



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

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WORK SESSION

City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room
57 N. Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
Tuesday, June 3, 2025; 5:15 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Raymond M. Morriss; Council Members: Richard Cioni (Absent), Eugene Frazier, James Furstenberg, Brian Lepley.

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

Media: Hannah Fout, WCBC and Theresa McMinn, Cumberland Times News

I. DISCUSSION ON MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING

Mr. Silka opened the discussion by noting that two years had passed since the last goal-setting meeting. He asked if there was interest in holding a new session, especially with the new turnover in the Council. Everyone agreed, and a plan was made to schedule the meeting for August or September.

II. UPDATE ON THE CITY SEAL

Mr. Silka began by sharing an update on feedback received and presented the color versions of sample designs. The Council Members voiced their opinions on each design. Allison Layton expressed that she would like to see what modifications to #2 would look like by adding different colors, and all agreed to see what changes would look like.

III. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- ❖ Mr. Silka updated on the pool opening on Saturday, June 7, 2025.
- ❖ Mayor Morriss spoke of the passing of Barb Buehl and the request from North Centre Street businesses to close the street from 5:00-10:00 PM to honor her in a celebration of life. As an executive director and working as an advocate for the County and Delfest, Barb has played a vital role in our community.
- ❖ Mr. Silka advised that the street closure request came with an open container and would have to be added to the meeting agenda for tonight's meeting.
- ❖ June 4, 2025 Ruth Davis-Rogers will be presented with an award from the Maryland Historic Trust for Outstanding Individual Accomplishments in Local Government.
- ❖ Mr. Silka will be on vacation next week; June 9-12, 2025

IV. REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA OF JUNE 3, 2025

- ❖ Mr. Silka updated on two orders he wanted to review on the agenda:
- ❖ Order No. 1 is for approving a Substantial amendment for the remaining CDBG block grant funds that will be reallocated for a project at the Constitution Park.
- ❖ Order No. 4 refers to a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the United Food Commercial Workers Local 1994, a police contract. Conditions include a 3% raise as of July 1, 2025, and over the next two years, an increase of 2.5% or the greater if the non-union award is higher. Along with the pay increase, a .5% bonus as a one-time payment was also agreed to bring them to a comparable rate as non-union employees. An increase in equipment and uniform allotment of \$350 was also added.

V. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

- ❖ Delfest, Memorial Day Parade, and the Times-News yard sale were well attended.
- ❖ Next year will mark the country's 250th anniversary, and we should look into coordinating events with local groups.
- ❖ A small crowd showed up for a taco event at Canal Place.
- ❖ The Arcadian opened last weekend at 47 Baltimore Street, and Plein Air will be coming in next Tuesday and Wednesday. It will feature artists within the City. A reception will be held on Saturday, and there will be a Quick Draw from 10 to 12:00 on Sunday.
- ❖ The Wing-Off is June 21st

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton
City Clerk

Minutes approved on June 17, 2025

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Closed Session Minutes

City Hall, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, June 3, 2025; 4:30 p.m.

On June 3, 2025, the Mayor and City Council met in public session beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room of City Hall, for the purpose of immediately closing the meeting to discuss issues pertaining to an employee's work performance. Authority to close the session is provided by Section 3-305(b)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

MOTION: Motion to enter into Closed Session was made by Council Member Frazier seconded by Council Member Lepley, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

PRESENT: Raymond M. Morriss, President; Council Members Richard Cioni (by telephone), Jimmy Furstenberg, Eugene Frazier and Brian Lepley

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton; City Clerk; City Solicitor, Michael Cohen; Ken Tressler; Director of Administrative Services