



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, MD

DATE: February 04, 2020

I. OPEN SESSION

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Councilman Cioni to appoint Councilman Bernard as Acting Mayor. It was seconded by Councilman Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 4-0

III. Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilman Bernard
Councilman Cioni
Councilman Frazier
Councilwoman Marchini
President Morriss – 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

IV. Presentations

1. Presentation regarding the 2020 Census from Tanya Gomer and David Nedved, Allegany County Government representatives. Also present: Chris Farrell, US Census Representative, and Morgan Alban, City Engineering Consultant

Mr. Nedved provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the upcoming 2020 US Census, and gave a background on its history. He also provided detailed reasons why it's important, such as fair representation in the House of Representatives, \$675 Billion in federal funding each year, as well as it being our patriotic duty. Mr. Nedved showed a sample mailer, and discussed the impact for Allegany County, saying that every time a person is missed it costs the county \$18,250 per person over 10 years. He added that all

personal information is kept confidential. He also advised that April 1, 2020 is National Census Day; he reviewed each question on the census, and encouraged everyone to fill out the survey.

Mr. Farrell advised how hard it is to count everyone, and said there was a press release out today regarding the hire of 175 people for the census, as well as 16 supervisors, from Allegany County. He added that a letter to all County law enforcement will go out so that they will know what the people look like, credentials, etc. Mr. Rhodes emphasized how critical this is for not only Cumberland, but for Allegany County as well, and added we want our fair share. He also recognized Ms. Alban for putting together promotional items, and for acquiring the \$8K State Grant for those items.

V. Director's Reports

(A) Engineering

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

1. Engineering Division monthly report for January, 2020

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of November 19, 2019

VII. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to receive needs and project requests for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

The Hearing convened at 6:35 p.m.

Lee Borrer, Community Development Specialist, provided information on the CDBG program, spoke about the 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) and advised on the many projects completed and people who were served through public service programs. She provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan, advised on proposed goals and needs, and added that the US Census is where all the data comes from for CDBG.

Mayor Morriss opened up the floor for comments from organizations. Those speaking with needs and project funding requests included:

Robin Fazenbaker, YMCA – asking for \$150K for Cumberland YMCA and \$200K - \$250K for Riverside YMCA for improvements
Susan Malone, HRDC - asking for supplemental funding for administrative costs
Richard Kerns, AHEC West – asking for \$10K from Health Rights Dental Access Program

Shawn Cooney, Cooney Rentals – asking for funds for improvements for his rental unit building

Edward Hunter, home purchased on Greene Street - he advised he may not be in time for this year's funding deadline, but wanted to offer some community suggestions, and spoke about workforce in Cumberland and the future of fiber optics.

David Hill, Hope Against Heroin Committee Chairman- asking for funding to help with the drug epidemic in the community, and renovation to a rec center for kids.

The Hearing adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

VIII. New Business

(A) Ordinances

Ordinance (*1st reading*) - to repeal and reenact with amendments Section 15-26 and 15-27 of the City Code pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Board to reduce the membership number from ten (10) 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 reviewed the Ordinance that would revise the content of the Parks and Recreation Board.

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

Order 26,600 - appointing Rhonda Roy to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority for the City of Cumberland as the Resident Commissioner, to replace the seat vacated by Jacqueline Clarke, effective February 4, 2020 through October 31, 2021.

Order 26,601 - appointing Bernard J. Lechman and Phillip Crippen to the Board of Zoning Appeals effective retroactive to January 14, 2020 and through January 14, 2023

Order 26,602 - authorizing the Chief of Police to execute an Agreement Recreating the Allegany County Combined Criminal Investigation (C3I) Unit, 2020 Rewrite, for the term January 1 - December 31, 2020

Order 26,603 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 6 with Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. for Phase I CSO Storage Facility at JDD Water Reclamation Facility (01-10-WWTP) to add 192 calendar days to the project with no increase to the current contract price of \$26,364,856.88

Order 26,604 - accepting the bid of Dotson's Contracting for "Constitution Park Marble Courts- Phase II (33-18-M)" for ADA compliant renovations to the comfort station and

pathway from the comfort station to the marble courts, in the estimated unit cost of \$88,265.65

Order 26,605 - authorizing execution of a 2020 Census Grant Program Agreement with the MD Department of Planning for the receipt of \$8,000 to be used to promote and encourage community participation in the 2020 Census

Order 26,606 - accepting the proposal from S&S Electrical, Inc., (procured through Gordian EZ IQC using NJPA pricing to solicit a competitive bid) for installation of a new traffic light pole and signal devices at the intersection of Mechanic and Harrison Streets (City Project 05-20-M) in the estimated unit cost of \$56,148.90

IX. Public Comments

Tiffani Fisher, VP of the local NAACP, spoke on the history of the Carver school, suggested a partnership to come together to figure out how to move forward, and asked for the legacy of Carver to continue.

Shawn Cooney, property owner, suggested identifying businesses and people that want to be involved in community initiatives and giving back to the community.

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes approved on April 7, 2020

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk