



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

MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland

DATE: February 21, 2023

I. OPEN SESSION - 6:15 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Council Member Richard J. "Rock" Cioni (by phone)
Council Member Eugene T. Frazier
Council Member James L. Furstenberg
Council Member Laurie P. Marchini

ABSENT:

President Raymond M. Morriss (*Council Member Marchini presiding*)

Also Present: Jeffery Silka, City Administrator; Allison Layton, City Clerk,

IV. Directors Reports

Motion to approve the reports was made by Council Member Furstenberg, seconded by Council Member Frazier and was passed on a vote of 4-0

(A) Administrative Services

1. Administrative Services monthly report for January 2023

(B) Public Works

1. Maintenance Division monthly report for January, 2023

(C) Fire

1. Fire Department monthly report for January, 2023

(D) Police

1. Police Department monthly report for January, 2023

(E) Utilities- Flood, Water, Sewer

1. Utilities Division of Water/Sewer/Flood monthly report for January, 2023

V. Public Comments for Agenda Items Only

VI. New Business

(A) Ordinances

1. **Ordinance No. 3939** (*1st reading*) - authorizing the execution of an agreement of sale and a development agreement with Clock Tower Ventures, LLC for the sale of the property at 19 Frederick Street.

Mr. Silka advised that this is a private development firm, the property was sold to them for \$1.00, and they will be developing the project solely at their cost.

FIRST READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its first reading.

Motion to accept the first reading and table until the next meeting was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 4-0

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Marchini called for questions or comments. Motion to accept all items on the Consent Agenda was made by Council Member George and seconded by Council Member Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. **Order 27,182** - lifting the provisions of Section 11-113 of the City Code to allow open containers of alcohol within a defined area of the downtown mall for the Hooley Pub Crawl for the period of March 11, 2023 beginning at 12:00 p.m. and ending at 2:00 a.m. on March 12, 2023; notwithstanding, that open glass containers shall not be permitted
2. **Order 27,183** - accepting a donation of \$50,000 from the estate of Ann Callan, with funds restricted to the purchase of a new ambulance for the Cumberland Fire Department
3. **Order 27,184** - declaring vehicles and equipment to be surplus and authorizing them for sale or trade in
4. **Order 27,185** - authorizing appointments and reappointments to the Administrative Appeals Board, Downtown Development Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Relations Commission, Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission, Shade Tree Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals
5. **Order 27,186** - authorizing the Fire Chief to accept the proposal from AIRVAC911 Air Vacuum Corporation to install engine exhaust removal systems at Cumberland Fire Department Central Station #1 and South End Station #2 on a sole source basis in the amount not to exceed \$55,450.00

6. Order 27,187 - accepting the proposal from Hite Associates to replace roofs at the Water Reclamation Facility's Blower Building & GBT Building, City Project 2023-05-WRF, in the amount not to exceed \$110,000

7. Order 27,188 - approving a sponsorship for Greenway Avenue Stadium Capital Improvement Fund for an advertising panel to be displayed for a ten-year term from February 2023 through February 3033 in the initial amount not to exceed \$10,000

Mr. Silka advised that the \$10,000 is a flat fee for the 10 years total, not for each individual year.

IX. Public Comments

Dana Tinnen requested funding for youth development, saying that sports/recreation in the City does not have enough allotted funds. He explained that most budgeted funds are for park and playground upkeep, grass cutting, etc. Mr. Tinnen said that \$50K should be a doable amount to help area youth reach their full potential. He also requested that the Neighborhood Advisory Committee be reinstated as a functioning part of the City's Boards and Commissions, with community member appointments.

Council Member Marchini adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM; however, Ms. Gail Devore approached the podium to speak without having signed up to do so beforehand.

Council Member Marchini re-opened the meeting at 6:28 PM to allow Ms. Devore to speak.

Gail Devore spoke on the topic of keeping backyard chickens in the City. She said that in her opinion, having chickens is not just done on a whim, and advised on the care and maintenance of the flock and the coop, and specific things that need to be done in the winter to assure the flock's survival. Ms. Devore said that owning chickens is a hobby, but maintains that they are pets which take more effort than owning a dog. She added that they would like to form a citizens' advisory board and asked that this topic be placed on an agenda so they can address concerns about having chickens.

Council Member Marchini said that the M&CC has been doing a lot of research and has received comments/emails from both sides. She added that the topic is not on an agenda currently, but said staff is working on ideas/plans.

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 P. M.

Minutes approved on March 21, 2023

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk