



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, 57 N. Liberty St., Cumberland, MD

DATE: March 03, 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 Sections 3-305(b) (3) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the potential acquisition of real estate and to consult with legal counsel regarding the transfer of City-owned property at 400 N. Mechanic Street,
2. Executive Session

II. OPEN SESSION

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Councilman Bernard
Councilman Cioni
Councilman Frazier
Councilwoman Marchini
President Morriss

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

V. Statement of Closed Meeting

1. Summary Statement of closed meeting held March 3, 2020

Mayor Morriss announced that a closed session had been held on March 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and read into the record a summary of that session, which is 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 Cioni, seconded by Councilman Bernard, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(A) Engineering

Engineering Division monthly report for February, 2020

(B) Fire

Fire Department monthly report for January, 2020

VII. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

1. **Ordinance No. 3864** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - 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 Ordinance which insures that the City is in compliance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program, as well as being consistent with Allegany County.

SECOND READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its Second Reading. The reading was interrupted and motion to suspend the Second Reading and move to the Third, after comment, was made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

The Mayor opened the floor for comments. Being none, the Ordinance moved to its 3rd Reading.

THIRD READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its Third Reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

VIII. New Business

(A) 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 5-0.

Order 26,613 - lifting Section 11-113 of the City Code to allow open containers of alcohol in a defined area of the downtown for the Hooley Pub Crawl, beginning March 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and through March 15, 2020 at 2:00 a.m.; notwithstanding that open glass containers shall not be allowed

Order 26,614 - awarding \$50,000 in Community Legacy fund through the Central Business District Accessibility Improvement Program to Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority for the "No Fewer Than 12 Tenant and Public Access Location Project"

Order 26,615 – accepting the February 12, 2020 recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission to authorize local historic site designation for the Avirett Place Columns located at the corner of Avirett Avenue and South Allegany Street

IX. Public Comments

Ed Taylor, 400 S. Allegany Street, President of the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization, wanted to thank M&CC for designating the Avirett Columns as an historic landmark, and gave background on the columns, which he stated are believed to be the oldest standing structures in the City. He also wanted to note that a couple of years ago signs were installed on Greene Street to direct people to this landmark.

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes approved on April 21, 2020

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk