



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 S. Cohen
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

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WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Raymond M. Morriss; Council Members: Richard Cioni, Jimmy Furstenberg, Laurie Marchini. Eugene Frazier was absent.

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

Media: Teresa McMinn, Cumberland Times-News
Kathy Cornwell, WCBC Radio
Amanda Jackson, Citizen

I. CONSTITUTION PARK SIGN SOLICITATION DISCUSSION

Mr. Tressler stated that as lots of improvements are being done in Constitution Park, the signs are in need of replacement. He advised that a solicitation has been done, not specifying materials, saying that they want something with uniformity and that will last. Mr. Tressler said that only one bid was fully compliant, which was from Sign Here, in Hagerstown, and added that they've done work at FSU, using similar materials to what they quoted to the City. He advised that the bid from Sign Here was 3 times the amount of the others, but the product would be much better. He said it can be put on the agenda for the next meeting if everyone is good with it.

There was discussion among M&CC regarding the size of the signs, and if there would be any potential for vandalism. Mr. Tressler stated that they would be concrete, with slide-in signage that could be replaced. Mr. Silka stated that even though the price tag is large, these will be generational signs to update the park and do it right.

Mr. Tressler stated that an alternate bid was done to get quotes for all the different ball fields, and said it would be about \$80K to do everything throughout the City. He said

that whoever gets awarded the project would be doing signs for the City for some time. Mayor Morriss stated that he and Council will discuss and get back to Mr. Tressler.

Mr. Tressler also mentioned that on the agenda tonight they will be voting on the picnic tables. He stated that they have found a better table for not much more money, that's still within the limits of the grant. He added that grills have been received and are being installed. He also added that there were some improvements to the Amphitheatre, with benches and wheelchair access, and said that fence and guardrails are going in by Memorial Day.

There was discussion about the park pool, with Mr. Tressler stating that there will be a new roof at the pool building. He advised that the baby pool is leaking, so they will have to dig up some of the concrete that was just laid.

II. AGENDA REVIEW – MAY 16, 2023

Mayor Morriss called for any questions or comments about any agenda items. Mr. Silka discussed Order No. 27,238, which accepts the new proposal from Treetop Products for 89 new picnic tables for Constitution Park, and rescinds Order No. 27,236.

III. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Council Member Furstenberg discussed the Ty Johnson Football Camp on Saturday at Bishop Walsh School, and said he will be helping out. He also discussed the passing of Bill Harris, former employee. He stated that Mr. Harris's family wants to find out if he was the first black foreman for the City, and if so, would like the City to honor him with a plaque. He added that April Howser is researching this.

Council Member Marchini discussed the meetings with the Lakota Group, and said all the meetings went well. She added that they will be back next month.

Council Member Cioni mentioned the Day of Caring and Sharing coming up this Friday at Veterans Memorial at 8:00 AM. He also mentioned having more time with the laptop program with Mark Widmyer.

Mayor Morriss discussed the first Friday After Five during the construction period, and said the North Centre side was more heavily attended than the other side. He stated that he spoke with Melinda Kelleher regarding a few tweaks with staging. He said the band needs to be turned around and taken next to Mezzo's so the music is coming toward the City directionally.

The Mayor also mentioned the Farmers Market that moved to Canal Place during construction. He said there was good attendance and the vendors seemed happy.

Mayor Morriss discussed the Leavitt Music Series which begins June 1st, and continues every Thursday for 10 weeks at Canal Place, at 6:00 PM. He mentioned that food trucks will also be available. He also mentioned DelFest, coming up on Memorial Day weekend.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison K. Layton
City Clerk

Minutes approved on: June 6, 2023