



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 Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland

DATE: February 18, 2020

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. 5:00 p.m. - Convene in open session for the purpose of closing the meeting for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305 (b) (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to receive legal advice regarding water system issues.
2. Executive Session

II. OPEN SESSION

1. 6:15 p.m. - Reconvene into open session

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilman Cioni
Councilman Frazier
Councilwoman Marchini
President Morriss

Councilman Bernard was Absent

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie Woodring, City Clerk; Captain Chuck Ternent, Interim Chief of Police; Donald Dunn, Fire Chief

V. Statement of Closed Meeting

1. Summary Statements of closed meetings held February 11 and 18, 2020

Mayor Morriss announced that Closed Sessions had been held on February 11 and 18, 2020 and read into the record a summary of those sessions, which are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes as required under Section 3-306 (c)(2) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

VI. 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) Administrative Services

1. Administrative Services monthly report for December, 2019

(B) Police Department

1. Police Department monthly report for January, 2020

(C) Public Works

1. Maintenance Division monthly report for January, 2020

(D) Utilities - Treatment Plants

1. Utilities Division Treatment Plants monthly report for January, 2020

(E) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

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

VII. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of the Retreat Minutes of November 15, 2019, Executive Session Minutes of November 19, 2019, and the Work Session and Regular Session Minutes of December 3, 2019

VIII. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

1. **Ordinance No. 3863** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - to repeal and reenact with amendments Sections 15-26 and 15-27 of the City Code pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Board to reduce the membership number from ten (1) to five (5) to seven (7) members, to reduce the term of board members to three (3) years, and to provide for a city high school student representative as a non-voting member

Mr. Rhodes provided background on the proposed Ordinance which reduces the membership number of the Parks and Recreation Board, and adds a high school student as a non-voting member.

SECOND READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its Second Reading. The reading was interrupted and a motion to suspend the Second Reading and move to

the Third Reading after comment was made by Councilman Cioni, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Morriss opened the floor 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.

IX. New Business

(A) Ordinances

- 1. Ordinance No. 3864** - to repeal and reenact with Amendments Chapter 8, Article 2 (Sections 8-26 to 8-36) of the Code pertaining to floodplain management, to meet requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Mr. Rhodes reviewed the proposed Ordinance that will update City Code pertaining to floodplain management.

FIRST READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its First Reading.

Motion to approve 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.

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

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

Order 26,607 - accepting the Sole Source proposal from Carl Belt, Inc. for Emergency Storm Line Repair on Cumberland Street in the not-to-exceed amount of \$40,912

Order 26,608 - authorizing the sole source purchase of a new John Deere 6105E Cab Tractor from Finch Services, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$63,389.55 as part of the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing Ag Tractors 021815-DAC contract

Order 26,609 - authorizing the Sole Source purchase of a new 16' 3-Point Hitch Boom Mower from Diamond Mowers for the not-to-exceed amount of \$28,080, purchased as a part of Sourcewell Contract #052417-DMM

Order 26,610 - authorizing the Sole Source purchase of a New Ford F-550 Crew Cab Canopy Service Body Truck from Keystone Ford in an amount not-to-exceed \$77,060

Order 26,611 - declaring City-owned property known as the former East Side School site, located approximately at 100 Reynolds Street, to be surplus and declaring the City's intent to transfer the property to Allegany Junction Limited Partnership for the purchase price of \$75,000 after the passage of 20 days and the passage of an Ordinance authorizing conveyance

Order 26,612 - approving the designation of certain roadways located within Constitution Park to Executive Drive, Legislative Loop, Judicial Way, and Parkview Avenue

X. Public Comments

Tiffany Fisher, 184 N. Centre Street, Cumberland NAACP, spoke regarding the Carver Community Center, asked where the City is with an action plan, and inquired if a Board was going to be created. She also discussed the things that are damaged in the building. Mayor Morriss advised that he wrote a letter to Ms. Austin and offered the services of the City, specifically, helping them regain their 501-3c status, helping them re-write the bylaws to coincide with reconstituting the board, and offered her options for people to be on the board. He added that Ms. Austin has been in touch with the City and will bring the keys down so that Council and some staff can take a tour of the facility and get a game plan going based on its condition. The Mayor also stated that there had been a conference call with EDA and how they can begin helping to fund Carver's rehabilitation and get it going. Mr. Rhodes advised that the EDA didn't commit to any specific funding, but primarily expressed the need to follow up in the next 6 months.

Councilman Frazier asked if there was anything the City could do right now about some of the damage as a temporary fix. Mr. Rhodes stated that maybe the City could do some basic things to secure the building, after they get access to it.

There was more discussion on the damage inside the building, and Ms. Fisher stated that kids can get access inside the building. She asked that it be boarded up so no one gets hurt. Mr. Rhodes asked Interim Police Chief Captain Ternent if he had heard of anything in regards to the Carver building. Captain Ternent replied that there have been no complaints, but they can start to check it out.

Marie Weddle, 8 Smith Street, social worker and educator, wanted to advocate for Ms. Fisher's vision of the Carver Community Center, and stated that she would like to volunteer to be on the Board. She said that Ms. Fisher's vision was right and correct for the community. Mayor Morriss advised that the City envisions it as a multi-functional community center.

Emily Cerda, 12 Smith Street, parent, educator, health practitioner, wanted to speak to the idea of resilience, and how Carver could play a part. She advised that she works with kids who are struggling with health challenges, addition, etc., and said they need a place or a purpose, and to be taught to be resilient. She added that they need social connectivity. Mayor Morriss agreed and stated that the City is committed to getting Carver re-opened. He added that the board he proposes will hit broad aspects of the community. He also reiterated that the City will try to get it boarded up as soon as they get access to stop more damage from happening.

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

XI. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes approved on April 21, 2020

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk