



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: December 3, 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,

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

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

On December 3, 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 discuss the terms of a new employment agreement with the City Administrator and to receive the advice of the City Solicitor in regard to the same.

Authority to close the session is provided by Section 3-305(b)(1) and (b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

V. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of the Open Work Session and Regular Public Minutes from November 19, 2024

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

VII. New Business

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(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Morris 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 27,608 - authorizing the sole source purchase from Leonardo DRS for the procurement of automated license plate readers in the not to exceed amount of \$75,000
2. Order 27, 609 - authorizing the Chief of Police to accept a FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant award in the amount of \$75,000 for the purchase of Automated License Plate Readers to be utilized by the Cumberland Police Department in an effort to identify, locate and recover stolen vehicles and to better investigate violent crimes
3. Order 27,610 - awarding increments of the first round of the Choose Cumberland Relocation Package grant to Ashley Smith, Lisa James, Rebecca Bocco and Dustin Ullery, Michael Jennings, and Jamie and Christopher Galloway in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 per individual with the cumulative amount not to exceed

\$100,000, utilizing grant funds received from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

4. Order 27,611 - authorizing the Mayor to execute a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of Defendant Value Drug Company from the City's Opioid Litigation case under the advice of the City's opioid case attorneys
5. Order 27,612 - authorizing the execution of an Employment Agreement by and between the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland and Jeffrey F. Silka for the position of City Administrator to be effective November 1, 2024, for a 5 year term, with automatic one-year renewals thereafter contingent upon terms of the agreement

Mr. Silka thanked the Mayor and City Council for giving him the opportunity to continue his employment with the City.

Public Comments

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

VII. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Minutes approved on December 17, 2024

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk