



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilman James L. Furstenberg
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini

City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka
City Solicitor Michael Scott Cohen
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

MINUTES

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

DATE: November 4, 2024

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Council Member Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Council Member Eugene T. Frazier
Council Member James L. Furstenberg, III
Council Member Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss, President

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk;
Shannon Adams, Fire Chief; Captain Burt

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

On November 4, 2024, the Mayor and City Council met in closed session at 4:45 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room in City Hall for the purpose of immediately closing the meeting to receive legal advice regarding the Rolling Mill project. Authority to close the

session is provided by Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

V. Director's Report

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

(A) Police Department

1. Police Department Activity Monthly Report for September 2024

Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person, no comments were made.

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approving the Regular Session Minutes for October 1, 2024 and October 15, 2024, the Open Work Session Minutes for October 15, 2024, October 17, 2024, October 22, 2024 and the Closed Work Session Minutes for May 21, 2024 and July 16, 2024

Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person, no comments were made.

VII. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

1. Ordinance 3996 (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - authorizing the execution of 1) a contract for exchange of real estate for the exchange of real property owned by the Mayor and City Council at 308 Cumberland Street for the real property owned by William Friend at 417 Central Avenue and 2) the deed for the purpose of

conveying the property located at 308 Cumberland Street to William Friend and 3) such supplemental documents as may be required to effect the transaction

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

Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. Being none, the ordinance was moved to its third reading.

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

VIII. New Business

(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 Fraizer, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. Order 27,591 - approving an amendment to Order Nos. 26,923 and 26,961, providing for an increase of ARPA funding allocation of \$292,024 to HVAC Improvement at City Hall and decreases of ARPA funding allocation of \$45,833 to DDC Assistance to Small Businesses, \$54,077 to Community Development Property Improvement, \$117,927 to Affordable Housing Assistance and \$74,187 to Replace 4" to 6" Water Lines
2. Order 27,592 - authorizing the release of \$98,000 in reimbursement funds from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community Parks and Playground Grant to the Allegany College of Maryland for the construction of an outdoor sand volleyball court
3. Order 27,593 - Declaring certain City-owned property to be surplus and authorizing it for sale
4. Order 27,594 - accepting the bid from First Fruits Excavating Inc. for site preparation including erosion and sediment control, a stabilized construction entrance, grading and pipework to prepare the site for Rampage Skateshop and Skatepark Equipment to construct a skate park (City Project 06-13-RE) in the amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$787,000) and rejecting all other bids

5. Order 27,595 - authorizing the execution of a contract of sale to acquire 403-405 Central Avenue (Tax ID 22-005596) from Monica L. Stewart and Lucille Stewart for the purchase price of \$35,000
6. Order 27,596 - authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland and Talkie Communications, Inc. pertaining to the construction, installation and maintenance of Talkie Communications, Inc.'s Backbone Network that is deployed within certain City owned Rights of Way
7. Order 27,597 - authorizing the execution of an Outdoor Seating Lease Agreement with Azadarmaki Gholamreza (DBA Azad's) for the use of the public right of way immediately in front of and adjacent to the property for outside seating for a term effective November 4, 2024 through October 31, 2025

IX. Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

Mary Engles addressed the Mayor and City Council in regards to the Memorial Hospital parking garages and suggested converting them in to ice skating rinks. This could attract more tourism as well as appeal to residents currently. She also went on to explain that the lower level of the garage could be used as a skate shop for rentals as well as a Café, shops and also a shelter in the event of extreme heat.

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes approved on November 19, 2024

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk