



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

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Councilman James L. Furstenberg
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini

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, December 3, 2024; 5:15 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Raymond M. Morriss; Council Members: Richard Cioni, Eugene Frazier, James Furstenberg, Laurie Marchini.

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

Media: Teresa McMinn, Cumberland Times-News and Hannah Fout, WCBC

I. DISCUSSION ON METERED AND ZONE PARKING

Mr. Silka initiated the parking discussion and addressed the 20 parking spaces on Baltimore Street that are not zoned or monitored. The spaces are going to be managed by ParkMobile and the recommendation is for them to be considered Premium parking spaces with a two-hour only duration for parking at \$2.00 per hour. Due to the Zoning, a customer would not be able to move to another parking space once the time has expired.

Currently, the parking hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM with no enforcement on weekends or evenings, but that can be adjusted if preferred. Signage would be placed on every block directing customers to the ParkMobile app to pay for parking.

Due to ParkMobile being an app only program, the question was raised regarding customers who may not have a phone and the ability to use the app and it was concluded that they would have to resort to using metered parking not located on Baltimore Street or the parking garage

on Harrison Street. However, the meters will not be replaced when they are no longer functional and will be replaced with ParkMobile.

A discussion took place between the Councilmembers about how and when enforcement should take place.

It was suggested that parking after midnight be prohibited and all agreed to evaluate the situation after 4-6 months to see if anything needs to be addressed.

Another matter for discussion is the free parking zones that will not utilize ParkMobile and would be managed with parking enforcement. Currently, parking enforcement has never been implemented outside of downtown and needs to be extended through to Virginia Avenue due to people marking off parking spaces in red zoned areas.

The City is selling Co-op parking discounts for the parking garage for \$25 a month for five or more parking spaces for businesses. It was suggested this to be marketed so people are aware this is available to them.

II. REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA OF DECEMBER 3, 2024

A discussion about the Choose Cumberland Relocation Package took place and mentioned that the chosen recipients are from Baltimore, MD, Parkersburg, WV, Longmont, CO, Springfield, WV and San Tan Valley, AZ. All have confirmed that they are ready to move forward.

II. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

- The tree lighting festival was successful with the largest crowd ever recalled and there were 30-minute lines to get coffee and hot chocolate at some locations. It was also noted that Fort Hill not having a game that night may have contributed to the larger than normal crowd.
- Shop Small Saturday was successful despite the cold weather, there were visitors from outside the area.
- Winter Festival is December 14 from 4:00 PM- 9:00 PM with an opportunity to collect Toys for Happiness donations. Also, free horse and carriage rides will be available. Volunteer opportunities are still available for the event. Reminder that the streets will be closed that day and open container is in effect.
- NYE festival will be on December 31st from 10:30 pm- 12:00 am with the streets closed and no parking on the streets from 6:00 pm- 1:00 am. The Cas Taylor Bridge will be closed from 9:00 pm for fireworks from Mechanic to Greene Street.

- Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Rosenbaum building every Saturday from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm until December 21, 2024.
- Breakfast with Santa will be on December 7, 2024 at the Culinaire Café with seatings at 9:00 and 10:30 am. December 14th at the Queen City Scoop Shop, seatings at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am and the Community Café at 9:00, 10:15 & 11:30 am. December 21 at Mezzo's, seatings at 10:00, 10:45 & 12:15.
- The Arch Street ribbon cutting is on December 12, 2024 at 11:00 am. DDC meeting is on the 12th at 9:00 am and Historic Preservation is on December 11th at 4:00 pm. Also, the Chamber holiday party is on December 12th.
- After school programs at City Hall on December 4th and 5th at 4:30 and December 9th at 4:30 and December 12th at 4:30.
- Clock tower dedication is January 1st at 11:00 am.
- Discussion on a new location for the dog park has taken place.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton
City Clerk

Minutes approved on December 17, 2024