



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
Video Conference

DATE: November 04, 2020

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. 5:30 PM - Before adjournment of the November 4, 2020, open work session scheduled to begin at 4:15 PM, motion was made to close the work session for a closed meeting to discuss the City Solicitor's position, as provided for by the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305 (b) (1)
2. Convene into closed meeting

II. OPEN SESSION

1. 6:15 p.m. - Reconvene in Open Session

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Councilman Seth Bernard
Councilman Richard J. Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

1. Summary Statements of closed meetings held October 27 and November 4, 2020.

Mayor Morriss announced that Closed Sessions had been held on October 27 and November 4, 2020, and read into the record summaries of those meetings 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. Proclamations

1. Proclamation recognizing the month of December as Red Kettle Days Cumberland in support of the Salvation Army's annual charitable fundraising campaign.

Mayor Morriss read the Proclamation and Captain Ronnette Smith from the Cumberland Salvation Army attended to accept. Ms. Smith advised that this year due to Covid-19 the Salvation Army is seeing many more families in need of various types of assistance, so they have asked the City of Cumberland to help out and proclaim December 4, 2020 as Red Kettle Day.

The Mayor stated that this is very important, and advised that he will be “ringing the bell” at Wal-Mart in LaVale on December 19th as a Rotary volunteer. Councilman Cioni advised that he will be at Big Lots volunteering on that same day.

VI. Director's Reports

Motion to approve the report was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(A) Engineering

1. Engineering Division monthly report for September, 2020

VII. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0, with Councilwoman Marchini abstaining due to missing that meeting.

1. Approval of the Work and Regular Session Minutes of October 6, and the Work Session Minutes of October 13, 2020

VIII. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

Mr. Rhodes provided background on the Ordinance and advised that the sale of these properties is part of the City's blight program.

Ordinance 3877 (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - accepting bids for the purchase of nine (9) parcels of real property and authorizing conveyance of those properties to the successful bidders, subject to certain terms for conveyance

SECOND READING: The Ordinance was submitted in title only for its 2nd Reading. Motion to accept the 2nd Reading and move to the 3rd after comment was made by Councilman Cioni, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

The Mayor called for questions or comments. Being none, the Ordinance moved to its 3rd Reading.

THIRD READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its 3rd Reading and was passed on a vote of 5-0

IX. New Business

(A) Ordinances

Mr. Rhodes reviewed the Ordinance which will correct an inadvertent error on the zoning map in the Canal Parkway area. Morgan Alban, City Engineering Consultant, advised that there are 30 parcels that follow Canal Parkway that were unintentionally included in the overlay zone, so the error needs to be corrected and the zoning map updated.

Ordinance 3878 (*1st reading*) - an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Cumberland to correct the map by removing thirty (30) parcels of record located between Alley No. 224 and Canal Parkway from the Canal Place Historic Preservation District.

FIRST READING: The Ordinance was submitted in title only for its 1st Reading. Motion to approve the 1st Reading and table until next meeting was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(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 on the Consent Agenda was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Bernard, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

Order 26,727 - accepting the bid from S&S Electric, Inc. for the Blower Building Switchgear Replacement Project (36-19-WWTP) in the lump sum not-to-exceed amount of \$399,500.

Order 26,728 - accepting the sole source proposal obtained through CoStars purchasing consortium from Keystone Ford and Stephenson Equipment to provide two (2) new Ford F-250 Service Body Trucks and uplift equipment in the amount not-to-exceed \$43,570.00 for each truck, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$87,140.

Order 26,729 - authorizing execution of a second Amendment to Purchase Agreement with Allegany Junction Limited Partnership regarding the sale of land located a 100 Reynolds Street, to allow for two (2) additional 30-day Closing Extensions.

Mr. Cohen advised that this Amendment pertains to the former East Side School site, and said these extensions will enable the City to finalize the terms of the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreement.

Order 26,730 - appointing Charles W. Taylor, Jr. to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term effective November 4, 2020, through November 4, 2023.

X. Public Comments

No public comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

Mr. Rhodes advised M&CC of his plans to retire from the City on June 1, 2021, and said he wanted to provide ample notice, as filling this type of position can take quite a while. He stated that obviously over the next six months there is a lot of work to do, and said he looks forward to working with them during that time. Mayor Morriss said he appreciates the many years of good service from Mr. Rhodes, who has been at the City for a total of 23 years, and said they will be working on finding a replacement. The Council Members thanked Mr. Rhodes for all his help during their time in office.

XI. Adjournment

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

Minutes approved on January 5, 2021

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk