



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Seth D. Bernard
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini

City Administrator Jeffrey D. Rhodes
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen
City Clerk Marjorie A. Woodring

MINUTES

M&CC Public Meeting
Via Video-conference

DATE: December 15, 2020

I. OPEN SESSION - 6:15 PM – Convene in Open Session

II. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

Councilman Seth Bernard was absent

Also Present: Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk; Lee Borrer, Senior Community Development Specialist

III. Director's Reports

Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

(A) Public Works

1. Maintenance Division monthly report for November, 2020

(B) Police

1. Police Department monthly report for November, 2020

(C) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

1. Utilities Division Flood/Water/Sewer monthly report for November, 2020

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

1. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of September 22 and October 6, 2020

V. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to receive comments on the 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Convened: 6:38 p.m.

Lee Borrer provided background on the Report and advised that the CAPER time period was July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, and stated that it was published November 30th to provide a 30-day comment period for the public regarding accomplishments. She stated that the allocation for 2019 was over \$700K in program income, and provided background on the projects which included housing programs and public services. Mayor Morriss and Council thanked Ms. Borrer and said that it's obvious the CDBG program does so much for the community. Ms. Borrer stated that these funds are an integral part of providing for citizens, and said she's lucky to have the full support of the M&CC, and also thanked community partners.

Adjourned 6:48 p.m.

VI. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

Mr. Rhodes reviewed Ordinance 3880, saying that this will allow for the rezoning of 5 parcels at the intersection of Maple St. and Oldtown Rd, which will correct a mistake on the zoning map that was intended to be addressed in the last update.

1. **Ordinance No. 3880** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - authorizing a Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA #20-02) to rezone five (5) parcels at the intersection of Maple Street and East Oldtown Road to correct a mistake in their zoning designation. The subject tracts are currently zoned "Local Business" and the correct designation should be "Urban Residential."

SECOND READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its second reading.

Motion to accept the second reading and move to the third after comment was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

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

THIRD READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

VII. New Business

(A) Resolutions

Mr. Rhodes provided background on the Resolution, which authorizes certain businesses located in the Gateway Enterprise Zone to receive tax credits for the 2021-2022 tax year.

1. **Resolution R2020-07** - authorizing certain businesses located in the Gateway Enterprise Zone to receive tax credits for the 2021-2022 tax year.

The Resolution was submitted in title only. **Motion** to accept the Resolution was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 4-0

(B) Ordinances

Mr. Rhodes reviewed the Ordinance, which will authorize the sale of general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes, each not to exceed \$4, 525,000, and stated this is part of the City's normal borrowing. Mr. Tressler advised that borrowing will be done differently this time to take advantage of low interest rates by refinancing old bonds, and stated that this is expected to save the City \$1.5M.

1. **Ordinance 3881** (*1st reading*) - authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes each in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,525,000, and general obligation refunding bonds to finance or refinance costs of projects authorized for debt funding in the FY 2021 budget.

The Ordinance was presented in title only for its first reading. **Motion** to accept the first reading and table until next meeting was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Rhodes reviewed the Ordinance, which will authorize the sale of general obligation refunding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$42,260,000, and said this is existing debt that M&CC will be authorized in refunding, and added that at this time only \$16M will be refinanced, but said it does pave the way to additional financing if conditions are right. Mr. Tressler stated that they are passing a resolution that enables the City to refinance every bond that is outstanding, though it's doubtful they will refinance all \$42M. Mr. Rhodes reiterated that this is not new debt.

2. **Ordinance No. 3882** (*1st reading*) - authorizing the issuance and sale of (1) general obligation refunding bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$42,260,000 to refund in whole or in part (A) the City's outstanding 2011 through 2019 Community Development Administration (CDA) loans and (B) certain other outstanding general obligation bonds, and (2) general obligation bonds to subsequently refund any general obligation refunding bonds identified in (1) that are actually issued

The Ordinance was presented in title only for its first reading. **Motion** to accept the first reading and table until next meeting was made by Councilman Cioni, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

(C) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Rhodes reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

Order 26,739 - approving an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to reduce funding to the 2020 Targeted City Foot and Bike Patrol Project by \$84.00, bringing the total 2020 CDBG allocation to \$809,458.

Lee Borrer advised that this adjustment is just a calculation error on the part of HUD, and had nothing to do with anything the City did or didn't do.

Order 26,740 - declaring 884 Sperry Terrace to be surplus property and stating the City's intent to transfer the property to Harold P. and Ann V. Atkins for the amount of \$9,200.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this is a former blighted property, and the neighbors are purchasing it by paying the cost for demolition, which has not occurred yet.

Order 26,741 - approving budget appropriations and transfers for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Mr. Tressler reviewed the appropriations, saying there were two for FY2020 that needed to be increased.

Order 26,742 - accepting the sole source proposal from SADA Systems, Inc., to provide a G Suite Enterprise Account for the City's use of Google mail and Google applications for a term of three (3) years, effective December 6, 2020 through December 6, 2023, in the amount not-to-exceed \$65,512.20.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this is an ongoing vendor relationship for the City's Gmail system and Google applications.

Order 26,743 - authorizing execution of a third Amendment to Purchase Agreement with Allegany Junction Limited Partnership regarding the sale of land located at 100 Reynolds Street, to allow for two (2) additional 30-day closing extensions.

Mr. Rhodes advised that these extensions allow for the finalization of the PILOT with Allegany Junction.

Order 26,744 - authorizing execution of a Certificate of Satisfaction acknowledging that the Deed of Trust made by Rebecca Dorothy D. Jackson to the City, dated March 10, 2008 (Deed Book 1478, Page 139) pertaining to 10 Decatur Street has been fully paid and the lien is therefore released.

Order 26,745 - authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement on behalf of the Downtown Development Commission with Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to accept \$20,000 in grant funding for the Baltimore Street Access Project (12-16-M), with the condition that the City provides matching funding for the full cost of the grant.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this funding will provide for planters between the dining areas and roadway on the downtown mall, which the City was previously unable to find funding for.

Order 26,746 - accepting the sole source proposal from Stryker Medical to provide three (3) LUCAS mechanical CPR devices w/ annual service agreement and two (2) Life-Pak 1500 cardiac monitor/defibrillators with annual service agreement for a cost not-to-exceed \$107,476.94. Funding for this equipment will be provided through CARES Act funding.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this is a sole source because the City typically buys these devices through Stryker Medical, and reminded everyone that funding for this equipment will be provided through the CARES Act funding, not through City tax dollars. He added that these need to be ordered and received by the end of the year.

Order 26,747 - authorizing the Fire Chief to accept a MD Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) Grant in the amount of up to \$17,120.86 for two (2) Life-Pak 1500 cardiac monitor/defibrillators, to be purchased on a sole source basis from Stryker Medical, with the intent that UPMC Western MD will be gifting/reimbursing the City for approximately \$20,373.38, which is the balance of the cost

Mr. Rhodes said these units are being purchased at half-price and the health system is helping with their cost.

Mayor Morriss stated this is the last meeting of 2020, and said that this having been a very unique year with Covid, and all the things it has done to our community and way of life, he wanted to commend all employees, staff, police, fire, EMTs, public works, etc. for all the hard work they've done in trying to keep the community safe. Mayor Morriss extended his wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday season, and his hope that everyone is prepared for the impending snow storm tomorrow. He also asked folks that have off-street parking to take advantage of that to make it easier for snow plows to keep the roads cleared.

Council promoted shopping local, and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season, to please be considerate to family members and neighbors, and remember to wear masks, wash hands, and socially distance.

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

IX. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes approved on February 2, 2021

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk