



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 Scott Cohen
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting
57 N. Liberty St.

DATE: June 4, 2024

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Council Member Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Council Member Eugene T. Frazier
Council Member James L. Furstenberg, III
Council Member Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk; Shannon Adams, Fire Chief; Chuck Ternent, Police Chief; Media Representatives

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

On June 4, 2024, the Mayor and City Council met in closed session at 4:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Allegany Museum at 3 Pershing Street to discuss the evaluation of an appointed official. Authority to close the session is provided by Section 3-305(b)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member Furstenburg, seconded by Council Member Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. Approval of the Work and Regular Session Minutes of May 7, 2024

VIII. Public Comments – Agenda Items Only

No Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

IX. Motion to add to agenda Order 27,475

Motion to approve adding the Order was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Woman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0

X. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 3978** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - - authorizing the transfer of a parcel of real property located at 461 Goethe Street, to Tyler Thompson for the purchase price of \$100

SECOND READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its second reading. Motion to approve the reading was made by Council Member Marchini, seconded by Council Member Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

2. **Ordinance 3979** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - - providing for the annual expenditure appropriation for the FY25 General Fund

SECOND READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its second reading. Motion to approve the reading was made by Council Member Cioni, seconded by Council Member Furstenburg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

3. **Ordinance 3980** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the annual expenditure appropriation for the FY25 Special Purpose Funds

SECOND READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its second reading. Motion to approve the reading was made by Council Member Marchini, seconded by Council Member Furstenburg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

4. **Ordinance 3981** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the annual expenditure appropriation for the FY25 Water Fund

SECOND READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its second reading. Motion to approve the reading was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

5. **Ordinance 3982** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the annual expenditure appropriation for the FY25 Sewer Fund

SECOND READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its second reading. Motion to approve the reading was made by Council Member Furstenburg, seconded by Council Member Ioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

6. **Ordinance 3983** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the City Tax Levy for FY25

SECOND READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its second reading. Motion to approve the reading was made by Council Member Marchini, seconded by Council Member Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

7. **Ordinance 3984** (2nd and 3rd readings) - providing for an increase in water rates effective July 1, 2024

SECOND READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its second reading. Motion to approve the reading was made by Council Member Cioni, seconded by Council Member Furstenburg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

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

THIRD READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its third reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

XI. New Business

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. **Motion** to approve each item was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Furstenburg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. **Order 27,471** - authorizing appointments to the Human Relations Commission, Parks and Recreation Board and Shade Tree Commission
2. **Order 27,472** - accepting the State bid from Hertrich Fleet Services Inc. for one (1) road ready 2023 RAM SSV Crew Cab 4 x 4 vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$42,131
3. **Order 27,473** - accepting the bid from Belt Paving, Inc. to provide mill, patch, and paving work on New Hampshire Avenue, Gleason Street, Church Street, and Massachusetts Avenue (City Project 2024-11-PVG) in the amount not to exceed \$342,070.80
4. **Order 27,474** - accepting the proposal from Gwin, Dobson & Foreman for the final design of the Evitts Creek Phase IV - Interceptor Sewer to Pump Station Contract (City Project 06-08-S), to include site survey, engineering design, permitting and preparation of construction bidding documents, in the not to exceed amount of \$382,500
5. **Order 27,475** - accepting the proposal from Laurel Ford for the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Police Vehicle and Upfit in the not to exceed amount of \$47,280.55

XI. Public Comments

Terri Socha 1822 Bedford St Cumberland, MD 21502 – Ms. Socha spoke to the Council Members and made reference to taxes going up. She moved to Bedford St many years ago and is happy there. She spoke about the issue with people driving too fast on Bedford as well as Frederick St, stating that there are kid's and bikers close to the road. She went on to state that the speed limit on Bedford St is not followed by most drivers.

She drives the speed limit of 25 and has cars tailing her because they want to go faster. The same applies for Fredrick St, when the street widens people drive past going about 45-50 mph instead of the posted speed limit of 25 mph. Ms. Socha is asking the Council to do something because it is a safety issue and she is concerned that someone is going to get hurt. She is concerned about her granddaughters when they come to visit her in August. She continued with a suggestion of an automated speed system that is being used in Washington County. Any car that exceeds the speed limit by 12 mph, the vehicle owner receives a ticket through the mail. She provided documents about the system for Council to review and asked that them to reach out to Washington County for more information.

Mayor Morriss replied thanking Ms. Socha for attending and that the Council will review the documents she provided and review them with the Chief. Councilmen Cioni asked the Chief about Frederick St, Chief Ternent responding that they do have enforcement on streets but they will do more enforcement.

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

XII. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes approved on June 18, 2024

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk