



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
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WORK SESSION

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

PRESENT: Mayor Raymond M. Morriss; Council Members: Richard J. “Rock” Cioni, Eugene Frazier, James Furstenberg, and Brian Lepley

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

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

David Jones from Allegany College of Maryland

Members of the public

I. DISCUSSION OF THE REQUEST FROM ALLEGANY COUNTY FOR \$200,000 FOR THE WOW COMPLEX

Mr. Silka began the discussion and provided an update on the \$200K request from Allegany County for the WOW project. He distributed a map detailing the project's layout. A letter of commitment would be needed to move forward if the Council Members would like to proceed. Mr. Silka indicated this would be on an upcoming agenda for approval.

II. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Mr. Silka reminded Council of the upcoming filming of the “Mayor of Kingstown” later this week, and services requested from the City were totaling \$76K, which would be reimbursed to the City. In the event that another filming permit is requested in the future, an Ordinance will be put in place for approval, outlining the conditions for future possible productions being filmed in Cumberland.

There are about 40 participants for the 250th parade, and the deadline for applicants is Monday, June 8, 2026, at 4:00 pm. Volunteers are still needed.

The 2nd Mayor and City Council meeting will be rescheduled to June 24th due to the attendance at the MML conference.

The Sports Complex RFP has received nine submissions.

III. REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA OF JUNE 2, 2026

Mr. Silka reviewed some topics for clarification:

-Order #8 on the agenda refers to collaborating with the County to piggyback on the fuel contract due to rising vendor costs.

-Order #13 refers to authorizing the purchase of the Union Rescue Mission for \$50K

IV. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

- Ribbon cutting for the Wills Hotel is June 11, 2026, at 4:00 pm
- The first SWAT team graduation was held on May 29, 2026, with Officer Flanagan being the first female member.
- The first Levitt Amp series will begin June 25, 2026
- Sunday in the park began this past weekend.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton

City Clerk

Minutes approved on June 24, 2026



Closed Session Minutes

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On June 2, 2026, the Mayor and City Council met in public session beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room of City Hall for the purpose of immediately closing the meeting to receive the City Solicitor's advice regarding 19 Frederick Street. Authority to close the session is provided by Section 3-305(b)(7) 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 Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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