



# Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

*Mayor* Raymond M. Morriss  
*Councilman* Richard J. "Rock" Cioni  
*Councilman* Eugene T. Frazier  
*Councilman* James L. Furstenberg  
*Councilwoman* Laurie P. Marchini

City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka  
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen  
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

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### WORK SESSION

City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
57 N. Liberty Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502

Tuesday, August 8, 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Raymond M. Morriss; Council Members: Richard Cioni, Eugene Frazier, Jimmy Furstenberg, Laurie Marchini.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Sherri L. Nicol, Assistant to the City Clerk; Michael Cohen, City Solicitor; Matt Miller, Executive Director – CEDC; Stu Czapski, Economic Development Specialist

Teresa McMinn, Cumberland Times-News

Kathy Cornwell, WCBC Radio

### I. CEDC UPDATES

Mr. Miller provided updates on two projects the CEDC is handling: Downtown Surveillance, and Messick Road.

Mr. Miller stated that they have reached an agreement with 13 building owners whose properties will be used as camera locations, and said the next step is to fill out a Certification of Appropriateness application, allowing the equipment to be installed. He stated that his goal is to have those applications to Ruth Davis-Rogers by this Friday, with contractors beginning their portion of the work by mid-September, with the first Phase of the project taking 6-8 weeks. He stated that this is in addition to the distribution of 54 Ring cameras.

Mr. Miller advised that there has been some movement at the Messick Road project with pre-development site work, and a grading plan by Century Engineering. He stated that the progress meeting last Tuesday went very well, with the first set of deliverables in two weeks, which will be valuable for grant funding. He added that Phase I consists of ingress, egress, etc., and infrastructure due diligence, and said they will put out a packet to solicit excavators.

There was discussion about George Edwards Fund money, from which Mr. Miller stated he has secured \$750K, and ARC funding. Mr. Miller stated that other grants, which are federal, are a lot more difficult to secure.

Mr. Miller discussed the site and flood levels, stating it will be raised well above the floodplain.

## **II. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri L. Nicol  
Assistant to the City Clerk

Minutes approved on: August 15, 2023