



# 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  
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## MINUTES

M&CC Special Public Meeting  
57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

DATE: March 31, 2020

### **I. OPEN SESSION**

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

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **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 Woodring, City Clerk

Mayor Morriss welcomed all to the City's first live-streamed Mayor and City Council Public Meeting, and advised that this is the way the City is complying with Governor Hogan's Stay at Home order due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He explained what the Stay at Home order means, and advised on what businesses were still open, and what activities are still allowed.

Mayor Morriss also stated that as of today, Allegany County has no positive test results, but warned not to let that lull anyone into a false sense of security. He spoke on the seriousness and danger of this virus, and asked people to be kind, thoughtful and considerate during this stressful time. Mayor Morriss gave a rundown of the number of tests that have been done, those that are negative, and those still pending.

Mayor Morriss stated that City Hall is currently closed to the public, and advised on the ways to get in touch with Department Supervisors, City Clerk, Mayor and City Council, etc.

#### IV. 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 items was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

**Order 26,617** - authorizing the execution of a Sole Source Professional Services Agreement between the CEDC, the DDC, and Cochran Studio, Inc. for design oversight services related to the Baltimore Street Redevelopment Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$56,000 and retroactive to March 1, 2020. Mr. Rhodes advised that this is the continuation of their work that started with Open Space design.

**Order 26,618** - accepting the proposal from Wycilffe Enterprises, Inc., to provide a CCTV/Security Camera System for the Center City Parking Garage and camera software management platform for the City, for the amount not to exceed \$26,130.36, which includes cost over the base bid for additional equipment to allow for future expansion of the system. Mr. Rhodes explained that this is the next step in the project.

Councilman Cioni inquired if long term maintenance comes with this project. Mr. Rhodes advised that there is a warranty period, and a warranty beyond that. He stated that the company is out of Frederick, so is fairly close to Cumberland if there are any issues.

Councilwoman Marchini inquired if these cameras were also for Baltimore Street. Mr. Rhodes advised that this project is just for the Center City garage which has gone through some phases of upgrades: more lighting, artistic upgrades, controls are in place, etc., and said that these cameras will provide additional security.

In answer to a question from Mayor Morriss, Mr. Rhodes advised that the IT Department has in fact looked into this camera system to see if it's compatible with the Baltimore Street upgrades.

**Order 26,619** - temporarily suspending the purchasing provisions of Sections 2-151 through 2-176 of the City Code to provide flexibility that will allow purchasing needs of the City, including contracts, equipment, professional services, supplies, maintenance / repair contracts, to continue in a manner uninterrupted by unanticipated consequences of Coronavirus-19. Mr. Rhodes advised this is a temporary recommendation to streamline purchasing activities, and in conjunction with these provisions he stated that orders can come to the Mayor and City Council as normal, but if for some reason there is no quorum, he can make a decision.

**Order 26,620** - authorizing an extension of the date by which an addendum to the MOU between the City, County, and CEDC identifying and assigning County staff to the Allegany Development Corporation (ADC) would be completed from April 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Mr. Rhodes advised that this is just working out the details of the final arrangements.

Councilwoman Marchini wanted to thank City Staff for their leadership at this time, and on behalf of all Council, wanted to thank the City Police Department, all the healthcare workers, grocery store workers, and all the unsung heroes that go to work every day to help us. Councilwoman Marchini stated that she is very grateful to live in Cumberland at this time, and echoed the Mayor's statement to not be lulled into a false sense of security. She asked all to take precautions, to stay safe, and to stick to the Governor's rules – they are there for a reason.

Mayor Morriss advised that during this stay at home order, the City Fire Department, City Police Department, and Public Works are all still working, and to reach out to them if you need to.

**V. CLOSED SESSION**

1. 6:30 p.m. - Close the meeting for an Executive Session pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(1), (4) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss selection of the new Police Chief, a proposal for the development of the East Side School site, and to consult with legal counsel regarding the transfer of City-owned property at 400 N. Mechanic Street

**VI. Adjournment**

With no further business at hand, the public meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m., and moved into Closed Session.

Minutes approved on May 5, 2020

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk