



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Richard J. “Rock” Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
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Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini

City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen
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MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting
City Hall, Cumberland MD

DATE: March 21, 2023

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Chuck Ternent, Chief of Police

IV. Statement of Closed Meetings

Mayor Morriss announced that closed sessions had been held on March 21, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m., and read into the record summaries 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.

V. Presentations

1. Presenting PFC James Beck with the 2022 Cumberland Police Department Officer of the Year Award

Chief Ternent provided background on PFC James Beck and his career in the CPD as an SRO (School Resource Officer). He explained that it’s not an easy job and said every incident impacts people more than a regular case, with problems extending into homes and communities. The Chief stated that Officer Beck is an effective SRO and has developed relationships with students and staff and is dedicated to the safety in schools. He added Officer Beck works long hours but does not complain, and is a great asset to the department.

VI. Director's Reports

Motion to approve the reports was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(A) Administrative Services

1. Administrative Services monthly report for February 2023

(B) Public Works

1. Maintenance Division monthly report for February 2023

(C) Fire

1. Fire Department monthly report for February 2023

(D) Police

1. Police Department monthly report for February 2023

VII. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of Regular Session Minutes - October 20, November 1 & 15, and December 6 & 20, 2022; January 3 & 17, February 7 & 21, 2023, and the Work Session Minutes of October 20, 2022 and November 15, 2022

VIII. Public Comments

Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments about tonight's agenda items.

There were no sign-ups to discuss any agenda items

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

IX. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 3940** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - authorizing the transfer of 13 W. Clement Street to Richard Pravlik for the purchase price of \$7,500.

SECOND READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its second reading.

Motion to accept the second reading and move to the third after comment 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 moved to its third reading.

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

X. New Business

(A) Resolutions

1. **Annexation Resolution R2023-01 ANNEX** (*1 reading only*) - to annex land located on the south side of Maryland Route 144 in Allegany County, MD, Election District No. 22, consisting of 8.848 acres +/- and owned by the Ali Ghan Club, Inc.

READING: The resolution was submitted in title only for its only reading. Motion to accept the reading was made by Council Member Furstenberg, seconded by Council Member Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve all items was made by Council Member Marchini, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

Order 27,200 - declaring the second floor of City Hall, including Council Chambers and the 2nd floor Conference Room to be dedicated work space and not open to the general public, with the exception of regularly scheduled public meetings.

Order 27,201 – authorizing a pay adjustment of 11% for all non-union full-time and part-time employees, effective April 2, 2023.

Order 27,202 - executing a memorandum of understanding with the AFSCME Local #553 with regard to a one-time pay adjustment.

Order 27,203 - executing a memorandum of understanding with the IAFF Local #203 regarding a one-time pay adjustment.

Order 27,204 - executing a memorandum of understanding with the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1994 MCGEO with regard to a one-time pay adjustment.

Order 27,205 - approving the sole source purchase of Body Worn Cameras from Utility Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$449,475, to be broken down over five years consisting of \$179,790 for the first year (100% grant funded) and \$67,421.50 for years 2-5 (General Fund or grant funded).

Order 27,206 - authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the State bids from Hertrich Fleet Services Inc. for two (2) road ready 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility police vehicles at \$49,778 each and one (1) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility police vehicle at a cost of \$46,710, for a total cost of \$146,266.00.

Order 27,207 - authorizing an agreement with The Kensington Senior Living Community allowing the City of Cumberland and their vendor, Multivista, LLC, to install a construction camera on the roof of the building at 1 Baltimore Street.

Order 27,208 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 3 with Carl Belt, Inc. for the Decatur Street 24" Crosstown Water Main Replacement (City Project 31-17-W) to add nineteen calendar days for the substantial completion, bringing the substantial completion date to October 19, 2022 and decreasing the final contract price by an amount of \$301,071.17.

Order 27,209 - authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 with Carl Belt, Inc. for the WWTP Influent Screening System Upgrades Project (City Project 2-21-WWTP) increasing the final contract price by an amount \$11,256.25.

XI. Public Comments

Chief Ternent and Chief Adams thanked M&CC on behalf of the Public Safety Departments for the recent pay increases. They spoke about recruitment and retention, and said this shows the City cares.

Sandra Roeder, Baltimore, MD, spoke about her mother Lucille Roeder who was a former City of Cumberland Councilwoman in the 1950s. She explained that she is a researcher by nature and said she was inspired by students at Mountain Ridge, and their history research classes. She stated that she has studied women's history for five years. She wanted to remind everyone that March is National Women's History Month. She added that she developed the Western MD Herstory project and wants others to get involved.

Ray Humbertson, 13708 Oleander Drive, LaVale, spoke about the Tri-State Concert Association and his love of music. He explained that he serves on the Tri-State Concert Association at the Shrine Club, and said they moved to the new Allegany HS, but after Covid, Allegany didn't want them. He stated that the Shrine Club took them in. He also explained that when they really needed it, the City's Hotel/Motel tax grant saved them, and said the City was there all the years Tri-State needed them.

Elijah Crowe, 12114 Mercury Street, Allegany County, spoke about the IAFF Local 203. He stated that he has been a firefighter/paramedic with CFD for four years, and was recently appointed VP of Local 203. He thanked M&CC for the pay increase, and for addressing the aging apparatus issue at the department.

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XII. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes approved on April 18, 2023

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison Layton, City Clerk