



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

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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 Scott Cohen
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

AGENDA

M&CC Regular Public Meeting
57 N. Liberty Street

DATE: February 18, 2025

OPEN SESSION – 6:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Statement of Closed Meeting

Director's Reports

(A) Administrative Services

- [1.](#) Administrative Services Monthly Report for January 2025

(B) Public Works

- [1.](#) Maintenance Division Monthly Report for January 2025

(C) Fire

- [1.](#) Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2025

(D) Police

- [1.](#) Police Department Monthly Report for January 2025

(E) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

- [1.](#) Utilities Division Water/Sewer Monthly Reports for January 2025

Approval of Minutes

- [1.](#) Approving the Open Work Session Minutes and Regular Session Minutes of February 4, 2025, Closed Session and Open Work Session minutes of February 11, 2025

Public Hearings

- [1.](#) A public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025 Annual Action Plan and the 2025-2029 Consolidated Five Year Plan, including a presentation by Ochoa Urban Collaborative regarding the CDBG community needs assessment and market analysis and the draft of the City of Cumberland Citizen Participation Plan

Public Comments – FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

New Business

(A) Resolutions

- [1.](#) R2025-03 (*1 reading only*) - authorizing the City of Cumberland to apply for a Certificate of Waiver/Authorization of unmanned aircraft as a Public Aircraft Operator for purposes of providing support to the City of Cumberland Emergency Services

(A) Ordinances

- [1.](#) Ordinance 4006 (*1st reading*) - providing for the closure of a 10-foot wide alley identified by the City as Alley 144, running from the Eastern right of way line of Seymour Street East to the Western right of way line of the 15-foot wide alley identified by the City as Alley 137, bound on both sides by lands owned by the Trustees of the Church of God

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

- [1.](#) Order 27,654 - authorizing the Chief of the Fire Department to accept a grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies in the amount of \$1,000 for the purpose of fire prevention in the community through the distribution of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to Cumberland residents in need
- [2.](#) Order 27,655 - approving the sole source purchase from Southern States Cooperative of heating oil for the Water Reclamation Facility and the Water Filtration Plant in the estimated amount of \$58,045.15 for 23,000 gallons, being the current cost as of February 6, 2025
- [3.](#) Order 27,656 - approving the renewal of the maintenance service contract with Southern Corrosion, Inc. for the Water Tank Maintenance Service Contract (Project 2023-03-WTR), in the not to exceed lump sum cost of \$136,541.20 for FY25
- [4.](#) Order 27,657 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., for costs associated with obtaining information on the water levels to do future hydraulic modeling for the River Park and North Branch Potomac Industrial Dam Removal project (City Project 2022-39-FPM), in an increased amount of \$37,980, bringing the total project price not to exceed \$130,080.00, with the costs being covered by Canal Place's Economic Development Administration funds, which will be transferred to the City
- [5.](#) Order 27,658 - declaring certain City-owned property at 403-405 Central Avenue, 417 Central Avenue and 212 Baltimore Avenue to be surplus and authorizing them for sale

- [6.](#) Order 27,659 - authorizing new parking regulations for the parking spaces on Baltimore Street, Liberty Street and Centre Street, effective 30 days after passage of this Order

HYPERLINK "app\IS42282f6e84e44c62bdf1f754425bde96"[7.](#) Order 27,660 - accepting the report of the City Administrator advising that, with regard to the proposed public right of way closure for a portion of Cat Alley, he observed no damages caused to the adjacent property owners as a result of the closure, and any added value would be formally determined by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

8. Order 27,661 - accepting the report of the City Administrator advising that, with regard to the proposed public right of way closure at the Unnamed Alley, he observed no damages caused to the adjacent property owners as a result of the closure, and any added value would be formally determined by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
- [9.](#) Order 27,662 - authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) 2024 Certified Local Government grant agreement originally approved on August 5, 2024 by Order No. 27,528 with MHT to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,750 to be used for amending the Downtown Cumberland National Register District Agreement, and authorizing the City Comptroller to accept these funds

Public Comments

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Adjournment

File Attachments for Item:

. Administrative Services Monthly Report for January 2025

Administrative Services Monthly Report for January, 2025

2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City Hall
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The following report is submitted by the Department of Administrative Services for the month of January, 2025.

Information Technology Department

January 2025

Johnna Byers, Director

Statistics

191 new help desk requests
248 help desk requests resolved

Activities

Major department initiatives in the past month include:

- Coordinate Parking System replacement project
- Assist with police mobile data terminal issues
- Assist with Time and Attendance HR Project
- Help Community Development move back into City Hall
- Migrate Community Development workstations to new domain
- Begin FY26 Budget process

January 2025
Ryan Mackey, Director

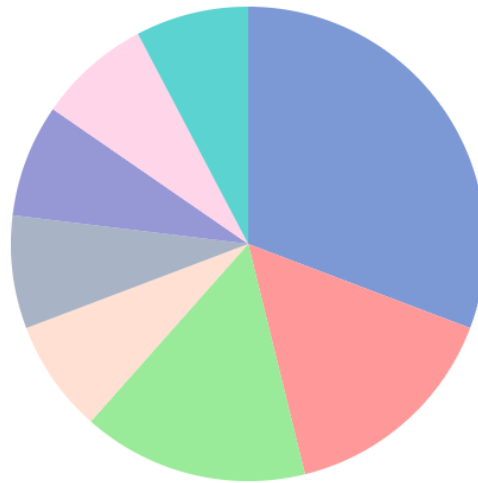
- Community Development Report**
January 2025

Kevin Thacker, Code Compliance Manager

Property Improvement Grant Reimbursement – 445 N. Mechanic ST. (rear) for \$20,980.00 improvements.
Sold two properties on GovDeals at auction: 310 Columbia St - \$45,500.00
26 E. Industrial Blvd - \$51,503.00

- 23 new cases received – 8 of those are still open
- 13 violations were found
- 15 cases have been resolved

Open Date From: 01/01/2025
Open Date To: 01/31/2025



Violations by Violation Type			
	Dwellings, yards and lots to be kept clean	4	30.8%
	Licensing of rental dwelling units	2	15.4%
	Order to vacate	2	15.4%
	Plumbing; installation and maintenance	1	7.7%
	Registration of agents	1	7.7%
	Sanitary maintenance	1	7.7%
	Heat	1	7.7%
	Duties of owner and operator	1	7.7%

Permits/Reviews & Rental Licenses:

00 Total Permits/Reviews were issued
00 Rental Inspections were completed

Building

Residential.....3
Commercial.....5

Miscellaneous

Residential.....1
Commercial.....0

Occupancy

Residential 1
Commercial 3

Signage

Residential 0
Commercial 1

Electrical

Residential.....3
Commercial.....8

Plumbing

Residential.....2
Commercial.....1

Utility

Residential 0
Commercial 0

Demolition

Residential 0
Commercial 0

Public ROW

Residential.....1
Commercial.....1

Rental Licenses

Residential.....54
Commercial.....0

Rental Inspections

Passed 42
Failed 2

Residential 0
Commercial 0

Plans, Reviews, Amendments and Appeals

(ZA, RPR, SR, ZMA, ZTA, SRA)

(Type) Issued0

Certificates of Appropriateness

Issued..... 1

Request for Change/Amendment

Issued..... 0

Revenue from 'Issued' Permits/Reviews:

Building Permits\$2,303.13
Miscellaneous Permits15.00
Occupancy Permits90.00
Sign Permits0.00
Utility Permits0.00
Plan reviews, Amendments & appeals.....0.00
Zoning Classification Détermination (info request)0.00
Municipal Infractions (citations).....0.00
Certificates of appropriateness.....30.00
Rental Licenses (new & renewals6,150.00
Paid Rental Inspection Requests0.00

TOTAL\$8,588.13

Demolition Bonds Collected.....\$0.00

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Lee Borrer, Senior Community Development Specialist

Community Development Block Grant Program	January 2025 Report	Original Budget	Lifetime Funds Exp	Remaining Balance
AYEPS Youth Center Facil Rehab	2020	\$4,753.75	\$4,364.49	\$389.26
2020 Grant Totals		\$4,753.75	\$4,364.49	\$389.26
(May 2 amend) YMCA Trans Shelter 3 fl floor	2021	\$56,642.48	\$53,491.00	\$3,151.48
2021 Grant Totals		\$56,642.48	\$53,491.00	\$3,151.48
AYEP Youth Center Rehab	2022	\$10,000.00	\$9,337.93	\$662.07
Gilchrist Security for Transi Housing	2022	\$30,820.00	\$30,708.00	\$112.00
2022 Grant Totals	2022	\$40,820.00	\$40,045.93	\$774.07
AYEPS Youth Center Facil Rehab	2023	\$20,000.00	\$19,875.00	\$125.00
Admin	2023	\$117,000.00	\$91,411.18	\$25,588.82
Ind Cost	2023	\$12,000.00	\$8,461.00	\$3,539.00
FH	2023	\$11,000.00	\$8,979.54	\$2,020.46
YMCA Gil Trans Shelter Ext Elect/Safe/Cam	2023	\$124,935.00	\$119,796.00	\$5,139.00
FAI ALU Roof	2023	\$18,026.00	\$18,000.00	\$26.00
FAI Water Tank Imps	2023	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
FAI Gen Installation LEC	2023	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Assoc Char Short Term	2023	\$11,435.00	\$5,642.00	\$5,793.00
Constitution Park Trails	2023	\$303,000.00	\$303,000.00	\$0.00
2023 Grant Totals		\$695,396.00		\$120,231.28
Baltimore St Redesign Ph 5 Areas	2024	\$330,000.00		\$330,000.00
Alleg Youth Enrichment Youth Center Rehab	2024	\$24,000.00		\$24,000.00
Admin	2024	\$113,818.00	\$16,960.20	\$96,857.80
IC	2024	\$15,182.00	\$2,790.00	\$12,392.00
FH	2024	\$11,000.00	\$1,781.60	\$9,218.40
ACDSS Emerg Rental Assistance	2024	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00

ACDSS Emerg Sewer/Trash Assistance	2024	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
SOAR Program	2024	\$26,500.00		\$26,500.00
PHA JFV Tot Playground Installation	2024	\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00
FCRC Dom Viol Intervention	2024	\$24,500.00	\$1,210.91	\$23,289.09
Targeted Foot and Bike Patrol	2024	\$4,960.00		\$4,960.00
YMCA Food Program	2024	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00
Parks and Recreation Improvements	2024	\$159,535.00		\$159,535.00
2024 Grant Totals		\$777,495.00	\$22,742.71	\$754,752.29
			Total All Yrs	\$879,298.38
January 2025 CDBG Report				
Balances:	Year	IDIS grant rpt		
\$389.26	2020	\$389.26		
\$3,151.48	2021	\$3,151.48		
\$774.07	2022	\$829.11		
\$55.04	2022 PI	\$829.11		
\$120,231.28	2023	\$236,480.16		
\$754,752.29	2024			
\$68,641.90	2020 cv	*change each month		
\$3,540.74	OLD 20 21			
\$124,601.13 20 21 22 23				
\$947,995.32 Total All 20,21,22,23, PI, CV				
\$879,353.42 Total Regular Funds				

**post December 2024 Draw.

Regular CDBG: 2020-2023 unexpended funds expected to be re-allocated or drawn by March 31, 2025. 2024 AAP projects are underway. All public service projects have contracts and the construction projects are in various stages of pre-approval including environmental review clearance, request for proposals, bidding or sub recipient agreement development.

CDBG -CV or CARES ACT FUNDS: \$68,000 or 12% of the combined 1st and 3rd round awards remain unspent. However, both activities are underway and estimated to be completed by March 31, 2025.

CDBG Five Year Planning began on January 18, 2025 when the Public Notice was published. Two Ochoa Urban Collaborative lead public Focus Group meetings were conducted as well as four staff facilitated Mandatory Technical Assistance Meetings for agencies interested in applying for funding under the 2025 Annual Action Plan. Staff met with various City of Cumberland departments in January and worked closely with Ochoa Urban Collaborative (OUC) the consultant engaged to conduct aspects of the development of the 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Five Year Plan, Citizen Participation Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Staff will be extremely busy over the next 4 months.

Historic Planning/Preservation

January 2025

Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Planner/Preservation Coordinator

In addition to serving the public and answering daily questions and inquiries I did the following:

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting (HPC)

- Supported Sept. HPC Meeting scheduled for January 8th, 2025.
- Reviewed and administered Certificate of Appropriateness permits/administrative approval.

- Consulted with building owners on projects requiring COA permits.

Meetings & Events

Attended

- Various city and dept. staff meetings
- DDC Monthly Meeting
- Attainable Housing Mtg.
- Merje Design (Cumberland Wayfinding Plan) in person meeting
- In-person stakeholder meeting for Comprehensive Plan
- Attended and presented at PACE
- Virtual meeting with MHT
- Attended Community Clock Dedication
- CDBG Meeting

Grants, Tax Credits and Section 106 reviews

Administered/managed funding/grants for:

- Cumberland Wayfinding Plan
- Roof Replacement Program
- Choose Cumberland Relocation Package
- Mid-town Façade Grant
- Downtown NR Update
- DHCD Revitalization Funding Projects
- Conducted Section 106 Reviews (as needed) for various projects.
- Answered questions (as needed) regarding tax incentives from both current and potential building owners.

Human Resources

April Howser, HR Officer/Justin Lam, HR Associate

No Information provided

Comptroller's Office

Financial Activity Report

January 2025

Mark Gandolfi, City Comptroller

Cash Flow:

Attached for your review is a Cash Flow Summary for the month of January 2025.

On January 1, 2025, the City had a cash balance of \$8.1 million (\$5.9 million invested in a value money market program and \$2.2 million participating in a sweep program at First United Bank). Receipts exceeded disbursements by \$2.1 million resulting in a cash balance of \$10.2 million at January 31, 2025 (\$7.9 million invested in a value money market program and \$2.3 million participating in a sweep program at First United Bank).

As of January 31, 2025, the significant tax receivable balances are reflected in the table below.

Taxes receivable (General Fund)						\$ 2,951,752
	Beg Balance	New Billings	Adjustments/ Abatements	Collections	Bad Debt	Ending Balance
FY 2025	\$ 1,838,297	\$ 228,307	\$ -	179,909	\$ -	\$ 1,886,695
FY 2024	669,000	-	-	-	-	636,112
FY 2023	276,892	-	-	13,806	-	263,086
FY 2022	35,023	-	-	637	-	34,386
FY 2021	32,456	-	-	92	-	32,364
FY 2020	42,919	-	-	92	-	42,827
FY 2019	10,694	-	-	92	-	10,602
FY 2018	10,609	-	-	92	-	10,517
FY 2017	8,502	-	-	84	-	8,418
FY 2016	7,582	-	-	83	-	7,499
FY 2015	6,546	-	-	84	-	6,462
FY 2014	4,880	-	-	84	-	4,796
FY 2013	2,080	-	-	84	-	1,996
Prior FY's	6,328	-	-	336	-	5,992
	<u>\$ 2,951,807</u>	<u>\$ 228,307</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 195,475</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,951,752</u>

The current year tax receivable balance is comprised of the following:

Real property (non-owner occupied)	\$ 478,368
Personal Property	418,252
Real Property (semiannual payments)	990,075
Real Property (Half Year)	-
	<u>\$1,886,695</u>

The City's liquidity position continues to be strong as illustrated in the following cash and investments table. Restricted cash and investments are comprised primarily of invested American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received in advance and bond proceeds restricted to associated capital projects and expenditures.

Cash and Investment Summary

January 31, 2025

	Cash	Investments
Beginning Balance	\$ 8,131,330	\$ 23,204,092
Add:		
Cash Receipts	9,712,761	80,380
Investment Transfer	-	-
Less:		
Disbursements	7,690,534	-
Investment Transfer	-	2,800,014
Ending Balance	\$ 10,153,557	\$ 20,484,458
Restricted	\$ 2,993,857	\$ -

The table below illustrates cash restrictions and restricted investments associated with specific expenditures and/or capital projects.

Restricted Cash					
	1/1/2025	Increase	Utilization	1/31/2025	
Police Seizures	\$ 79,976	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,976	
Fire Department Donation	2,200	-	-	2,200	
Bowers Trust	62,088	335	-	62,423	
Mason Sports Complex Donation	2,080	-	-	2,080	
Infill Development Allegany County	150,000	-	-	150,000	
National Opioid Settlement	121,335	-	-	121,335	
DDC	-	14	-	14	
ARPA	981,838	5,291	-	987,129	
Capital Projects	1,470,285	7,915	-	1,478,200	
Demolition & Fiscal Agent Bonds	110,500	-	-	110,500	
	\$ 2,980,302	\$ 13,555	\$ -	\$ 2,993,857	
Restricted Investments					
	1/1/2025	Increase	Utilization	1/31/2025	
DDC	\$ 14	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ -	
	\$ 14	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ -	

Increases to ARPA, Capital Projects, and Bowers Trust are interest earnings.

Capital Projects are CSX funding for Fayette St. and Cumberland St. bridge replacements.

DDC restricted investment was funded through donations and is restricted for the purpose of maintenance of the Wes Han Fountain.

National Opioid Settlement is for opioid intervention in Cumberland.

Capital Projects and Associated Debt:

The tables below illustrate undrawn Maryland CDA bond proceeds as well as the accumulated debt and grant proceeds for the Decatur Street waterline and the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) projects.

Available Bond Proceeds

	1/1/2025	Increase	Utilization	1/31/2025
CDA 2021	1,757,661	-	-	1,757,661
CDA 2023	1,346,145	-	4,961	1,341,184
CDA 2024	1,708,145	-	172,859	1,535,286
	\$ 4,811,951	\$ -	\$ 177,820	\$ 4,634,130

CSO Projects

	1/1/2025	Increase	Utilization	1/31/2025
Evitts Creek Phase 3 Debt	\$ 2,297,851	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,297,851
Evitts Creek Phase 3 Grant	5,418,560	-	-	5,418,560
Evitts Creek Phase 4 Debt	3,550,900	-	-	3,550,900
Grit Removal and UV Disinfection	4,445,000	-	-	4,445,000
78" Pipeline Debt	19,941,232	-	-	19,941,232
78" Pipeline Grant	46,338,060	-	-	46,338,060
	\$ 81,991,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,991,603

CDA 2023 \$5K utilization is for SCADA improvements. CDA 2024 \$173K utilization includes \$115K for paving, \$48K toward a street department pickup truck, \$10K for SCADA improvements.

Remaining CDA 2021 funds are primarily allocated to Baltimore Street redevelopment (\$1.1M), 5-ton dump truck (\$196K), Marion Street bridge (\$300K) and Decatur Street lighting (\$140K). Remaining CDA 2023 funds consist primarily of an ambulance (\$385K), 5-ton dump truck (\$190K), water filtration building design (\$466K), cross connections (\$33K), anaerobic digester (\$75K) and WWTP roof replacements (\$61K). Remaining CDA 2024 funds are primarily allocated to paving (\$335K), sewer lining (\$360K), and an ambulance (\$364K).

The following four projects are major upgrades to the combined sewer collection system. Evitts Creek Phase 3 is in the engineering phase with necessary funding in place. Phase 3 project cost is estimated at \$7.5 million and is funded with \$5.4 million in grants and \$2.3 million in loan with \$1.1 million being forgivable. Phase 3 is on hold pending CSX granting site access. Evitts Creek Phase 4 is in the planning phase and has most of the funding in place. Phase 4 project cost is estimated at \$4 million and is funded with \$3.6 million in loan with \$1.5 million being forgivable. A WWTP grit removal and UV disinfection project is in the planning phase with necessary funding in place. This project is projected to begin during FY26 at an estimated cost of \$4.4 million and is funded with \$4.4 million in loan with \$1.5 million being forgivable. The 78" pipeline project is pending Army Corp of Engineers approval and private property easement and is anticipated to begin construction during FY26 or FY27. The total estimated project cost is \$67 million and is substantially funded with \$46.3 million in grants and \$20.0 million in loan with \$3.0 million being forgivable.

COVID-19:

The City received \$19,595,850 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These funds were used to:

- Support public health
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Replace lost revenue
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water infrastructure

As of January 31, 2025, the City utilized \$19.4 million of the \$19.6 million ARPA award, obligated all funds by December 31, 2024 and is on target to fully expend all funds before December 31, 2026. Remaining projects include park improvements, assistance to small businesses, residential property improvements and demolition, South End and Industrial Boulevard water main replacements, and 4" to 6" water line replacements.

Purpose	Awarded	Allocation					Total Remaining Project Funding
		Budgeted	Allocated Interest Earned	Utilized Interest Earned	Utilized ARPA Budget	Remaining ARPA Budget	
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$19,595,850						
Premium Pay		\$ 833,952			\$ 833,952		\$ -
Revenue Loss		\$10,000,000			\$ 10,000,000		\$ -
Respond to the health emergency PPE							
General		\$ 29,269			\$ 29,269		\$ -
Facilities and Equipment		\$ 22,216			\$ 22,216		\$ -
Prisoner Processing Improvements		\$ 62,099			\$ 62,099		\$ -
HVAC Improvement at City Hall		\$ 1,707,302	\$ 44,450	\$ 44,450	\$ 1,707,302		\$ -
Community Programs							
Amphitheatre and Pavilion 1&2		\$ 174,350	\$ 1,824	\$ 1,824	\$ 174,350		\$ -
Pool Area		\$ 71,250	\$ 73,228	\$ 73,228	\$ 71,250		\$ -
Union Rescue Mission		\$ 749,000			\$ 749,000		\$ -
YMCA Bus Replacement		\$ 216,000			\$ 216,000		\$ -
Duck Pond Remediation		\$ 16,844	\$ 12,426	\$ 12,426	\$ 16,844		\$ -
City of Cumberland Park Signage		\$ -	\$ 69,676	\$ 69,676	\$ -		\$ -
Promoting the Community		\$ 32,386			\$ 32,386		\$ -
Janes Place for Abused Children		\$ 40,777			\$ 40,777		\$ -
DDC Assistance to Small Businesses		\$ 137,667	\$ 45,833	\$ 45,833	\$ 137,667		\$ -
Community Development Property Improvement		\$ 210,883	\$ 54,077	\$ 32,480	\$ 210,883	\$ -	\$ 21,597
Affordable Housing Assistance		\$ 342,331	\$ 48,185	\$ 220	\$ 342,331	\$ -	\$ 47,966
Demolition Assistance		\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Skate Park - Mason Rec Complex		\$ -	\$ 325,000	\$ 25,586	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 299,414
Park General Infrastructure		\$ -	\$ 78,164	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,164
Constitution Park Trail		\$ -	\$ 71,836	\$ 54,273	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,563
Infrastructure Investments							
South End & Industrial Blvd Water Mains		\$ 4,824,486	\$ 69,742	\$ -	\$ 4,595,364	\$ 229,122	\$ 298,864
Replace 4" Water Lines with 6" (City-Wide)		\$ 105,037	\$ 140,250	\$ 14,894	\$ 105,037	\$ -	\$ 125,356
Total:	\$19,595,850	\$19,595,850	\$ 1,034,690	\$ 374,888	\$ 19,366,728	\$ 229,122	\$ 888,924

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Purpose	Amount	FY21 Utilization	FY22 Utilization	FY23 Utilization	FY24 Utilization	FY25 Utilization
Total Utilization						
Respond to the health emergency						
Community Programs	2,011,490		\$ 53,702	\$ 1,453,747	\$ 370,175	\$ 133,865
PPE						
General	29,269		\$ 21,983	\$ 7,286	\$ -	\$ -
Facilities and Equipment	1,791,616		\$ 20,000	\$ 27,166	\$ 1,379,482	\$ 364,968
Premium Pay	833,952		\$ 833,952	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue Loss	10,000,000	\$ 1,224,870	\$ 2,925,043	\$ 2,925,043	\$ 2,925,043	\$ -
Infrastructure Investments						
Water	4,700,400			\$ 159,298	\$ 2,021,376	\$ 2,519,726
Total:	\$19,366,728	\$ 1,224,870	\$ 3,854,681	\$ 4,572,541	\$ 6,696,077	\$ 3,018,559

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey F. Silka
City Administrator

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File Attachments for Item:

. Maintenance Division Monthly Report for January 2025

**MAINTENANCE DIVISION REPORT
JANUARY 2025**

Street Maintenance Report

Fleet Maintenance Report

Central Services Report

**PUBLIC WORKS/MAINTENANCE
STREET BRANCH
MONTHLY REPORT
JANUARY 2025**

- Potholes and Citizen Reports
 - 35 Service Requests Completed
 - 22 Streets and 1 Alleys Repaired
- Street Maintenance and Utility Work
 - 30 Tons Cold Mix Utilized
- Snow Operations
 - Snow and Ice Control Operations Occurred for 18 days of the Month
 - Salt Barrels placed at Priority Locations
- Tree Removal and Pruning
 - 9 hazard trees were removed
 - 19 trees were trimmed
 - Tree Complaints and Tree Issues
 - Resolved and/or addressed 28 tree complaints and tree issues
 - Other Work
 - Shade Tree Meeting
 - Remove Holiday Tree Downtown
 - 18 Hazard Trees Removed at Park
- Street Cleaning Operations
 - Temperature Restricted Sweeper Usage
- Sign Work
 - 22 Traffic Control Sign Repaired / Installed
 - 4 Street Name Signs Repaired / Installed
 - 5 Handicap Signs Repaired / Replaced
 - 6 Handicap Signs Removed / Installed
- Miscellaneous
 - Traffic Control Completed for 2 Events
 - Playground Removed at Constitution Park for Renovation
 - Fairmont Ave Playground (Brush Removal/Fence Removal)

**FLEET MAINTENANCE
MONTHLY REPORT
JANUARY 2025**

DEPARTMENT	REPAIRS
Central Services	4
Community Development	0
DDC	0
Engineering	4
Fire	21
Fleet Maintenance	0
Flood	5
MPA	0
P & R Maintenance	10
Police	17
Public Works	2
Sewer	9
Snow Removal	23
Street Maintenance	27
Water Distribution	18
WFP	2
WWTP	0
In House Fleet Maintenance Projects	4
Scheduled Preventative Maintenance	20
Field Service Calls	18
Total Fleet Maintenance Projects	184
Total Repair Orders Submitted	13
Fleet Maintenance Risk Management Claims	0

**CENTRAL SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT
JANUARY 2025**

- **City Hall:** Pulled a new data cable to the mailroom at City Hall for Johnna. Moved all the chairs and tables to City Hall and moved the big desk in the lobby of City Hall for the swearing in event Monday at noon. Set up for the swearing in event today at noon and cleaning up after. Put the receptionist desk back in place in City Hall rotunda and finish cleaning up from the swearing-in event. Removed the water fountain and fixing the wall behind it, installed data and power for the new ATM in the rotunda. Removed all the Christmas decorations. Put 10 chairs in the Council Chambers for the 8th grader tour. Finished up with the ATM power and data lines. Reinstalled the window at City Hall that the wind blew out and had the glass replaced. Worked on replacing the window blinds in the basement. Located the data cable for the IT Department in Councilman Lepley's office at City Hall that is not working. Checked on why the glass door in the basement of City Hall card reader was not working. Had to call the vendor (Secom) and met with them. Fixed data ports in the basement of City Hall before CD moved back. Replaced a bad ceiling tile in Ruth Davis Rogers office and moved a file cabinet. Moved some filing cabinets in the Finance office area. Fixed data ports and pulled new data cable that may have been damaged in the construction in the basement of City Hall before CD moves back. Painted and replaced carpet in the storage room in the basement. Moved Community Development back to City Hall from the Willets Building on Mechanic St.
- **Municipal Service Center:** Put the plow and salt spreader on truck 712 for the snow Monday morning. Took the side-by-side to the Police garage this morning for Monday. Repaired the wall lighting around outside of MSC that are not working. Fixed the lights in the conference room at MSC. Cleaned up the trucks, salt washed off. Reset the open close limits on the main gate at MSC and tested it with the IT Department.
- **Public Safety Building:** Fixed lights in the second-floor men's locker room police side. Replaced the broken shower head in the men's locked room on the second-floor police side. AHU #2 at PSB had a blow out on the heat exchanger. Cleaned up water in the boiler room and on the second floor Fire Department kitchen and dining area. Had to braze the busted copper line and get the system up and running. Replaced ceiling tile and cleaned up all the water. Worked on getting air from the heating system in PSB still from the heat exchanger blowing out. Trying to get the heat back to all the baseboards. Worked on the heat in the Fire Departments garage area, some of the fan motors were not running. Tested the data cable to Captain Burt's office 2nd floor PSB that IT said was bad. Proved it was not bad. Worked on garage door #3 at PSB fire department, the roller broke and came off track. Worked on garage #6 at PSB Fire Department because the firemen won't stop banging in the safety lights at the bottom of the doors. Fixing lights in the basement hallway. Fixed a broken lock on the Less Than Lethal cabinet in the supervisor's office Police.

- **Fire Stations #2:** Checked on the boiler and garage door.
- **Downtown Area & Mall:** Took the X-Mas tree down, removed the wire rope cables and cleaned up. Worked on fixing the electrical boxes in the Queen City Dr. underpass that were vandalized over the weekend. Made new covers and reattaching them to the wall.
- **Parks:** Marked the area for the locate ticket for the power for the Police camera trailer over by George Washington's HQ. Checked on Ryan Mackey's heat pump that was vibrating extremely badly last week and found cause to be ice on the fan blades.
- **Traffic and Street Lights:** Reported 22 street lights for the power company to repair. Replaced green arrow at Green and Bridge St intersection traffic light. Checked all traffic lights for wind damage. Found CSX cross arm broken at the Baltimore St crossing. Called CSX to repair.
- **Other areas:** Put the rubber blade on the side-by-side so it can be used on the bricks on Baltimore St, Liberty St and Centre St. Snow clean up at City Hall, PSB, Baltimore St Bridge, Valley St Bridge, Market St Bridge and McMullen Bridge sidewalks. Helped get the count of soap, toilet paper and paper towel dispensers at PSB, City Hall and MSC. Checked the bridge sidewalk for ice and around City Hall, PSB. Cleaned up snow on the sidewalk at the corner of Mechanic St. and Bedford St. by PSB that was blocking the sidewalk handicap ramp. Took down the Virginia Ave Christmas decorations and put them away at Smith Park stage. Cleaned up the plow truck, getting all the salt off of the bed.
- **Flood Department and Sewer:** Replaced burned out LEDs in the 2500-volt switchgear at Millrace Flood pump station. Working on the ceiling lights in the Viaduct Flood pump station.
- Monthly Safety Meeting – January 22, 2025
- PMs on all the pumps and motors at PSB, City Hall and MSC

File Attachments for Item:

. Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2025

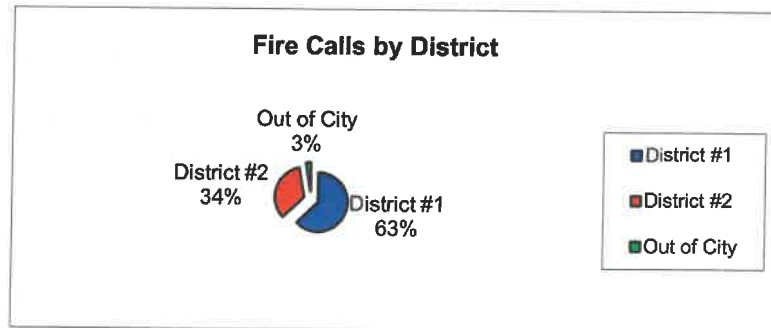
Report of the Fire Chief for the month of January 2025
Prepared for the Honorable Mayor and City Council and City Administrator

Cumberland Fire Department to 105 Fire Alarm Calls in January 2025

Responses by District:

District #1	66
District #2	36
Out of City	3
	<u>105</u>

Additional Alarms: 0



Number of Alarms:

First Alarms Answered 105

Calls Answered Below:

Property Use:

Public Assembly	2
Educational	0
Institutional	0
Residential	71
Stores and Offices	3
Storage	0
Manufacturing	0
Basic Industry/Utility	1
Special Properties	28
	<u>105</u>

Type of Situation:

Fire or Explosion	5
Overpressure, Rupture	2
Rescue Calls	44
Hazardous Conditions	12
Service Calls	15
Severe Weather	0
Good Intent Calls	13
Other	0
False Calls	14
	<u>105</u>

Total Fire Service Fees for Calls Billed by Medical-Claim Aid in January 2025

Total Fire Service Fees for Fire Calls Billed by Medical-Claim Aid FY to Date:

\$9,010.00

Total Fire Service Fees for Fire Calls Paid in January of 2025

\$760.00

Total Fire Service Fees for Fire Calls Paid Fiscal Year to Date:

\$1,580.00

All Fire Service Fees for Fire Calls Paid in FY2025:

\$4,780.00

Total Fire Service Fee for Inspections and Permits Billed in January 2025:

\$450.00

Total Fire Service Fees for Inspections and Permits Paid in January 2025:

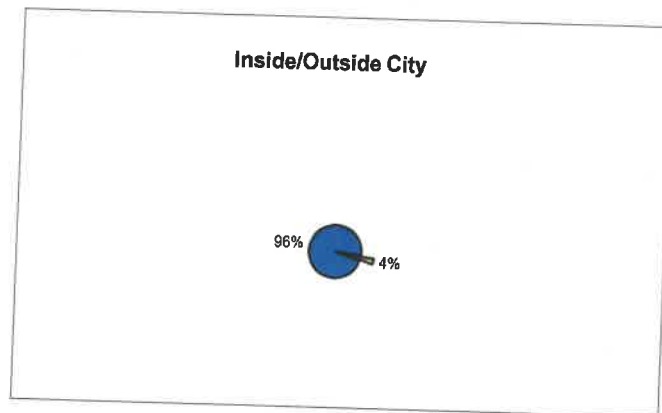
\$100.00

Total Fire Service Fees for Inspections and Permits Paid Fiscal Year to Date:

\$550.00

Cumberland Fire Department Responded to 522 Medical Emergency Calls:

In City Calls	503
Out of City Calls	<u>19</u>
Total	522



Total Ambulance Fees Billed by
Medical Claim Aid in January 2025

\$197,599.34

Ambulance Fee Billed in FY2024:

\$2,110,926.67

Ambulance Fees Billed FY2025 to Date:

\$1,130,394.64

Ambulance Fees Paid

Ambulance Fee Paid in January 2025:

\$123,473.81

FY2025 Ambulance Fees Paid Year to Date:

\$602,775.05

Total Ambulance Fees Paid in FY2025:

\$826,577.05

(Includes all ambulance fees current and previous fiscal years)

Cumberland Fire Department Provided 7 Medic Assist Calls:

5 Medic Assist Calls in Allegany County
<u>2</u> Medic Assist Calls outside of Allegany County
7

Cresaptown VFD	3
Allegany County DES	2
Ridgeley WV VFD	<u>2</u>
	7

Cumberland Fire Department Responded to 19 Mutual Aid Calls:

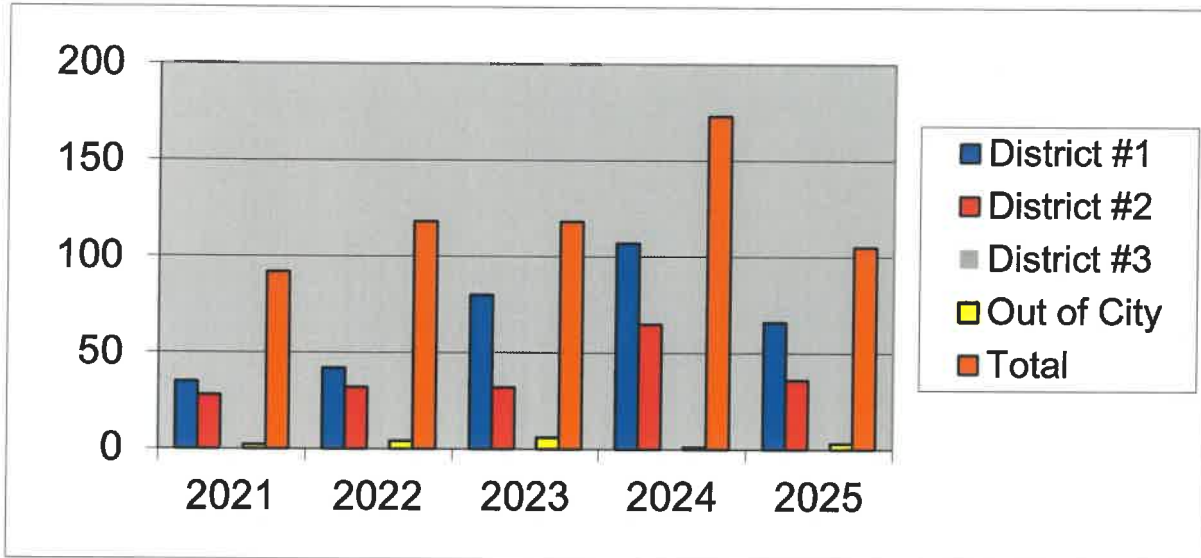
16 Mutual Aid calls within Allegany County
<u>3</u> Mutual Aid calls outside of Allegany County
19

Allegany County DES	10
Cresaptown VFD	5
Flintstone VFD	<u>1</u>
	16

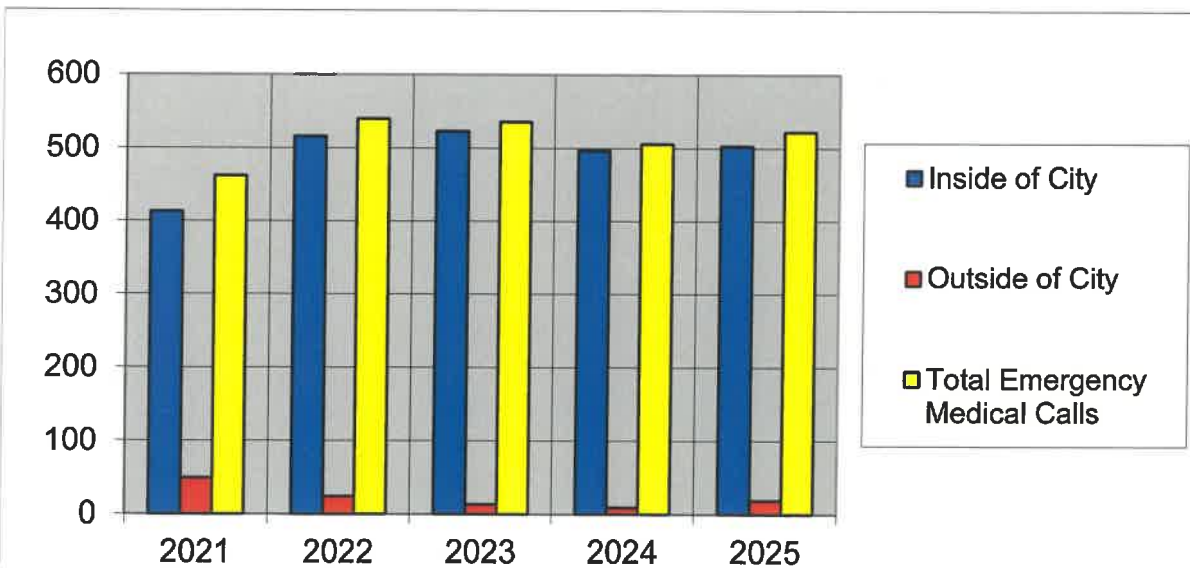
Ridgeley, WV VFD	<u>3</u>
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Fire Calls for the month of January over a Five-Year Period:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
District #1	35	42	80	107	66
District #2	28	32	32	65	36
District #3	27	40	0	0	0
Out of City	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	92	118	118	173	105

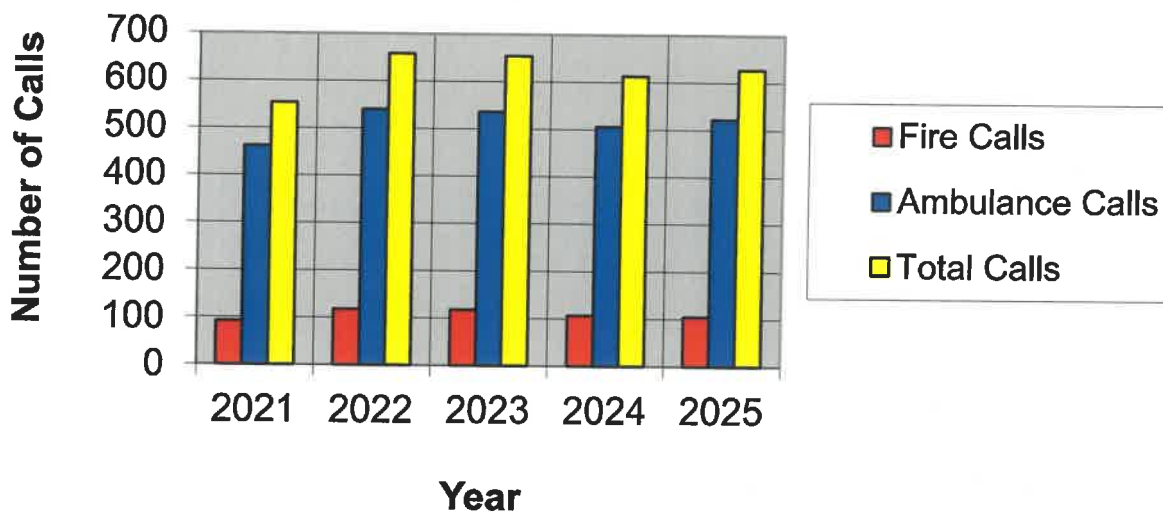

Ambulance Calls for the month of January over a Five-Year Period:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Inside of City	413	516	523	497	503
Outside of City	<u>49</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>19</u>
Total Emergency Medical Calls	462	540	536	506	522



Fire and Ambulance Calls for the month of January over a Five-Year Period:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Fire Calls	92	118	118	107	105
Ambulance Calls	462	540	536	506	522
Total Calls	554	658	654	613	627



Training

Training Man Hours:	138.5 hours
Training Course Hours:	29.5 hours

Driver Training
 Time Sheet Entry Training
 Time and Attendance
 Probie Equipment Orientation
 Paramedic Skills Evaluation
 Time and Attendance
 2025 ALS Skills
 RIT Bag Connections
 Paramedic Class
 Medic Skills Check-Off

Fire Prevention Bureau

Ancillary Duties	70
Complaints Received	0
Conferences Held	7
Correspondence	94
Inspections Performed	9
Investigations Conducted	1
Plan Reviews	5
Public Education	0
Burning Permits Issued	5

Personnel

Firefighter/EMT-B, Sara Gant, resigned from her position on Jan. 22, 2025

Statistic Compiled by Brandi Snyder, Fire Administrative Associate

File Attachments for Item:

. Police Department Monthly Report for January 2025



City of Cumberland Department of Police

Monthly Report
January 2025



City of Cumberland Department of Police

Monthly Report

January 2025

Part 1 Crimes for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Aggravated Assaults	5	2	B & E (All)	12	9	Murder	0	0	Rape	1	0
Robbery	2	1	Theft - Felony	1	0	Theft - Vehicle	5	3			

Selected Criminal Complaints for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Theft - Misdemeanor	14	27	Theft - Petty	22	8	Domestic Assaults	15	17	CDS	34	27
Disturbances	126	100	DOP/Vandalism	26	16	Indecent Exposure	1	0	Sex Off - Other	1	2
Suicide	0	0	Suicide - Attmpt.	1	0	Tampering M/V	0	0	Abuse - Child	3	3
Trespassing	45	52	Assault on Police	5	1	Assault Other	23	22			

Selected Miscellenous Incidents for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Alcohol Volations	1	2	Juvenile Compl.	11	9	Missing Persons	7	19	School Resource	175	166
School Threat	0	0	Sex Off. Regist.	0	0	Truancy	0	0	Death Investigation	12	4

Selected Traffic Incidents for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
DWI	9	4	Hit & Run	23	16	M/V Crash	55	61	Traffic Stop	464	411

Selected Service Calls for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Alarms	65	32	Assist Motorist	31	30	Check Well-Being	99	114	Foot Patrol	106	184
Assist Other Agency	60	95	Bike Patrol	0	0	Special Events	6	8	Suspicious Activity	61	56

Current Incident Status for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Open	9	82	Arrest	294	205	Closed	1999	2125	Suspended	41	32



City of Cumberland Department of Police

Monthly Report

January 2025

Arrests Totals for the Month

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
M/V Citations	81	58	M/V SERO	1	0	M/V Warnings	384	370	Arrest on View Adult	47	25
Arrest On Crim. Cit.	25	22	Arrest Summons	38	27	Arrest Warrant Adult	99	45	Adult Crim.	211	116
Arrest Summon (Chrg)	33	26	Arrest Warrant (Chrg)	48	10	Juvenile Crim.	1	26	Arrest on View Juv	1	20
Arrest Warrant JUV	0	0	Emer. Petition	23	21	Fingerprinting	2	1	RunAway & Miss Per.	8	15
Civil Citation	2	2									

Total Incidents Reported :

2024	2025
2,343	2,444

Chuck Ternent - Chief of Police

CUMBERLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

JANUARY 2024

SWORN PERSONNEL: 47 SWON OFFICERS

Administration	7 officers
Squad D1	8 officers
Squad N1	7 officers
Squad D2	8 officers
Squad N2	7 officers
C3I/C3IN	5 officers
School Resource	2 officers
CAT Team	0 officers
Academy	2 officer

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: 7 full time, 6 part time

CPD Office Associate	1 full time
CPD Records Clerk	1 full time
CPD Records Clerk	0 part time OPEN
MCIN Coordinator	1 full time*
CPD Patrol Assistant	1 full time
CPD Crime Analyst	1 full time*
CPD Maintenance	1 part time
C3IN Office Associate	1 part time**
C3I Office Associate	1 full time
C3I Office Associate	0 part time** OPEN
MPA Supervisor	0 part time
Parking Meter Supervisor	1 full time
Parking Enforcement	2 part time
Code Enforcement	2 part time

*=Grant funded

**=Shared costs with other agencies

LEAVE REPORT

VACATION TAKEN: 599
COMP TIME USED: 108.5
SICK TIME USED: 255.25

YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/23): 6,323
YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/23): 845
YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/23): 1,441.75

OVERTIME REPORT

OVERTIME WORKED: 203.5
HOSPITAL SECURITY: 134
COURT TIME WORKED: 224

YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/23): 1,284.75
YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/23): 693.86
YEAR TO DATE (beginning 07/01/23): 2,378

File Attachments for Item:

. Utilities Division Water/Sewer Monthly Reports for January 2025

Utilities Division Activity Report for January 25 WATER

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Sanitary Sewer Department
Jan Monthly Report



Calls Answered:	13
Service Lines Opened:	6
Owner's Trouble:	8
Traced Lines/ mains	78
Flushed Mains	2,840
Mains Repaired/ Replaced	1/10ft
Sewer Taps Installed	0
Cleaned Catch Basins	28
Cleanouts Installed	3
Televised Sewer Mains	5/1322ft
Televised Sewer Lines	8/340ft
Call Outs/ Overtime	10call 19 hrs OT
Weekly Check of Overflows, pits, etc....	4

George Chory

Supervisor

Water Usage:

608	6,000	Gals.
605	4,000	Gals.

File Attachments for Item:

1. Approving the Open Work Session Minutes and Regular Session Minutes of February 4, 2025, Closed Session and Open Work Session minutes of February 11, 2025



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
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Councilman Brian R. Lepley

City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka
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Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2025; 4:00 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison Layton, City Clerk; Chief Ternent; Captain James Burt; Lt. Alex Menges; Alan Hall & Hartford Duddy, Parking Enforcement with the Police Department; Michael Cohen, City Solicitor

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

I. CITY STAFF INPUT ON BALTIMORE STREET PARKING

Mr. Silka opened the discussion regarding staff affected by the current parking issue and turned it over to Chief Ternent.

Chief Ternent mentioned enforcing 1–2-hour parking limits is challenging but feasible. To enforce them, the officer would walk and keep a log of parked cars, revisit those locations again in 30 minutes, and issue a citation at that time. All issued citations would be enforceable in court. If a customer uses the ParkMobile app, parking officers can track the time through the app as well. Enforcement hours are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Plans are in place to hire two additional officers, pending the decision of the Council Members.

The accuracy of determining how long a car has been parked was discussed. If an officer uploads a picture of the license plate to the app, it shows when the car was logged. On the other hand, if the officer uses their log, they only have the time they approached the vehicle. Consistent guidelines would make enforcement more efficient on Baltimore, Liberty and Centre Streets.

Mr. Silka shared Melinda Kelleher's feedback, recommending a six-month delay in enforcement and exploring non-app solutions.

Current meter kiosks will be replaced by an app when they are no longer functional. Final evaluations of the parking garages are currently in progress. The new payment options will include License Plate Recognition (LPR), pay stations, and QR code scanning. Since July, we have collected \$19,000 through the ParkMobile app and \$13,000 from the kiosks, indicating that the app is not deterring people from parking.

A discussion ensued among the Council Members around when implementation would take place based on waiting 6 months or 1 year. A grace period for reducing parking tickets could be problematic for the City, as fines cannot be increased until a ticket is contested. It was agreed by all to install 1-hour parking signs before the tourist season begins, effective 30 days after the order has been signed and the signs are available.

A discussion regarding unloading and loading zones on Liberty, Baltimore, and Centre Streets will take place at a later date.

II. FRIENDS AWARE REIMBURSEMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Silka updated the Council on an issue regarding Friends Aware and the CDBG funding they received. Friends Aware received \$78,000 in federal funding for two projects, which included a generator and the rehabilitation of a water tank. To be recognized as a CDBG-entitled community, the City is required to adhere to specific terms and conditions, including reporting requirements.

Lee Borrer, who oversees this program, faced difficulties with Friends Aware from March to August 2024 in obtaining the necessary documents needed for payment of invoices. The CDBG requires proof of Davis-Bacon wages, which was not provided by Friends Aware. Additionally, the contract for disbursing the grant funding expired on August 31, 2024. Efforts continued to secure these documents.

A meeting was held on November 18, 2024, with the Executive Director to address the issue and request the necessary documents, but no results were achieved. On November 19, 2024, Mr. Silka sent a letter advising of the reallocation of funds, and the requested documents were finally submitted to CDBG on December 29, 2024.

The City is under no legal obligation to pay these funds, however, if the Council decides to proceed with the payment, an Order would need to be passed. The concern with making a payment after repeated requests and after the deadline has lapsed is the potential expectation that this leniency would apply to other organizations as well. It was noted that in the last ten years, no other organization has encountered this issue.

Additionally, since the contract has expired, the City would be in violation if the funds were paid, which could lead to an audit.

III. UPDATE FROM RICH RHEINHARDT WITH PERCY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Rich Reinhardt attended virtually and updated this is week 5 of session and things are progressing quickly with about 66 days remaining.

He provided a breakdown of current bills:

High Level

The General Assembly is currently reviewing over 2,000 pieces of legislation and nearly 1,200 bills in the Senate and House. Key issues this year include the budget and energy, with concerns about data centers, nuclear, and gas energy. The Governor has also introduced an energy package.

The reauthorization bill for the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment (George Edwards Fund) is being discussed. The Governor proposed a \$10 million appropriation for this fund, and steps are being taken to protect these funds, including obtaining council approval for budget appropriations.

Budget update:

The budget proposal for FY26 is a \$67.3 billion investment distributed across four key principles:

1. Growing the economy
2. Strengthening the Maryland labor force
3. Modernizing state government
4. Reforming the state's current tax system

These proposals aim to provide a tax break to nearly two-thirds of Maryland residents and reduce the structural deficit from nearly \$3 billion to \$2.25 billion for fiscal year 2026. Additionally, the proposal allocates new state resources for investments in commercial hubs while maintaining funding for public safety. The structural deficit refers to a projected shortfall of nearly \$3 billion, which represents an 11% operating loss. This includes 62% for state Medicaid costs and 27% of state aid to local municipalities, including public schools.

Contributing factors include a cash surplus in late 2022 due to federal pandemic relief. From FY19 to FY23, Maryland's total budget grew by \$20 billion—45%, rising from \$44 billion to \$64 billion. The general fund also increased by 55%, from \$18 billion to \$28 billion. However, with no significant GDP growth, they are overspending, as general fund revenue grew only 1% in FY24.

Growing the economy:

Proposals involve over \$120 million in investments to drive economic activity and retain 2,600 jobs. Key allocations include \$10 million for public schools, \$400 million for community colleges and childcare scholarships, and a \$500 million boost for employment advancement.

Tax reforms could offer nearly two-thirds tax cuts for low-income Maryland residents, lower corporate tax rates, double standard deductions, and eliminate inheritance tax. To balance these cuts, a 15% increase in sports wagering taxes, a 25% increase in table game taxes, and a 15% cannabis tax beginning in Fiscal Year 2027 are proposed.

Positive directing investments for Cumberland:

The Department of Natural Resources has dedicated funding for several projects: \$225,000 for improvements to Fairmont Avenue Park, \$1 million for Wills Mountain, and \$620,000 for capital facility improvements at Frostburg State University. Additionally, there is \$57,000 allocated for the Cumberland dry run dam protection system and \$2.1 million for addressing sewer overflow issues. Furthermore, a legislative initiative for the Mechanic Street infrastructure project has been proposed with a budget of \$350,000.

The George Edwards Fund will expand its program through 2031, committing \$10 million annually. The board will include one representative from District 1 and two appointed by the Senate President and House Speaker, with the executive director serving as a non-voting member.

Funding will focus on grants or loans to create jobs and economic opportunities. Proposals must create at least 25 new jobs or 10 jobs with wages at least 150% of the median household income, and they should promote significant population growth in the municipality where the project is located.

He also added a bill that will be introduced SB878 Oil and Natural Gas, hydraulic fracking authorization.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Silka updated on the following projects:

Choose Cumberland Program -, Out of over 1,000 responses, one-third of the recipients met the requirements. Currently, there are six candidates under contract, and they have until July 1, 2025, to complete the closing on a home. Since some applicants were unable to meet the requirements, the applications will be reviewed again to initiate another round of candidate selections.

Rolling Mills – Last month, the final alley closure was completed. Utility relocation and a traffic study for Cecelia Street have been completed, and a meeting with MDOT and traffic consultants will determine approval. Chipotle has received site plan approval from the Planning Commission, but no progress is expected until Spring.

Skatepark – An award of \$580,000 was granted two months ago, and a notice to proceed will be issued to the contractor on March 1, 2025. The environmental permitting process went through the commenting period without any public comments, the next step is waiting for the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to approve it.

Teabow Residential – One unit on Arch Street is nearly complete, and work has begun on a second unit. Additionally, a new unit is starting on Pennsylvania Avenue. Permitting will be postponed until the units on Arch and Pennsylvania are completed. We are retooling the agreement for the assisted living facility on Elder Street and hope to renew it by March, setting new timelines for the project.

V. REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Mr. Silka updated that Larry Jackson would be presenting on the Business Improvement District (BID) process and how the solicitation was obtained. The

BID will replace the Downtown Development Commission (DDC) and will be providing services, not promotions.

Mr. Silka went through the Orders and briefed on anything noteworthy including Resolution 2025-02 for the disbursement of bond funds and Order 27,646 for the temporary closure of the Queen City Underpass and a few change orders for projects. Remaining items were just housekeeping.

VI. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

The City celebrated Groundhog Day on Monday February 3, 2025 with Queen City Charlie reporting an early Spring

Mayor Morriss and Eugene Fraizer attended Catholic School Week at Bishop Walsh

Emma Watkins from Souls One celebrated her 90th birthday celebration, Mayor Morriss, Eugene Frazier and Chief Ternent attended the celebration.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton
City Clerk

Minutes approved on _____



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MINUTES

M&CC Regular Public Meeting
57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

DATE: February 4, 2025

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Council Member Richard J. "Rock" Cioni (by telephone)
Council Member Eugene T. Frazier
Council Member James L. Furstenberg, III
Council Member Brian R. Lepley
President Raymond M. Morriss,

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk;
Shannon Adams, Fire Chief; Chuck Ternent, Police Chief

IV. Presentation

1. Larry Jackson briefed the Mayor and City Council regarding the Business Improvement District (BID) project. When the committee was discussing restructuring taxing it was mentioned having a value in and value out model. There are services provided by the City that are not required elsewhere such as shoveling, maintaining of planters, grass mowing and trash pick-up. The idea of a BID which are very common across the US, would replace the Downtown Development Commission (DDC) with the same geographic coverage.

The BID would provide the service that has been provided by the City, assess the fee based on property value, collect through the City and turn over to a non-profit corporation. This provides a 40% special tax decrease and hopefully reduces disincentive. Letters are being drafted to be sent to property owners, 80% of people are needed to create the BID to form the corporation with a board and meetings. February 27, 2025 is an informational meeting for property owners.

Mr. Silka added that a Public Hearing and an Ordinance would need passed to authorize the BID and just like the DDC the fee would be collected and turned over to the BID, which is a separate 501C3.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0

1. Approving the Closed Work Session Minutes, Open Work Session Minutes and Regular Session Minutes for January 21, 2025

VI. Public Comments- – FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY. All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person, no comments were made.

VII. New Business

(A) Resolution

1. Resolution R2025-02 (*1 reading only*) - Declaring the intent to reimburse expenditures paid with respect to projects generally identified as cross

connections, hydrants and valves, SCADA upgrades, roofing, garage list, garage door replacements, Valley Street bridge design and street improvements from proceeds of "Reimbursement Bonds" in accordance with U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2

READING: The resolution was submitted in title only for its reading. **Motion** to approve the resolution was made by Council Member Lepley, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. **Motion** to approve each item was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. Order 27,642 - authorizing the abatement of taxes and interest for City-owned properties
2. Order 27,643 - lifting the provisions of Section 11-113 of the City Code to allow open containers of alcohol within a defined area of the downtown mall for the Hooley Pub Crawl from Noon on March 15, 2025 through 2 AM on March 16, 2025 from; notwithstanding, that open glass containers shall not be permitted
3. Order 27,644 - authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$25,000 to support Cumberland's Main Street Program (the Downtown Development Commission)
4. Order 27,645 - declaring vehicles and equipment to be surplus for sale, trade-in or scrap
5. Order 27,646 - authorizing the indefinite closure of the Queen City Underpass for cleaning, disinfection and maintenance, effective as of the date of this Order, during which a final determination will be made regarding the future of the Underpass with input from City Staff and CSX
6. Order 27,647 - accepting the bid from Harbel, Inc., for the repairs to Bridge A-C-10 Marion Street Bridge (City Project 2023-12-BRDG) in the not to exceed amount of \$253,220 and rejecting all other bids

7. Order 27,648 - authorizing the renewal of the contract with Farrell Forestry, LLC to provide professional consulting forestry services to prepare for the FY25 timber sale for the Evitts Creek Watershed (City Project 2022-41-SRVC) for a one year term beginning February 2, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000
8. Order 27,649 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 6 with Triton Construction, for additional work not specified in the original contract consisting of different cast-in-place inlet structures due to utility conflicts with the originally proposed cast-in-place inlets, thin sidewalk pavers due to the grade and concrete border replacement, for the Baltimore Street Access Project (City Project 12-16-M) in the amount of \$327,763.08, bringing the new contract value to \$15,515,879.60
9. Order 27,650 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 with Gwin, Dobson & Foreman for the final design of the Evitts Creek Phase IV - Interceptor Sewer to Pump Station Contract (City Project 06-08-S), for the review of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, in the not to exceed amount of \$1,700
10. Order 27,651 - authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Participation Agreement with the National Purchasing Cooperative, enabling the City of Cumberland to utilize the BuyBoard pricing agreement to obtain competitively bid contracts provided by BuyBoard, with a term beginning on the date of execution and automatically renewing for successive one-year terms unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement
11. Order 27,652 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 with Excavating Associates due to additional quantities to perform the scope of work related to the paving required by the project for the South End Water Main Replacement Project (City Project No. 2-22-W) for an additional \$556,473.99 bringing the total contact price not to exceed \$4,953,353.99
12. Order 27,653 - authorizing appointments to the Human Relations Commission

Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

Maryann Coyle – President of the Johnson Heights neighborhood association spoke to the Council members in regards to the Memorial Hospital site and to think about long term management. If pets will be permitted in the facilities she would like to see a dog park.

Mayor Morriss thanked Maryann and informed her that the RFP is being handled by the CEDC.

Jo Ryan – technically difficulties with radio and was unable to present what she wanted to share

XI. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Minutes approved on_____

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor _____

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk _____

Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Closed Session Minutes

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

2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, February 11, 2025; 4:00 p.m.

On February 11, 2025, the Mayor and City Council met in closed session at 4:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room in City Hall for the purpose of immediately closing the meeting to discuss the Memorial Hospital RFP and a new business prospect interested in locating in Cumberland. Authority to close the session is provided by Sections 3-305(b)(4) and (b)(14) 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 Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk; City Solicitor, Michael Cohen, Matt Miller, Executive Director of the CEDC and Stu Czapski, Economic Development Specialist with the CEDC



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

Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2025; 4:30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison Layton, City Clerk; Michael Cohen; City Solicitor; Matt Miller, Executive Director CEDC; Stu Czapski, Economic Development Specialist CEDC.

Media:

I. UPDATE ON CEDC MARKETING PLAN

Matt Miller began the discussion with an update regarding the RFQ published in December 2024. The CEDC is collaborating with Lydia Savramis to fulfill the role of marketing consultant. She has been instrumental in raising awareness to projects throughout the City showcasing all the great things taking place. Her tasks have been the build out of the RFP landing page for the Memorial Hospital development site, ad campaigns for social media, establishing social media presence, monitoring social accounts, creating and sharing engaging content and encouraging community involvement such as voting.

Additionally, she has rebuilt and launched the new CEDC website and is currently collaborating with the Cumberland Police Department to create a new interactive parking map that promotes accessibility and highlights attractions to visitors.

The print ad for the 2025 tourism guide and other marketing opportunities have been established. Lydia's presence has increased social media reach to over 15% and link clicks has to nearly 70%.

II. UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENT

Stu Czaspski updated that during the 2022-2023 period, the CEDC launched the Comprehensive Investment Program (CIP). This program included \$400,000 for façade improvements, a \$20,000 grant for technical assistance and engineering design, and a \$250,000 upgrade grant for residential development. All projects are concluding, and any remaining ones have been in close communication with the CEDC.

24 properties participated in the façade improvement grant, \$300,000 has been disbursed leaving a balance of \$100,000 and 3 properties accounting for \$85,000.

The residential portion of the grants was awarded \$350,000, and \$215,000 has been allocated, leaving a balance of \$135,000. At this time, the Business Attraction grant is the only active grant accepting applications. This grant applies to the primary business district. It must be \$10,000, and a 1:1 match is required. Funds must be spent to receive reimbursement.

Mayor Morriss asked of a list of grant recipients

Queen City Creamery, AJ's Cookie Jar and Basecamp Coffee are currently utilizing their funds. D'Atri's and Boost Mobile reportedly have enough employees to qualify for the reimbursement.

III. GENERAL CEDC UPDATE

Matt Miller provided the following updates:

- ❖ The CEDC appointed David Jones to replace Cynthia Bambara (ACM President) as the appointed position on the Board of Directors effective January 1, 2025.
- ❖ Memorial Hospital Site – *did not discuss due to no media present*
- ❖ The CEDC currently has \$20,000 to provide upgrades to security cameras in the Queen City Underpass and they were inquiring the status of the site in order to consider allocating the funds to another project.

Mayor Morriss stated that a complete closure seems to be the direction of the decision at this time and suggested looking for better uses of the funds.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton _____
City Clerk

Minutes approved on _____

File Attachments for Item:

1. A public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025 Annual Action Plan and the 2025-2029 Consolidated Five Year Plan, including a presentation by Ochoa Urban Collaborative regarding the CDBG community needs assessment and market analysis and the draft of the City of Cumberland Citizen Participation Plan.

Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

Key Staff Contact: Lee Borrer, Senior Community Development Specialist, Department of Community Development

Item Title: 1st of 3 CDBG Public Hearings-provide overview of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the 2025-2029 Consolidated Five Year Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan process and application and a presentation by Ochoa Urban Collaborative regarding the CDBG community needs assessment and market analysis and the draft City of Cumberland Citizen Participation Plan

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Summary of project/issue/purchase/contract, etc for Council:

U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development requirement for entitlement areas to apply for about \$750,000 federal funds to primarily benefit low-moderate income families/households

Amount of Award: Estimated \$750,000

Budget number:

Grant, bond, etc. reference:

File Attachments for Item:

. R2025-03 (*1 reading only*) - authorizing the City of Cumberland to apply for a Certificate of Waiver/Authorization of unmanned aircraft as a Public Aircraft Operator for purposes of providing support to the City of Cumberland Emergency Services

CITY OF CUMBERLAND MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
WAIVER/AUTHORIZATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AS A PUBLIC AIRCRAFT OPERATOR FOR
PUPOSES OF PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Cumberland is constantly evaluating the best possible ways to assist its residents and surrounding communities and provide top class emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Cumberland Police Department determined that the operation of unmanned aircrafts will significantly enhance Cumberland's ability to provide timely and effective emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Aircraft Operations (PAOs) are limited to by the statute to certain government operations within U.S. airspace. Although these operations must continue to comply with certain general operating rules, including those applicable to all aircraft in the National Airspace System (NAS), other civil certification and safety oversight regulations do not apply to these operations; and,

WHEREAS, Title 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(41) provides the definition of "public aircraft" and § 40125 provides the qualifications for public aircraft status. These statutory provisions provide the legal basis for operation of public aircraft in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, in order to receive a Certification of Waiver/Authorization of Unmanned Aircrafts as a Public Aircraft Operator, the City of Cumberland must submit a Public Declaration Letter that it is qualified to operate as a Public Aircraft Operator and that it is operating unmanned aircrafts for a noncommercial purpose and in compliance with the applicable Statutes and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Cumberland desires to submit a Public Declaration Letter to the Federal Aviation Administration to be recognized as a Public Aircraft Operator and receive a FAA Certificate of Waiver/Authorization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland that the Police Department in conjunction with the City's Attorneys' Office are authorized to submit a Public Declaration Letter to the Federal Aviation Administration in order to receive an FAA Certificate of Waiver/Authorization to operate as a Public Aircraft Operator to enhance the City of Cumberland's drone operations for emergency services; and,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the City of Cumberland officials are authorized to take such action as is necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

I, Allison Layton, Clerk of the City of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland at a Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2025.

Allison Layton, City Clerk of Cumberland



January 31, 2025

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Program
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20591

Re: Public Declaration Letter for Mayor and City Council of
Cumberland

Dear UAS Program:

I am the City Solicitor for the City of Cumberland, Maryland (the "City"). Its official name is Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, but that name is used interchangeably with the City of Cumberland.

This letter is submitted on the City's behalf as its Public Declaration Letter. It is applying for a Certificate of Authorization to operate unmanned aircraft. The City intends for the unmanned aircraft to be used by its police department, the City of Cumberland Police Department, to assist it in the performance of its public safety duties.

MAYOR
RAYMOND M. MORRISS

COUNCIL
RICHARD J. CIONI, JR.
EUGENE T. FRAZIER
JAMES L. FURSTENBERG, III
BRIAN R. LEPLY

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
JEFFREY F. SILKA, ICMA-CM

CITY SOLICITOR
MICHAEL SCOTT COHEN

CITY CLERK
ALLISON LAYTON

As the City Solicitor for the City, I hereby certify that the City is a political subdivision of the State of Maryland. I certify that the City is a political subdivision of the State of Maryland as applicable to 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(41)(C) and 49 U.S.C. § 40125(b). I further certify that the City does not intend to use the unmanned aircraft for any "commercial purposes", as that term is defined in 49 U.S.C. § 40125(a)(1). The City understands that the use of the City's aircraft for compensation or hire is beyond the scope of the permitted uses for public aircraft pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40125(a)(1). The City's use of the unmanned aircraft will only be conducted as a "governmental function", as that term is defined in U.S.C. § 40125(a)(2). The City will comply with the terms of the aforesaid sections of the U.S. Code.

There are no Maryland laws specifically authorizing the use of drones by law enforcement agencies; however, since the operation of aircraft across the State is authorized by Section 5-1001(b) of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, it stands to reason that the use of drones for law



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enforcement purposes is legally permissible. Notwithstanding the dearth of State law, the federal laws cited above authorize such use subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein. Federal law controls.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of this letter, please contact me. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Scott Cohen".

Michael Scott Cohen, City Solicitor

cc: Charles Ternent, Chief of Police
Jeffrey Silka, City Administrator

File Attachments for Item:

. Ordinance 4006 (*1st reading*) - providing for the closure of a 10-foot wide alley identified by the City as Alley 144, running from the Eastern right of way line of Seymour Street East to the Western right of way line of the 15-foot wide alley identified by the City as Alley 137, bound on both sides by lands owned by the Trustees of the Church of God

ORDINANCE NO. 4006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLOSURE OF A 10-FEET WIDE ALLEY IDENTIFIED BY THE CITY AS ALLEY 144, RUNNING FROM THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SEYMOUR STREET EAST TO THE WESTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE 15 FEET WIDE ALLEY IDENTIFIED BY THE CITY AS ALLEY 137, THE SAID ALLEY TO BE CLOSED BEING BOUNDED ON BOTH SIDES BY LANDS OWNED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, THE SAID ALLEY TO BE CLOSED BEING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND, ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland received a petition from the Trustees of the Church of God (the "Church") requesting the closure of the alley (the "Alley") generally described in the titling of this Ordinance and identified as "ALLEY (10') on the plat (the "Plat") attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A**.

WHEREAS, the Alley is entirely bounded by property owned by the Church as shown on the Plat. Therefore, consistent with Section 127A of the City Charter, the entirety of the Alley shall be conveyed to the Church upon the passage of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the metes and bounds description for the Alley is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit B**.

WHEREAS, the City Clerk served a personal notice in writing upon each property owner to be affected by the passage of the proposed Ordinance more than ten (10) days before March 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, the public welfare and convenience require that the Alley be closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Alley is closed. It shall be conveyed from the City to the Church as provided for hereinafter.

SECTION 2: The said Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall ascertain whether any and what amount in value of damage shall be caused by the aforesaid closure for which the owners or possessors of any property located along the Alley, or portions thereof, should be compensated, and shall assess and levy generally on the property of the persons benefitted by the closure of the street the whole or any part of the expense which shall be incurred in closing the same.

SECTION 3: The City Administrator or his designee shall submit a report to the City Clerk setting forth his findings regarding what amount of damages, if any, shall have been caused by the aforesaid closure of Alley, and the names of the owners or possessors of such property along which said streets now pass, and the amount of damages for which they shall be compensated or benefits for which they shall be assessed, and whether said damages arising from the closure shall be assessed generally on the whole assessable property within the City of Cumberland or specially on the property of the person benefitted by the closure; and, in the event of any of said damages being assessed and levied in whole or in part on any property of the persons benefitted, the names of the owners of the property specially benefitted, with a description of said property by reference to the Land Records of Allegany County, and the amount so levied and assessed. The Mayor and City Council shall consider the matter of the City Administrator's report and make determinations regarding the subject matter of the report at a meeting held no sooner than fifteen (15) days after the date of the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: Any person feeling aggrieved or injured by the decision of said Mayor and City Council of Cumberland regarding the subject matter of the City Administrator's report shall have the right of an appeal to the Circuit Court at a trial by jury, as provided in Section 128 of the Charter of the City of Cumberland (1991 Edition), upon filing a written notice of appeal with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall have made their return.

SECTION 5: The benefits assessed by said Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall be liens upon the property of the persons benefitted to the extent of such assessment and shall be payable within sixty (60) days after the date of the meeting at which the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland makes its determinations regarding the subject matter set forth in the City Administrator's report, and the collection of the same shall be enforced by *scire facias* in the same manner as paving liens are collected by the Mayor and City Council; and a written record of the said Mayor and City Council's determinations shall be filed for record and reported in the Mechanics' Lien Record in the Clerk's Office in the Circuit Court for Allegany County, and the assessment therein shall be liens upon the properties respectively assessed from the time of such recording, such recording to be effected no sooner than the expiration of the aforesaid sixty (60) day period.

SECTION 6: Upon the collection of all benefits assessed and the payment of the damages ascertained, or the waiver of this provision by the parties interested, if applicable, the Alley shall be closed, and the Mayor shall be empowered to execute the deed effecting the conveyance described therein.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Passed the ____ day of _____, 2025.

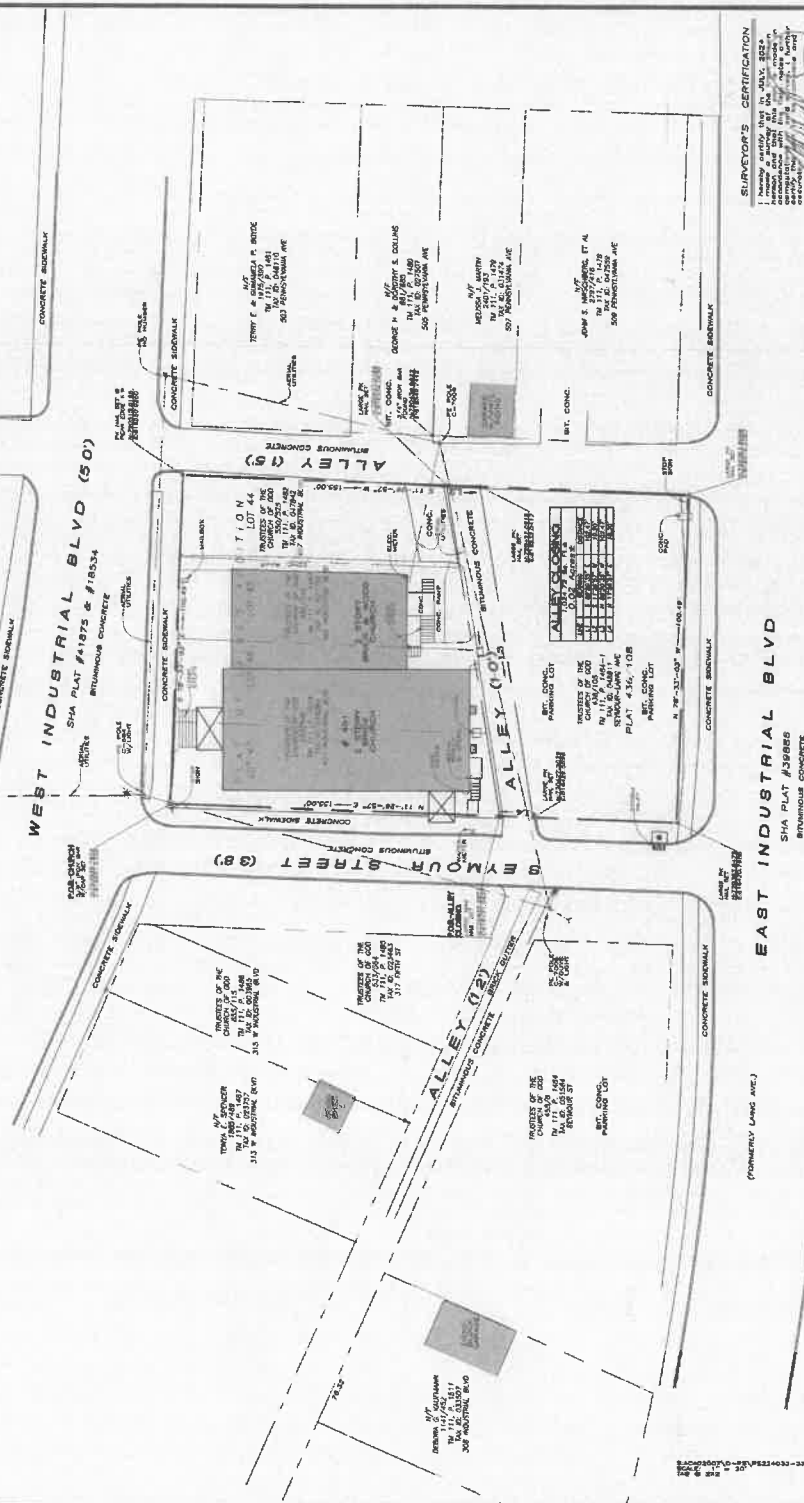
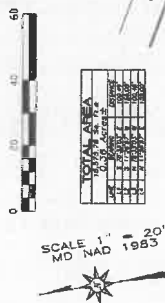
Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST:

Allison Layton, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Plat



SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION

CITY OF CHANDLER	FINANCIALS	COMMITMENT
		CITY

REVISIONS:

DATE _____



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PREPARED FOR: GATEWAY WEST CHURCH OF GOD
401 S. INDUSTRIAL BLVD
CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

ALLEY CLOSING
FOR
GATEWAY WEST CHURCH OF GOD

401 WEST INDUSTRIAL BLVD
LOCATED AT
ALLEGANY COUNTY _____ ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
CUMBERLAND _____ MARYLAND _____

DRAWING NUMBER:
1 of 1
PROJECT NUMBER:
224033-3345

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MSO, 2024-5-4 3pm

EXHIBIT B

ALLEY CLOSING FOR GATEWAY CHURCH

ALL that piece or parcel of land being found as an Alley (10 feet) between Seymour Street (38 feet) and East and West Industrial Blvd and an Alley (15 feet) at lands now or formerly Trustees of the Church of God found in Liber 255, Folio 446, Liber 466, Folio 543 and Liber 550, Folio 525 and Liber 436, Folio 105

BEGINNING for the same at a large mag nail set at the intersection of the Easterly limits of said Seymour Street and the Northerly limits of said Alley (10 feet) at the common Southeasterly corner with said lands of Trustees of the Church of God found in Liber 255, Folio 446; thence binding with the Northerly limits of said Alley (10 feet) and lands of Trustees of the Church of God lands found in said Liber 255, Folio 446 and Liber 466, Folio 543 and Liber 550, Folio 525

- 1) South 89 degrees 50 minutes 35 seconds East 102.47 feet to a large pk nail set at the intersection of the said Northerly limits of said Alley (10 feet) and the Westerly limits of an Alley (15 feet); thence binding with the limits of the said Alley (15 feet)
- 2) South 11 degrees 26 minutes 57 seconds West 10.20 feet to a large pk nail set at the intersection of the Southerly limits of the said Alley (10 feet) and the said Westerly limits of said Alley (15 feet) at the Northeasterly corner of said lands of Trustees of the Church of God found in Liber 436, Folio 105; thence binding with the common line with said Trustees of the Church of God found in Liber 436, Folio 105
- 3) North 89 degrees 50 minutes 35 seconds West 102.47 feet to a large pk nail set at the intersection of the Easterly limits of said Seymour Street and the Southerly limits of said Alley (10 feet); thence binding with the said Easterly limits of Seymour Street
- 4) North 11 degrees 26 minutes 57 seconds East 10.20 feet to the point of beginning

Containing 1,024.72 square feet± or 0.02 acres± as surveyed by Coughenour Surveying June, 2024.

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,654 - authorizing the Chief of the Fire Department to accept a grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies in the amount of \$1,000 for the purpose of fire prevention in the community through the distribution of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to Cumberland residents in need

- Order -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,654

DATE: February 18, 2025

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, the Fire Chief be and is hereby authorized to accept a grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies (a donor-requested distribution from the Riggs Family Foundation Fund) in an amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be used for fire prevention in the community through the distribution of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to Cumberland residents in need.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE ALLEGHENIES

SERVING BEDFORD, CAMBRIA, SOMERSET, AND INDIANA COUNTIES

January 31, 2025

Brandi Snyder
Cumberland Fire Department
20 Bedford Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

Dear Brandi:

I am pleased to enclose a grant award of \$1,000.00 to support the Cumberland Fire Department. This grant was made possible through a donor requested distribution from the Riggs Family Foundation Fund, a fund under the umbrella of the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. We respectfully ask that you prepare the Final Project Report below, which will allow us to learn more about your organization and how this grant funding was used. Please return the completed report to Program Officer Emily Wood at ewood@cfalleghenies.org or by mail at the address below no later than one year from the date of this letter.

Please recognize your grant as coming from the Riggs Family Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. Thank you notes for your grant can also be addressed to the Riggs Family Foundation Fund and sent to our main office using the address below. We will forward them on to the donor who made your grant possible.

Thank you for the good work you do in your community.

Sincerely,

Angie Berzonski
Executive Director

Enclosure

FINAL PROJECT REPORT

CONTACT PERSON/EMAIL: _____

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

OUTCOMES: (ie, how many people served; type of individuals served, such as children, older adults or the general community; impact that the project made in the community)



Brandi Snyder <brandi.snyder@cumberlandmd.gov>

Grant Distribution

George Bivens <gbivens@cfalleghenies.org>
To: Brandi Snyder <brandi.snyder@cumberlandmd.gov>

Thu, Jan 23, 2025 at 11:48 AM

Hi Brandi,

Not a problem. No one applied for grant funding. We house donor-advised funds, which donors can use to support nonprofit organizations of their choosing. The Riggs Family Fund, a donor-advised fund here at CFA, has requested that we disburse grant funding to your department. My understanding is that the family business opened a new location in the Cumberland area, and they wanted to support a local nonprofit because of their new presence there. If you have any other questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Thanks,
George
[Quoted text hidden]

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,655 - approving the sole source purchase from Southern States Cooperative of heating oil for the Water Reclamation Facility and the Water Filtration Plant in the estimated amount of \$58,045.15 for 23,000 gallons, being the current cost as of February 6, 2025

- Order -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,655

DATE: February 18, 2025

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT the sole source purchase from Southern States Cooperative, 811 N. Mechanic Street, Cumberland, Maryland, 21502 for the purchase of heating oil for the Water Reclamation Facility and the Water Filtration Plant, in the estimated amount of Fifty Eight Thousand Forty Five Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$58,045.15) for 23,000 gallons, being the current cost as of February 6, 2025, be and is hereby accepted.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

Budgets: 002.230.20700

003.310.20700

Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 2/18/2025

Key Staff Contact: Derrik Grimm

Item Title:

Water Reclamation Facility & Water Filtration Plant No. 2 Heating Oil FY25

Summary of project/issue/purchase/contract, etc for Council:

The City is authorized to purchase heating oil from Southern States Cumberland Co-op through a sole source request. Southern States Cumberland Co-op's mark up price per gallon is \$0.0975. As of 2/6/25 the estimated price to supply 23,000 gallons to our WRF & WFP would be \$58,045.15.

Amount of Award: Estimated \$58,045.15

Budget number: 002.230.20700 & 003.310.20700

Grant, bond, etc. reference: City Funds



Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>

Sole Source Approval - Southern States

6 messages

Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>
To: Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>

Wed, Jan 8, 2025 at 4:04 PM

Jeff,

Historically in the past, we have piggybacked off of the County's fuel bid and utilized Southern States for our heating oil for the WFP and WRF. Within the past 3 years, the County decided they had no use for heating oil and stopped adding it to their fuel bids. This caused us to do our own heating oil RFP. The only bidder we have had in the years we have done this is Southern States.

I would like to request sole source approval, on behalf of the plants, to utilize Southern States for FY25. Their mark up price per gallon is \$0.0975 and current No. 2 Heating Oil cost is \$2.4262 per gallon (this will fluctuate through the fiscal year). This equates to roughly \$58,045.10 for FY25 based on today's prices.

If I obtain your approval, I will place this on the next M&CC to accept Southern States as our supplier for FY25.

Thank you for your time,

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Derrik Grimm

Contracts Admin. Officer

57 N. Liberty Street

Cumberland, MD, 21502

Direct: 301-759-6600

Fax: 301-759-6608

Email: derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov

Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>
To: Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>

Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 2:49 PM

Hey Jeff,

Any update on the request below? I would like to get this on the M&CC Meeting next week for Mark if possible.

Moving forward, we'll do bids for this again.

Thank you!

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Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>
To: Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>

Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 3:46 PM

Jeff,

Historically in the past, we have piggybacked off of the County's fuel bid and utilized Southern States for our heating oil for the WFP and WRF. Within the past 3 years, the County decided they had no use for heating oil and stopped adding it

to their fuel bids. This caused us to do our own heating oil RFP. The only bidder we have had in the years we have done this is Southern States.

I would like to request sole source approval, on behalf of the plants, to utilize Southern States for FY25. Their mark up price per gallon is \$0.0975 and current No. 2 Heating Oil cost is \$2.4262 per gallon (this will fluctuate through the fiscal year). This equates to roughly \$58,045.10 for FY25 based on today's prices.

If I obtain your approval, I will place this on the next M&CC to accept Southern States as our supplier for FY25.

Thank you for your time,

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Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>
To: Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>

Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 3:48 PM

Derrik,
I am appogize, I approved it but it went into my drafts folder. I approve.

Jeffrey F. Silka, ICMA-CM
City Administrator
City of Cumberland
57 N. Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
Office (301) 759-6424
Cell (240) 609-9303

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File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,656 - approving the renewal of the maintenance service contract with Southern Corrosion, Inc. for the Water Tank Maintenance Service Contract (Project 2023-03-WTR), in the not to exceed lump sum cost of \$136,541.20 for FY25

- Order -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,656

DATE: February 18, 2025

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, the renewal of the maintenance service contract with Southern Corrosion, Inc., 738 Thelma Road, Roanoke Rapids, NC, 27870, for the Water Tank Maintenance Service Contract (Project 2023-03-WTR), in the not-to- exceed lump sum cost of One Hundred Thirty Six Thousand, Five Hundred Forty One Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$136,541.20) for FY25 be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT, this agreement is for a multi-year maintenance service contract with each year increasing from the base premium (\$133,210.00 in FY24) by the increase in the CPI.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

Budget Number: 002.220.20100; City Funds

Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 2/18/2025

Key Staff Contact: Robert Smith

Item Title:

Water Tank Maintenance Service Contract – Year 2, City Project # 2023-03-WTR

Summary of project/issue/purchase/contract, etc for Council:

Water Tank Maintenance Service Contract – Year 2 in the lump sum cost of \$136,541.20 for FY25.

As referenced in M&CC Order #27,311, the multi-year maintenance service contract will increase year to year from the base premium of \$133,210.00 by the increase in the CPI each year. This results in the FY25 cost to be \$136,541.20.

The project is budgeted for this fiscal year, and utilizes City Funds

Amount of Award: \$136,541.20 for FY25

Budget number: 002.220.20100

Grant, bond, etc. reference: City Funds



Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>

Fwd: Invoices- City of Cumberland

1 message

Holli Coleman <holli.coleman@cumberlandmd.gov>
To: Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>

Fri, Feb 7, 2025 at 1:12 PM

Southern Corrosion

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Morgan Barnes** <morgan@tankcare.net>
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 8:51 AM
Subject: Re: Invoices- City of Cumberland
To: Holli Coleman <holli.coleman@cumberlandmd.gov>

Holli,

That won't be a problem. I do want to point out that your annual billing cycle starts in October and not in January because that is when the contract was signed. So if I send you an invoice for the rest of your payments, it will be for March 2025 to September 2025 as I have already sent out your February invoice. Your current monthly premium is \$11,378.35, therefore you will get an invoice for \$11,378.35 x 7 for the remaining months which is \$79,648.45. Then on October 1, 2025 (the beginning of your annual billing cycle) you would get an invoice for \$136,540.20 which is your current monthly payment times 12 with inflation added. I just wanted to explain this so that we will be on the same page. If you are ok with this, I will go ahead and send you the invoice for the rest of your annual billing cycle. Please let me know if you want me to go ahead and send you the invoice or if you have any additional questions.

Thanks so much!

Morgan

On Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 1:53 PM Holli Coleman <holli.coleman@cumberlandmd.gov> wrote:

Morgan,

We would like to change the billing cycle to annually permanently.
Are we able to change that now in the beginning of the year or do we have to wait?

Thanks
Holli

On Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 9:38 AM Morgan Barnes <morgan@tankcare.net> wrote:

Holli,

I will be glad to help you with this. Would you like to permanently change your billing cycle from monthly to annually or would this be a one time situation?

Regards,

Morgan

On Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 9:26 AM Holli Coleman <holli.coleman@cumberlandmd.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

This is Holli with the City of Cumberland. Wanted to get in touch with you about the monthly invoices that we get sent.

Would you be able to send me the remaining invoice total for the year so that we can pay them all at once instead of monthly?

Thank you for your time and help.

Holli Coleman

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Holli Coleman
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Cumberland, MD 21502
Direct: 301-759-6644
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File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,657 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., for costs associated with obtaining information on the water levels to do future hydraulic modeling for the River Park and North Branch Potomac Industrial Dam Removal project (City Project 2022-39-FPM), in an increased amount of \$37,980, bringing the total project price not to exceed \$130,080.00, with the costs being covered by Canal Place's Economic Development Administration funds, which will be transferred to the City

- Order -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,657

DATE: February 18, 2025

THAT, the City Administrator be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., 120 Genesis Blvd., Bridgeport, WV 26330, for costs associated with obtaining information on the water levels to do future hydraulic modeling for the River Park and North Branch Potomac Industrial Dam Removal project (City Project 2022-39-FPM), in an increased amount of Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$37,980.00), bringing the total project price not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$130,080.00); and

BE IT FUTHER ORDERED THAT, the cost will be covered by Canal Place's Economic Development Administration funds, which will be transferred to the City.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

Original Contract Price	\$87,100.00
Change Order No. 1	\$5,000.00
Change Order No. 2	\$37,980.00
Total Price after CO 1	\$130,080.00

Budget: 001.052.20100

Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 2/18/2025

Key Staff Contact: Robert Smith, P.E.

Item Title:

Change Order #2 for River Park & North Branch Potomac Industrial Dam Removal, City Project 2022-39-FPM

Summary of project/issue/purchase/contract, etc for Council:

Change Order #2 for the River Park & North Branch Potomac Industrial Dam Removal project in the amount of \$37,980.00. This additional cost will be for Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) to move forward with obtaining information on the water levels in order to do future hydraulic modeling which will be necessary for design/permitting. The cost will be covered by EDA funds which will be transferred to the City.

The original M&CC Order 27,195, accepted CEC to generate a preliminary engineering report (PER) for the River Park project in the amount of \$87,100.00. With change order #1, the cost increased in the amount of \$5,000.00 to a new total of \$92,100.00. With this change order #2, the cost will increase by \$37,980.00 to a new total of \$130,080.00

Amount of Award: \$37,980.00

Budget number: 001.052.20100

Grant, bond, etc. reference: City Funds



AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Client Name: City of Cumberland **Contact:** City of Cumberland
Address: 57 North Liberty Street **Client Phone:** (301) 759-6548
Cumberland, MD 21502 **Client Fax:** (301) 759-6608
Client Email: _____

Date: 2/3/2025

Request No.: 0002 **CEC Project Manager:** Colin McCardle

CEC Project: 328-386 **Task:** 01.8

Project Name: River Park & N Branch Dam Removal

Location: Cumberland, MD

Proposed Scope of Services:

CEC has been asked to perform water level logging installation, monitoring and removal to collect data of both the Potomac River and Wills Creek in the City of Cumberland (City). The data is intended for use during future water modeling for continued design and permitting within the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) flood control project and the proposed River Park at Canal Place.

Reason(s) for Additional Services and Impacts to Schedule:

It was recommended by REP to install multiple water level loggers in the River Park at Canal Place project area. The data from the water level loggers is necessary for robust, accurate hydraulic modeling that will be required for detailed design and review by technical staff at regulatory agencies including the US Army Corps of Engineers. It is recommended to install the water level loggers as soon as possible to not delay the project schedule, since the loggers need to be installed for a full range of high to low flows for the data to be accurate and used.

CEC's team plans to install water level loggers in 7 locations along the Potomac River in the proposed project area and 1 in Wills Creek. CEC's installers will work with the City Engineer on locations for installation and monitoring. The loggers are self-contained units, with multiple submerged at hydraulically relevant locations and one installed outside of the river to measure atmospheric (barometric) pressure for data calibration. Data loss is an inherent risk with in-river water level loggers, occurring when a logger is lost during a high flow event or vandalism. CEC has included 2 additional water level loggers for replacements when/if needed for such events.

CEC representative Colin McCardle will manage the process of installation and coordinate the data collection information with REP. Each water level logger will be installed utilizing an anchoring pipe (black iron gas pipe), PVC housing and screw clamps. A survey crew will create a permanent project basepoint and survey each water level logger location and elevation. CEC proposes the data to be collected monthly for 6 months. Upon the final monitor/data collection, CEC will remove the water level loggers and associated material. Final data will be reviewed by REP and provided to the City for future use in hydraulic modeling.



AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Schedule:

CEC anticipates the installation to occur in February with monitoring lasting until final data collection and removal in August of 2025. CEC will monitor water level conditions with the attempt to install the water level logger stations at a low water timeframe.

Fees:

1.8a Material and Installation.....	\$17,360
1.8b Monitoring (6 Months).....	\$14,120
1.8c Survey.....	\$ 6,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$37,980</i>

Note: If the City of Cumberland takes on the monitoring task (1.8b) of the proposal, the fee for that section would drop to \$3,660 for a new total of \$27,520 or a savings of \$10,460. The \$3,660 would be utilized for CEC's team to do the final data collection and removal of each water level logging station.

CEC Principal Signature: Jim Christie **Estimated Additional Fee:** \$37,980

Please provide a signature below authorizing CEC to proceed with the additional services. Upon receipt, CEC will begin the additional services under the Terms and Conditions of our initial Agreement for the additional fee identified above.

Client Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>

Change Order #2 for CEC - River Park Water Loggers

2 messages

Robert Smith <robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov>

Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 8:56 AM

To: Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>

Cc: Mark Gandolfi <mark.gandolfi@cumberlandmd.gov>, Ken Tressler <ken.tressler@cumberlandmd.gov>, Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>

Jeff - The Preliminary Engineering Report is complete for the River Park Project. Dee Dee's consultant is working on the final engineering RFP for the in-water work which will take a few months. She's currently advertising the engineering services for the trails design due to those funds expiring soon, which are specifically for that work.

While we wait for the final engineering services to be advertised, we need information on the water levels in order to do future hydraulic modeling which will be needed for design/permitting. I'm requesting permission to accept Change Order 2 for this work by CEC which is attached. The cost for this work is \$37,980. Dee Dee will be using her EDA funds and can transfer them to the City to cover the work which I can administer.

At this point, I don't foresee the City agreeing to take on the monitoring task (1.8b).

With your approval, Derrik can place this on the upcoming M&CC agenda. Thanks.

Robert Smith, P.E.

Director of Engineering and Utilities

City of Cumberland

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Cumberland, MD 21502

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email: robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov**328-386 AdditionalServices2.pdf**

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Jeff Silka <jeff.silka@cumberlandmd.gov>

Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 9:29 AM

To: Robert Smith <robert.smith@cumberlandmd.gov>

Cc: Mark Gandolfi <mark.gandolfi@cumberlandmd.gov>, Ken Tressler <ken.tressler@cumberlandmd.gov>, Derrik Grimm <derrik.grimm@cumberlandmd.gov>

Yes, I approve.

Jeffrey F. Silka, ICMA-CM

City Administrator

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File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,658 - declaring certain City-owned property at 403-405 Central Avenue, 417 Central Avenue and 212 Baltimore Avenue to be surplus and authorizing them for sale

- ORDER -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,658

DATE: February 18, 2025

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland is the record owner of certain parcels of property identified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that these properties are no longer needed for any public use and will be offered for sale to the general public;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, THAT:

1. The following properties are hereby declared to be surplus in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Cumberland:

1. 403-405 Central Avenue Tax ID No. 22-005596
2. 417 Central Avenue Tax ID No. 22-014412
3. 212 Baltimore Avenue Tax ID No. 23-012413

2. After the passage of twenty (20) days from the date of this Order, the Mayor and City Council may pass an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a deed effecting the conveyance of any or all of the properties to a purchaser, and the City may proceed with the transfer of any or all of the properties in accordance with the terms of said Ordinance

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,659 - authorizing new parking regulations for the parking spaces on Baltimore Street, Liberty Street and Centre Street, effective 30 days after passage of this Order

- ORDER -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,659

DATE: February 18, 2025

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, effective thirty (30) days after passage of this Order, parking regulations shall be as follows:

- All parking spaces on Baltimore Street, Liberty Street and Centre Street within the Downtown District shall be limited to One Hour (60 minutes) free parking and shall be marked by signage.
- All vehicles parking in the designated Downtown District shall be limited to a one hour (60 minutes) with a time reset gap of one hour between one hour cycles.
- The one-hour free parking shall not affect designated and marked Loading Zones.
- All free times zones within the City shall be subject to enforcement.
- Parking rules and regulations shall be enforced equally in all areas of the City.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,660 - accepting the report of the City Administrator advising that, with regard to the proposed public right of way closure for a portion of Cat Alley, he observed no damages caused to the adjacent property owners as a result of the closure, and any added value would be formally determined by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

- ORDER -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,660

DATE: February 18, 2025

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, the report of the City Administrator, dated February 14, 2025, be and is hereby accepted, advising that, with regard to the public right of way closure for a street known a portion of Cat Alley, approved by Ordinance No. 3993 and initiated by CGRE, Alter/Scott Acquisitions, LLC (“ASA”) and RF Cumberland RE, LLC (“RFC”), there were no damages caused to the adjacent property owner, and that any apparent added benefit to the property owner would be determined by the MD Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor



CITY OF CUMBERLAND MARYLAND

February 14, 2025

Allison Layton
City Clerk
City of Cumberland
57 N Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

With regard to Ordinance No. 3993, passed October 4, 2024, providing for the closure of (1) a portion of Cat Alley located between but not abutting Maryland Avenue on the Northeast Side and Park Alley on the Southeast Side and (2) a portion of an unnamed alley abutting the South Side of Cat Alley, and running Southeast to Cecelia Street, with both portions being located in the City of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland.

Please be advised that on February 14, 2025, I did personally visit the site for the purpose of assessing damages and awarding benefits to abutting property owners resulting from the aforesaid closing.

MAYOR

RAYMOND M. MORRIS

COUNCIL

RICHARD J. CIONI, JR.
EUGENE T. FRAZIER
JAMES L. FURSTENBERG, III
BRIAN R. LEPLY

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

JEFFREY F. SILKA, ICMA-CM

CITY SOLICITOR

MICHAEL SCOTT COHEN

CITY CLERK

ALLISON LAYTON

Portions of the Alleys abut properties owned by CGRE, Alter/Scott Acquisitions, LLC ("ASA") and RF Cumberland RE, LLC ("RFC"), and, in accordance with Section 127A of the City Charter requiring the Alleys be split between abutting property owners in equal proportions according to their length or breadth. As a result of my assessment, I have determined that there are no damages caused to the adjacent property owner as a result of this closure. Furthermore, there is no apparent added benefit to the property owner, but any added value to the property will be formally determined by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey F. Silka
City Administrator



MEMBER MARYLAND
MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML)

57 N. LIBERTY STREET, CUMBERLAND, MD 21502 www.cumberlandmd.gov
VOICE (301)722-2000 • FAX (301)759-6438 • TDD (800)735-2258

File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,661 - accepting the report of the City Administrator advising that, with regard to the proposed public right of way closure at the Unnamed Alley, he observed no damages caused to the adjacent property owners as a result of the closure, and any added value would be formally determined by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

- ORDER -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,661

DATE: February 18, 2025

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, the report of the City Administrator, dated February 14, 2025, be and is hereby accepted, advising that, with regard to the public right of way closure for a street known as an unnamed Alley between Cecelia Street and Williams Street, approved by Ordinance No. 4005 and initiated by Emily White and Diane White, there were no damages caused to the adjacent property owner, and that any apparent added benefit to the property owner would be determined by the MD Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor



CITY OF CUMBERLAND MARYLAND

February 14, 2025

Allison Layton
City Clerk
City of Cumberland
57 N Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

With regard to Ordinance No. 4005, passed January 21, 2025, providing for the closure of (1) a portion of an unnamed alley between Cecelia Street and Williams Street, running from the property line of a parcel owned by Emily White and Diane White, intersecting with the unnamed alley to the Eastern boundary line of land owned by Cumberland Gateway Real Estate LLC and (2) a portion of another unnamed alley running from the Southern right of way line of Cecelia Street, South 81.01 feet on its East side and 72.9 feet on its West side, the portions of said alleys being located in the City of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland

MAYOR

RAYMOND M. MORRIS

Please be advised that on February 14, 2025, I did personally visit the site for the purpose of assessing damages and awarding benefits to abutting property owners resulting from the aforesaid closing.

COUNCIL

RICHARD J. CIONI, JR.
EUGENE T. FRAZIER
JAMES L. FURSTENBERG, III
BRIAN R. LEPLEY

Portions of the Alleys abut properties owned by CGRE, Alter/Scott Acquisitions, LLC ("ASA"), and, in accordance with Section 127A of the City Charter requiring the Alleys be split between abutting property owners in equal proportions according to their length or breadth. As a result of my assessment, I have determined that there are no damages caused to the adjacent property owner as a result of this closure. Furthermore, there is no apparent added benefit to the property owner, but any added value to the property will be formally determined by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

JEFFREY F. SILKA, ICMA-CM

CITY SOLICITOR

MICHAEL SCOTT COHEN

CITY CLERK

ALLISON LAYTON

Respectfully,



Jeffrey F. Silka
City Administrator



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File Attachments for Item:

. Order 27,662 - authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) 2024 Certified Local Government grant agreement originally approved on August 5, 2024 by Order No. 27,528 with MHT to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,750 to be used for amending the Downtown Cumberland National Register District Agreement, and authorizing the City Comptroller to accept these funds

- Order -
of the
Mayor and City Council of Cumberland
MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 27,662

DATE: February 18, 2025

ORDERED, By the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland

THAT, the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) 2024 Certified Local Government grant agreement originally approved on August 5, 2024 by Order No. 27,528 with MHT to increase funding in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$3,750.00) to be used for amending the Downtown Cumberland National Register District Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to accept these funds.

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: 2/18/25

Key Staff Contact: Ruth Davis - Rogers

Item Title: Maryland Historical Trust Amendment to Increase Funding

Summary of project/issue/purchase/contract, etc for Council:

Maryland Historical Trust Amendment to 2024 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Agreement to increase funding for Amending the Downtown Cumberland National Register District Agreement to increase the Grant amount by an additional \$3,750

Award: Community Legacy-2024-Cumberland-00226
Choose Cumberland Relocation and Renovation Package

Amount of Award: \$3,750

Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor



Rebecca L. Flora, AICP, Secretary
Elizabeth Hughes, MHT Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

February 12, 2025

Ruth Davis-Rogers
Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management
City of Cumberland
57 N. Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

RE: Amendment to 2024 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Agreement (the "Grant Agreement") with the City of Cumberland to increase funding for Amending the Downtown Cumberland National Register District (the "Grant")

Dear Ms. Davis-Rogers:

This letter serves to amend the terms of above-referenced Grant Agreement to increase the Grant amount by an additional \$3,750 (the "Additional Funds") to offset local funds allocated to the project.

This change will be reflected in your final report requirements in MHT's online grants portal. All other terms and conditions in the Grant Agreement remain in full force and effect.

If the City agrees to the term of this amendment to the Grant Agreement, please sign below and return this letter to me for our files.

Sincerely,

Nell Ziehl
Chief, Office of Planning, Education and Outreach
Maryland Historical Trust

City of Cumberland

By:

Name:

Title:*

*This amendment must be signed by a person legally authorized to sign contracts for the City of Cumberland, and by signing you are stating, under penalties of perjury, that you are so authorized.