



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilman Joseph P. George
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City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen
City Clerk Marjorie A. Woodring

MINUTES

M&CC Regular Session

City Hall Council Chambers, 57 N. Liberty St., Cumberland

DATE: January 04, 2022

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilman Joseph P. George (*via phone*)
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Michael Scott Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk; Chuck Ternent, Chief of Police; Shannon Adams, Fire Chief

IV. Presentations

1. Quarterly presentation of awards to employees who have reached career milestones with the City of Cumberland

Mayor Morriss provided background on each employee and stated their years of service. Employees received a milestone award and gift:

5 Years: Adam Beeman; Adam Abe; Jeremy Potts; Ashlee Stumbaugh

15 Years: Rodney Twyman

20 Years: Raquel Ketterman; Douglas Beitzel; Scott Flaskamp; Shaun Appel

25 Years: Lisa Terrell

35 Years: Julie Hutson

40 Years: Rich Schade; Michael Nicholson

2. Introduction of Ms. Kara Kennell, Service Learning Coordinator and Allegany County Association of Student Councils Advisor (ACASC), Mr. John Logsdon, and student members in attendance to observe the M&CC Public Meeting

Councilman Cioni introduced Ms. Kennell and Mr. Logsdon, and Ms. Kennell introduced the student members from Allegany HS in attendance: Sofia Kucher, ACASC Vice President; Peyton McDonald, ACASC Public Relations Officer; and Audrey Litman, ACASC Parliamentarian. Ms. Kennell provided background on the group, and stated that their mission is to strive to bring together the public schools of Allegany County in providing leadership, service, education, and friendship between the schools and the community. Student members not able to attend included Grace O'Baker, ACASC President – Mountain Ridge HS; Sydney McKenzie, ACASC Secretary – Mountain Ridge HS; and Brooklyne Noel, Student Board Member for ACPS, Fort Hill HS.

V. Director's Reports

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

(A) Administrative Services

1. Administrative Services monthly report for October, 2021

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of August 31, 2021, and the Regular Session Minutes of October 5, November 16, and December 7, 2021

VII. New Business

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Silka reviewed each order on the Consent Agenda. **Motion** to approve Order Nos. 26,936 – 26,939 was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0. **Motion** to approve Order No. 26,940 *only* was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0

Order 26,936 - authorizing the Chief of Police to utilize MCIN grant funds to purchase two (2) ELSAG License Plate Readers from Applied Technology Services, a vendor on the Maryland State bid list, at a total cost not to exceed \$33,680.00.

Mr. Silka advised that this was formerly called the Safe Streets program.

Order 26,937 - authorizing execution of a Donation Agreement with Sky Nate Properties LLC to transfer 804 Maryland Avenue (Tax No. 04-012089) to the City and authorizing execution of the deed and other documents necessary for the transfer.

Mr. Silka advised that this property is to be demolished, along with 802 Maryland Avenue.

Order 26,938 - authorizing an amendment to Order No. 26,913, approved December 7, 2021, to increase the cost for purchase of a new International HV507 SFA Dump Truck and Plow w/ Spreader from Five Star International LLC and Stephenson Equipment by \$2,035, bringing the new total to an amount not-to-exceed \$173,665, due to the rising cost of manufacturing parts.

Mr. Silka advised that after awarding the bid, there was a delay and certain parts increased in cost.

Order 26,939 - authorizing appointments and reappointments to the Administrative Appeals Board, Downtown Development Commission, Human Relations Commission, and Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Silka advised that these are vacant and expired seats that are currently being filled.

Order 26,940 - appointing W. Shannon Adams as Fire Chief for the City of Cumberland effective January 4, 2022, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Employment Agreement with Adams for said position.

After a 5-0 vote in favor of, Mayor Morriss advised that Shannon Adams was the new City of Cumberland Fire Chief, and stated that he was an excellent choice. Council Members gave their comments and congratulations, and Mayor Morriss did the swearing-in. Chaplain Jim Kasecamp presented Mr. Adams with a framed print of the "Fireman's Prayer". The Mayor commented on Mr. Adams leadership, approachability and dedication to the Department.

VIII. Public Comments

No Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

IX. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes approved on May 3, 2022

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk