is detrimental to the property of others or which causes or tends to cause diminution in the value of other property in the neighborhood in which such premises are located.

Offal means the refuse from slaughtered or salvageable dead animals, crustaceans, or any other animal form, including, but not limited to, heads, feet, viscera, hair, blood, feathers, bowels, scales, or oils.

Open fire means a fire where any material is burned in the open or in a receptacle other than a furnace, incinerator or other equipment connected to a stack or chimney.

Ornamental grasses means grasses that are not indigenous to the state that are intended to add beauty and diversity to landscaping and are not invasive. Ornamental grasses do not include turf grasses or weeds.

Owner or property owner means any sole or part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of any building or land..

Premises or property means a lot, plot, piece or parcel of land, including the buildings or structures thereon.

Rubbish means all combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage; including, but not limited to, the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible material, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery, and dust.

Unightly condition means any of the following:

- (1) The accumulation of trash or junk;
- (2) The excessive accumulation of items intended for use outdoors that are not screened from public view; and
- (3) Furniture, equipment, appliances and other items intended for indoor use that are stored, kept, abandoned or junked outside, including, by way of example, on a porch, in a yard, or under a carport or other unenclosed structure.

Sec. 14-3. - Certain conditions declared nuisances.

Whatever is dangerous to human life, health or safety; whatever renders soil, water, food or air impure or unwholesome; whatever is detrimental to the health and safety of the citizens of the city are hereby declared to be nuisances and are prohibited. Property owners and occupants are responsible for keeping their properties free from nuisances. Nuisances include, but are not restricted to:

- (1) Any conditions which cause or are likely to cause the discharge of noxious, foul, or putrid liquids or substances from or out of any property into or upon any stream, waterway, ditch, public right-of-way or adjacent property;
- (2) Any accumulation or deposit of any substance or stagnant water;
- (3) Any private street or road, or any part thereof, or any water course, ditch, gutter, side channel, drain, dump, ash pit, sewer, privy, urinal or cesspool or similar feature which, in the opinion of the director is, or could become, so foul as to be reasonably offensive or unhealthful to persons at neighboring properties;
- (4) Any house or dwelling, or the lot or yard thereof, which, in the opinion of the director, has been or could be rendered unsanitary or offensive by the keeping of animals;
- (5) Water or food which has been set outside for the purpose of providing sustenance for or attracting feral animals;
- (6) Any accumulation of manure, hay, straw, filth, offal, hazardous or poisonous substance or any other noxious substance, except a compost pile properly maintained so as not to affect the health or safety of others;
- (7) Any dead animals, other than those lawfully slaughtered for food, left in any premises within the city for longer than is reasonably necessary to remove them.
- (8) Burning of garbage, offal, rubbish, sawdust, wood, leaves, stumps or other materials in an open fire as set forth in section 14-6;
- (8) Practices or operations that generate fugitive dust, particulate matter, gases, or noxious fumes that could be detrimental to the health, comfort, or repose of any person except for lawfully conducted activities; and
- (10) Any other condition that is determined by the director to be in violation of the standards and requirements of this article.

Sec. 14-4. - Dwellings, yards and lots to be kept clean.

Every property within the city and every part thereof shall be kept clean and free from any accumulation of dirt, animal excrement, filth, rubbish, garbage, junk vehicles or similar matter and shall be kept free from vermin and rodent infestation. All porches, yards, lawns, vacant lots and other exterior areas shall be similarly maintained and shall be kept free from unsightly conditions. Property owners and occupants shall be jointly and severally responsible for complying with the terms of this section.

Sec. 14-5. - Cutting of weeds.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant, or person in control of any property to allow or maintain on any such lot or land any growth of grass (other than ornamental grasses), weeds, or other rank vegetation to a height of more than ten (10) inches. Every owner, occupant, or person in control of any lot or land within the city shall ensure that such lot or land is kept free of ragweed, wild mustard, wild lettuce, wild parsley, common thistle, milkweed, poison ivy, poison oak, and sumac by destroying these invasive weeds. It shall also be unlawful for any owner to permit grass, weeds, or any vegetable matter, other than shade trees, to grow or remain growing on the sidewalks, curbs, or gutters abutting that individual's property.

Sec. 14-6. - Burning of trash or rubbish; accumulations of garbage.

- (a) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any person to burn garbage, offal, rubbish, trash, household waste, sawdust, wood, leaves, grass, stumps or other materials in an open fire in such a manner as to cause or permit dense smoke, noxious fumes, ashes, soot or gases arising from such burning to become or reasonably likely to become injurious to the health, comfort or repose of persons at neighboring properties;
- (b) *Exceptions.* Exceptions to subsection (a) are as follows.
 - (1) Normal emissions produced during the startup of a properly installed, maintained and operated wood-burning or incineration device, as well as normal emissions generated by outdoor food cooking;
 - (2) A person may have an open fire for the burning of brush if that person obtains the required permits from the Maryland State Department of Health and the city fire department. The director, fire department and police department shall have the authority to order that a fire be extinguished at any time in the event they determine that the fire presents public safety concerns or neighbors make reasonable complaints.

Sec. 14-7. - Propagation of ornamental grasses and bamboo.

The planting and/or propagation of ornamental grasses and/or bamboo must be undertaken responsibly by property owners to ensure that the plantings are regularly maintained in a controlled and attractive manner. Ornamental grasses and bamboo shall not be maintained at a plant density that promotes habitats for snakes, rats and other pests that create a nuisance for adjoining property owners. Such plantings must also be maintained within defined garden or landscaping areas and not

allowed to spread onto adjoining properties. To ensure that these planting requirements are served, all ornamental grass and bamboo plantings shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) All planting areas for ornamental grasses and bamboo shall be defined and controlled through the installation of appropriate growth barriers for the varieties of plants used that will effectively prevent the unintentional spread of the plants beyond the defined boundaries of the planting area. Planting areas containing bamboo shall be completely enclosed through the installation of a root barrier comprised of galvanized metal sheathing or other barrier material impenetrable to bamboo roots to a depth below the ground sufficient to prevent the spread of bamboo beyond the enclosed planting area.
- (2) Planting areas containing ornamental grasses or bamboo shall not be located within the minimum front, rear, or side building setbacks for the applicable zoning district of the property as specified in section 25-133 of the city code. In zoning districts where no specific minimum front, side, or rear building setbacks are required, a minimum planting setback of ten (10) feet shall be observed along all property boundaries. These planting setbacks shall not be required of any indigenous (native) plants to the State of Maryland.
- (3) Where a property owner seeks to establish a planting area or garden within the minimum setback lines required in subsection (2) above, approval from the natural resource specialist or his designee must be obtained prior to planting. In order to obtain approval for such plantings, the applicant must submit a sketch plan of the property, drawn to scale, noting the locations of all improvements on the property, the boundaries of the planting area, the species of plants that will be planted within the planting area, and the location of all adjoining property lines relative to the planting area. The applicant shall also specify the intended plant density that the owner seeks to achieve at maturity and the specifications of all barriers that will be employed along the boundaries of the planting area to contain and prevent the future spreading of the plantings. The natural resources specialist or his designee may require additional measures to be employed as may be necessary to ensure containment of the plantings and may impose a limit on plant density within the planting area to ensure that the plants can be maintained in a healthy and attractive state that will not be conducive to pest habitats.
- (4) The owner of any property containing ornamental grasses and bamboo shall be solely and directly responsible for preventing the spread of such plants beyond the defined planting area(s). Where such plants spread across a property line, the owner of said property from which the plants originated shall be financially and materially liable for removing and eliminating the invading bamboo from all adjoining premises as well as for mitigating or repairing any physical damage caused to improvements on adjoining properties or rights-of-way by invasive plant growth.

Sec. 14-8. - Removal or trimming of trees, vegetation, etc.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any trees, vegetation, poles, wires, signs or structures which may be located on such person's property to obstruct the view of the

public using the streets, alleys, railroad crossings and highways of the city.

- (b) All trees growing over the sidewalks of the city shall be trimmed and kept trimmed by the owner thereof so that there shall not be less than ten (10) feet in height of clear space above the pavement. All grass and weeds growing in such sidewalks in front of any premises shall be removed by the owner, agent or occupant of such premises.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or permit the limbs or foliage of any tree on such person's property to extend over any street or alley at a height of less than fifteen (15) feet or to block the view of street signs, traffic lights and other traffic control devices.
- (d) It shall be the duty and obligation of the owner of the property abutting a sidewalk, alley or street to maintain all vegetation located on the property side of the physical boundary of the right-of-way.
- (e) The city engineer, city forester or code enforcement officer or their authorized representatives, either on their own accord or upon a reasonable complaint made, shall make an inspection of any trees, vegetation, poles, wires, signs or structures located either in any public place, street, highway or alley or in or upon any privately-owned lot within the city, and where they find that any trees, vegetation, poles, wires, signs or structures dangerous to life or property, they shall give a notice thereof to the owner, stating the condition of such trees, vegetation, poles, wires, signs or structures and requiring the same to be removed or trimmed by the deadline stated in the notice, which shall be no less than fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice. No person shall fail to comply with such notice within the time required.
- (f) In addition to the other remedies provided for in this article or elsewhere in this code, if the owner of the property shall fail or refuse to comply with the terms of the notice set forth in subsection (e), the city may enter upon the property and abate the condition which is the subject of the notice in accordance with and subject to the terms of [section 14-9](#).
- (g) Roadside trees, i.e. plants with woody stems or trunks that grow, all or in part, within the right-of-way of a public road, are subject to [sections 5-401](#) to [5-411](#) of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. To the extent the terms of this section of the city code conflict with the aforesaid state law, state law shall control.

Sec. 14-9. - Abatement.

- (a) *Generally.* The city administrator, director, police chief or fire chief (for section 14-6, exclusively) and their respective designees shall have the authority to require the owner and/or occupant of any premises or property to cause nuisances to be removed or abated. The city may remove or abate nuisances when owners and/or occupants fail to do so. Junk vehicles may be impounded by the police department and disposed of in accordance with [section 25-209](#) of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as

- the same may be amended from time to time. The costs of the work performed, including labor and materials and the charges of third-party contractors in abating and removing nuisances and as an incident thereto shall be charged against the owner and occupant of the premises
- (b) *Notice to abate.* In the event any owner or occupant of property allows a nuisance to exist on any premises or property, said owner or occupant shall have seven (7) days from the date the city posts a notice to abate the nuisance at the front door of the premises or at some other prominent location on the property.
 - (c) *Failure to abate.* If a nuisance is not abated in a timely manner, the City may cause the violation to be abated. All costs of abatement, including labor, materials and charges of third-party contractors and/or the city, as well as reasonable administrative fees shall be charged to the owner. The owner shall be provided notice of the costs of abatement and the administrative fees associated therewith. The owner shall pay those costs within thirty (30) days of the date the city mails them a demand for the payment of said costs together with an invoice therefor.
 - (d) *Failure to pay abatement costs.* If the owner does not pay the costs of abatement in a timely manner, those costs shall be charged against and shall become a lien upon the land where the nuisance existed. The city may seek a money judgment against the owner for those costs, and it may seek such other and further remedies as are available to it under applicable law, in either of which cases, the owner of the subject property shall be liable for the city's attorneys' fees, court costs, and litigation expenses.
 - (e) *Other remedies.* The remedies set forth in the section are in addition to any others available at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, injunctive relief. The exercise of one remedy shall not preclude the exercise of others.

Sec. 14-10. - Summary abatement.

If the city administrator or director determine that a nuisance poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of the public, they may order that the violation be summarily abated. Prior to any summary abatement, the premises shall be posted with a notice that a violation exists and a demand that said violation be abated within 24 hours. Failure of the owner, occupant or user of the premises or property to abate the violation within 24 hours shall result in the violation being abated by the City, and costs and fees being assessed against the owner, occupant or user of the premises or property in accordance with section 14-9.

Sec. 14-11. - Municipal infraction; penalty; removal of nuisances.

- (a) The violation of any of the provisions of this article is declared to be a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) if said violation is a first offense and a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if said violation is a repeat offense. If the fine is not paid within the period set forth in the citation and no notice of intent to stand trial for said offense is filed, the city may double the fine. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) The application of the above penalty shall be in addition to the abatement procedures set forth in section 14-9 and any other remedies provided for in this article.

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,940 - extending the current contract with Farrell Forestry, LLC through June 30, 2026, to tally and identify the trees to be harvested on 40 acres for FY26 timber sale for the Evitts Creek Watershed project (City Project 2022-41-SRVC), for a total cost not to exceed \$18,000



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Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,940

DATE: January 20, 2026

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, a five month extension to the current contract, through June 30, 2026, with Farrell Forestry LLC, 17205 Dutch Hollow Road, Mount Savage, MD 21545, for the Evitts Creek Watershed (City Project 2022-41-SRVC) be and is hereby accepted in the amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$18,000.00).

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

Budget:
002.220.20100

Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Key Staff Contact: Brooke Cassell

Item Title:

Consultant Forester Contract, Year 3 Contract Extension through June 30, 2026

Summary of project/issue/purchase/contract, etc. for Council:

The City of Cumberland would like to extend the current contract through June 30, 2026 with the Consultant Forester Contractor, Farrell Forestry LLC, 17205 Dutch Hollow Road, Mount Savage, MD 21545. The initial contract was awarded on February 7, 2023 (City Project 2022-41-SRVC). This will extend the third year of this contract by 5 months to tally and identify the trees to be harvested on 40-acres for FY26 timber sale for the Evitts Creek Watershed.

Scope of Work for EXTENSION:

FY26 Timber Sale Marking & Bid Packet Preparation: \$16,000

Timber Sale Completion Oversight: \$2,000

Total Cost: \$18,000

Amount of Award:

\$18,000

Budget number:

002.220.20100

Grant, bond, etc. reference:

N/A



Brooke Cassell <brooke.cassell@cumberlandmd.gov>

Consultant Forester Contract Extension – Discussion Request

5 messages

Brooke Cassell <brooke.cassell@cumberlandmd.gov>

Wed, Jan 7, 2026 at 2:48 PM

To: Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>, Ken Tressler <ken.tressler@cumberlandmd.gov>

Jeff and Ken,

I am writing to share a proposed Consultant Forester Plan and to request a short-term extension (see attachment) of the existing contract with Shannon through June 30, 2026. The existing contract is set to expire in February.

The primary purpose of this extension is to align forestry services with the City's fiscal year and allow for timely preparation of the FY 26 timber sale.

Funding for this extension is available within the current budget and can fully cover these costs.

There is a potential benefit to moving this timber sale forward relatively quickly, as the FY 25 timber sale contractor will not mobilize until summer and the sale areas are adjacent. This may increase competitiveness and potential revenue by allowing the contractor to keep equipment mobilized.

In addition, I would like to recommend continuing to work with Shannon under a multi-year agreement beginning in July 2026, structured as a three-year contract with a possible two-year extension, to continue forest management, invasive species control, and long-term planning.

The attached document also provides context for future fiscal years (FY 27–FY 30) for long-term planning purposes.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you need additional information or want to meet to discuss.

Brooke Cassell

Public Works Director

City Of Cumberland

215 Bowen St, Cumberland, MD 21502

301-722-2000 | 301-759-6624 | 240-580-0755



Consultant Forester Future Plan.docx

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Ken Tressler <ken.tressler@cumberlandmd.gov>

Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 8:20 AM

To: Brooke Cassell <brooke.cassell@cumberlandmd.gov>

Cc: Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>

Hello Brooke,

It makes sense as a continuation of the existing timber sales plan, especially as we are still under a contracted sale which extends beyond his current contract. In addition, as stated we may end up getting the best price for the next sale as they may be able to just continue with the new harvest (if they win the bid) without having to mobilize again.

It is good we are thinking about long-range (beyond FY 27) planning.

Thanks,

[Quoted text hidden]

Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>
To: Ken Tressler <ken.tressler@cumberlandmd.gov>
Cc: Brooke Cassell <brooke.cassell@cumberlandmd.gov>

Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 8:51 AM

I am fine with this.

Jeffrey F. Silka, ICMA-CM
City Administrator
City of Cumberland
57 N. Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
Office (301) 759-6424
Cell (240) 609-9303

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,941 - declaring real property known as 229 Columbia Street, 413 Broadway Street, 404 Chestnut Street and a Mechanic St. lot as surplus property to be offered for sale



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ORDER NO. 27,941

DATE: January 20, 2026

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland is the record owner of certain parcels of property identified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that these properties are no longer needed for any public use and will be offered for sale to the general public;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, THAT:

1. The following properties are hereby declared to be surplus in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Cumberland:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 229 Columbia Street | Tax ID No. 05-016282 |
| 2. 413 Broadway Street | Tax ID No. 22-007076 |
| 3. 404 Chestnut Street | Tax ID No. 05-017319 |
| 4. Mechanic Street Lot | Tax ID No. 05-007534 |

2. After the passage of twenty (20) days from the date of this Order, the Mayor and City Council may pass an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a deed effecting the conveyance of any or all of the properties to a purchaser, and the City may proceed with the transfer of any or all of the properties in accordance with the terms of said Ordinance.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,942 - rescinding Order 27,921, originally approved on December 16, 2025 and authorizing a Special Taxing District residential exemption for 55 Baltimore Street in the amount of \$1,059.44



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ORDER NO. 27,942

DATE: January 20, 2026

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, Order 27,921, originally approved on December 16, 2025 be and is hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT, the following Residential Exemption from the Special Taxing District Levy for the 2025-2026 tax year be and is hereby granted:

Property Owner	Tax Year / Account No.	Tax Year	Exemption Amt.
Dave Romero	55 Baltimore St. / 04-010671	2025-2026	\$ 1059.40

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this exemption is hereby granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 236 of the City Charter.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,943 - rescinding the bid from Barbara Shaffer for a 2010 GMC Sierra 1500 from the “2025 Sale of Surplus Equipment on GovDeals”, originally authorized by Order No. 27,914, due to non-compliance with bid procedures; and accepting the bid of Maduka Muhanderamalage for said vehicle



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ORDER NO. 27,943

DATE: January 20, 2026

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, the bid for a 2010 GMC Sierra 1500, from the “2025 Sale of Surplus Equipment on GovDeals” accepted from Barbara Shaffer and authorized by Order No. 27,914, be and is hereby rescinded due to non-compliance with bid procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the bid of Maduka Muhanderamalage for said vehicle be and is hereby accepted:

Unit #	Make	Bidder	Bid Amount
P&R 502	2010 GMC Sierra 1500	Maduka Muhanderamalage	\$ 2,501.00

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,944 - lifting the provisions of Section 11-113 of the City Code to allow open containers of alcohol within a defined area of the downtown for the "Hooley Pub Crawl" Event on March 14, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM on March 15, 2026; notwithstanding, that open glass containers shall not be permitted



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ORDER NO. 27,944

DATE: January 20, 2026

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland,

THAT, the provisions of Section 11-113 of the City Code, entitled "Open Containers of Alcohol," be and are hereby lifted for the **Hoooley Pub Crawl** beginning on March 14, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. through 2:00 a.m. on March 15, 2026, within the confines of the following areas:

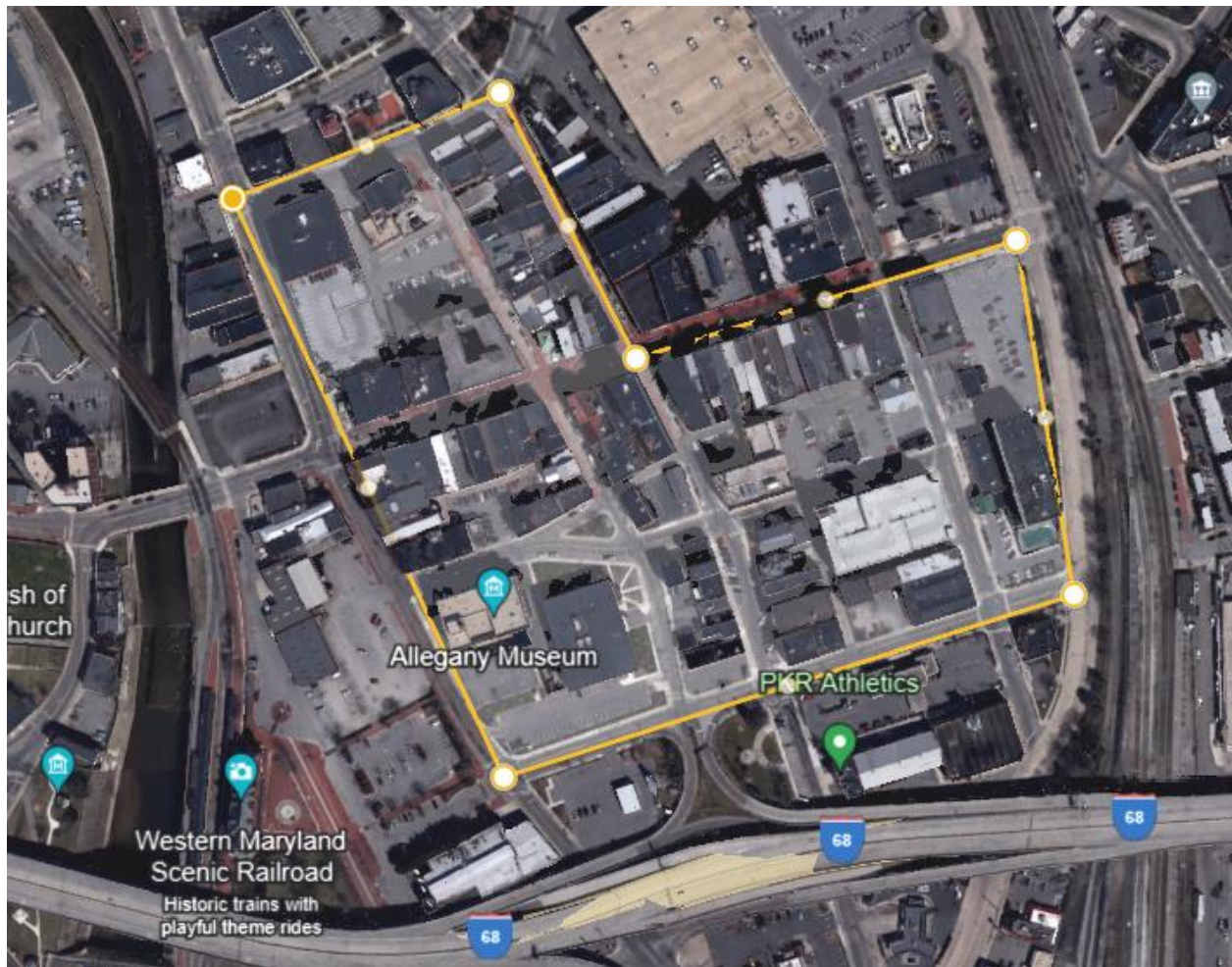
- Mechanic at Bedford Street south to Wineow Street;
- Wineow Street to Winston Street to Centre Street;
- Centre Street to Harrison Street
- Harrison Street East to Queen City Drive
- Queen City Drive north to Baltimore Street;
- Baltimore Street west to George Street;
- George Street north to Butler Alley;
- Butler Alley to Centre Street;
- Centre Street from Frederick Street north to 171 North Centre Street
- Bedford Street from Centre Street to Mechanic St.
- Extension off of Queen City Drive to Queen City Pavement/Gulf Memorial Drive.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, open glass containers shall not be permitted in the area defined above and Section 11-113 (a) of the City Code shall remain in force and effect as to glass open containers of alcoholic beverages in that area.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

***Map attached**

OPEN CONTAINER AREA



File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,945 - accepting the bid from Denali Water Solutions for the "WFP Residuals Management Transportation, Storage, Beneficial Use and/or Disposal" Project (2025-21-WFP) in variable amounts based on material generated for a term of February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029



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ORDER NO. 27,945

DATE: January 20, 2026

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, the bid of Denali Water Solutions, 220 S. Commerce Avenue, 1st Floor, Russellville, Arkansas, 72801 for the “WFP Residuals Management-Transportation, Storage, Beneficial Use and/or Disposal” Project (2025-21-WFP) be and is hereby accepted in the “per load” or “per ton” cost as follows:

Job Description	Amount
Per Load for Transportation	\$780.00
Per Ton Storage & Land Application	\$ 38.00
Per Load for Transportation	\$780.00
Per Ton to Landfill	\$119.00

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

Budget: 002.230.20100

Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Key Staff Contact: Raquel Ketterman

Item Title: Water Filtration Plant Residuals Management Transportation, Storage, Beneficial Use and/or Disposal

Summary of project/issue/purchase/contract, etc for Council:

Bids were received on November 26th for the Water Filtration Plant Residuals Management Transportation, Storage, Beneficial use and/or Disposal (City Project 2025-21-WFP). The City received one bid, from Denali Water Solutions.

The Engineering Division recommends awarding Denali Water Solutions bid to provide services for water filtration plant residuals management. Solids produced from water treatment are placed in 30-yard containers and periodically hauled off for land application and/or landfill.

Amount of Award: Variable based on the material generated (see attached bid sheet).

Budget number: 002.230.20100

Grant, bond, etc. reference: N/A

PROJECT INFORMATION	
Project Title:	Water Filtration Plant Residuals Management Transportation, Storage, Beneficial use And/Or Disposal
City Project:	2025-21-WFP
Contract Length:	February 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029
BID OPENING	
Date & Time:	November 26, 2025 2:00 PM EDT
Location:	Virtual - Beacon Bid Solicitation Website

CERTIFIED BID TABULATION
BIDDER
Denali Water Solutions LLC
220 S. Commerce Ave., 1st Floor Russellville, AR 72801

Denali Water Solutions LLC	
Bid Sheet	
Per Load for Transportation for land application of water filtration plant residuals by roll-off truck with a 30-yard container from the Evitts Creek Water Plant, 1032 Lake Gordon Rd, Bedford, PA.	\$ 780.00
Per Ton Storage & Land Application of water filtration plant residuals from the Evitts Creek Water Plant, 1032 Lake Gordon Rd, Bedford, PA.	\$ 38.00
Per Load for Transportation for landfilling of water filtration plant residuals by roll-off truck with a 30-yard container from the Evitts Creek Water Plant, 1032 Lake Gordon Rd, Bedford, PA.	\$ 780.00
Per Ton to Landfill of water filtration plant residuals from the Evitts Creek Water Plant, 1032 Lake Gordon Rd, Bedford, PA.	\$ 119.00

Denali Water Solutions LLC	
Bid	✓
AoQtB	✓
ARVF	✓
Bid Bond	✓
LPC	N/A

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED:	
 _____ Raquel Ketterman Environmental Specialist	

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,946 - authorizing an update to the Schedule of Fees for the Constitution Park Day Camp, effective on the date of passage



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ORDER NO. 27,946

DATE: January 20, 2026

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, effective with the date of passage of this Order, the following Schedule of Fees for use of the Constitution Park Day Camp be and are hereby adopted:

	Updated Price	
	Current Cost	Proposed Cost
2 nd Child	\$38	\$45
3 rd Child	\$35	\$40

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 1/20/2026

Key Staff Contact: Ryan Mackey

Item Title: Parks and Rec Day Camp Fee Increase

Summary of project/issue/purchase/contract, etc for Council:

The Parks and Rec Department is requesting to increase the fees for per week cost of daycamp for secondary or third children. They were not changed with the initially increase last year. This is to help cover the cost of utilities and manpower for Day Camp operations.

	Current City Resident Cost	Proposed City Resident Cost	Current Non-City Resident Cost	Proposed Non-City Resident Cost
2 nd Child	\$38	\$45	\$56	\$70
3 rd Child	\$35	\$40	\$50	\$65

Amount of Award:

Budget number:

Grant, bond, etc. reference: