



# 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 S. Cohen  
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

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### WORK SESSION

City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
57 N. Liberty Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502

Monday, November 19, 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; Captain Burt

Media: Teresa McMinn, Cumberland Times-News and Kathy Cornwell, WCBC

#### I. PRESENTATION FROM REDSPEED CAMERAS

Captain Burt opened the meeting by addressing the discussion that has taken place at the State level concerning the speeding issues that need to be corrected within the City. The issue is a matter of public safety with motorists and truck drivers exceeding speed limits. He turned the meeting over to representatives from RedSpeed to provide information to address the issue.

The history of RedSpeed was shared, describing the growth from being just an international company to being globally transitioned today. Currently there are over 30 contracts in the state of Maryland and 60% of the revenue generated goes to the appropriate municipality. Fatalities have dropped 35% across the state as well as in other states.

It was divulged that the primary focus of this program is on public safety and a power point presentation was shared, showing a list of vendors in the state for 2023 and of the revenue

generated. There is no investment or risk for the municipalities and RedSpeed covers all expenses for equipment and installation.

Charges are based on the work that is performed, the citations that get approved are printed and mailed to appropriate parties. Any questions regarding the citation are addressed in their call center with a wait time of two minutes or less for a fee of .99 cents for the first call and no additional charges for any additional calls. A flagging fee of \$2.99 is charged for the DMV when someone is past due, if the municipality chooses to pursue that action and is only charged when the fee is paid.

Top of the line equipment is maintained by RedSpeed with the use of current technology that can cover up to seven lanes of traffic with infrared illumination and HD video. Video capturing runs between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM, beyond 8:00 PM cameras never stop and because of that, are often used for assistance in investigations. The equipment is compatible to all weather conditions.

The cameras are able to capture every plate and violation in the driving area at one time as shown in the video footage, which was presented to show the camera capabilities.

It was shared that studies have been conducted in 18 locations in Cumberland and 15 of those have traffic issues on a daily basis with more than 100 people driving 10mph over the speed limit, and some cases where there were 1,000 people driving 10mph over and 500-600 driving over 15mph over the posted speed limit per day. I-68 will be a project that will be discussed with Captain Burt and Chief Ternent, with a focus on the Moose Curve.

Since a police officer would need to review and certify violations, Captain Burt mentioned the need for a retired Police Officer to maintain the certification and different parameters that need put in place. It was agreed that another meeting would be set up to discuss further.

## **II. REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

Mr. Silka addressed the Council members that most of the orders were housekeeping and general business.

Councilman Cioni inquired about number 8, Order # 27,605, Mr. Silka responded the order is referring to a pole building going up in Constitution Park. Verification about Order number 10, Order # 27,607 to confirm it was not a part of the demolition.

## **II. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES**

- ACM board named David Jones as the new President.
- LabCorp ribbon cutting was today in Martin's Plaza.

- A small amount of money is still available for façade grants and HPC approved 11 COA's.
- Drive into History was successful with 215 chances purchased and CEDC matching funds, \$4000 was raised to purchase outdoor furnishings for businesses.
- Councilmembers expressed appreciation to Rhonda Robinson and the staff at CBIZ for their hospitality during the ribbon cutting and allowing the use of their parking lot as well as the gift bags they provided.
- Councilmembers expressed appreciation to the ACM Culinaire Café for hosting the luncheon and Charis Winery for their donation of wine.
- Thank you notes to all of the invited guests will be sent out by Councilmembers.
- Chessie Federal Credit Union has signed up to be a premier sponsor for next year's Winter Festival as well as Friday After Five and Farmer's Market.
- The community event on Saturday was successful, Matt Miller and Julie Westendorff did a great job coordinating the event and received great feedback.
- Tree Lighting is next Friday at 7:00 PM with festivities starting at 5:00 PM and the arrival of Santa Claus at 7:15 PM. Tree donation was from Tim and Carolyn Matthews.
- Winter Festival is December 14, 2024 with 24 vendors

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton  
City Clerk

Minutes approved on December 3, 2024