



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

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City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka
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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 January 20, 2026