



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
Videoconference

DATE: September 01, 2020

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. Convene in open session for the purpose of closing the meeting for an executive session pursuant to Sections 3-305(b) (9) and (14) of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss negotiations with the UFCW, Local 1994, representing members of the Cumberland Police Department, and to discuss matters regarding the award of a communications consulting contract

II. OPEN SESSION

2. 6:15 PM - Convene in Open Session

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Councilman Seth Bernard
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" 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

3. Summary Statement of Closed Meeting held September 1, 2020

Mayor Morriss announced that a Closed Session had been held on September 1, 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.

V. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

Mr. Rhodes provided background on the Ordinance, advised that 27 Ridgeway Terrace is a former blighted property, and said letters had been sent to adjoining property owners, with Mr. Kaarvaliksen being the only interested party.

1. **Ordinance 3875** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - authorizing the terms for the conveyance of 27 Ridgeway Terrace to Greis Kaarvaliksen for the amount of \$1,500 and authorizing execution of a deed to effect the conveyance

SECOND READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its second reading. Motion to accept the second reading and move to the third after comment was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Bernard, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

The Mayor called for questions or comments. Being none, the Ordinance moved to its third reading.

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

VI. 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 Consent Agenda Item Nos. 26,699 through 26,706 was made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

Order 26,699 - accepting the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in the City of Cumberland

Order 26,700 - declaring certain equipment and vehicles as surplus and authorizing them for sale

Order 26,701 - authorizing execution of an Easement Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland to grant the City a Permanent Easement and Reversible Easement regarding the prior construction of a water main through property owned by the Housing Authority in the vicinity of Banneker Gardens (Allegany County Land Records, Deed Liber 625, folio 207)

Order 26,702 - authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Casey Smith LLC dba/Service Pro for the Non-Residential Grass Mowing Contract (11-19-M) to add City-owned property at 322 S. Central Avenue for the increased amount of \$1,200, bringing the total yearly contract amount to \$42,360

Order 26,703 - authorizing Change Order No. 4 to the contract with Casey Smith LLC dba/Service Pro for the Residential Grass Mowing Contract (10-19-M) to add recently

acquired property to the contract for the increased amount of \$1,800; bringing the total yearly contract amount to \$57,985

Order 26,704 - authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the contract with The EADS Group for the New Baltimore Street Town Center Project (12-16-M) for continued out-of-scope work based on Cochran Studio review for the increased amount of \$50,630; bringing the total estimated design cost to \$676,876.58

Order 26,705 - accepting the sole source proposal from Century Engineering to perform field work necessary to update the title research for the Evitts Creek Watershed in order to complete a boundary survey in the amount not-to-exceed \$45,000

Order 26,706 - authorizing payment to Michael S. Cohen, Assignee for the Purpose of Foreclosure, the amount of \$48,000 to effect the sale of 203 Baltimore Street, which was purchased by the City through public sale at the Circuit Court of Allegany County on October 18, 2019

Mr. Rhodes advised that this property is the site of the former Brunswick Hotel, and Mr. Cohen stated that the Mayor and City Council was the high bidder at its foreclosure sale. He added that the sale has been ratified; however the City needs to pay the \$48K to complete the transaction.

VII. Public Comments

No public comments.

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes approved on October 6, 2020

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk