

Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

WORK SESSION

City Hall Council Chambers
57 N. Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

5:45 p.m. (*due to technical difficulties, the meeting actually began at 6:05 p.m.*)

This meeting was held via Video-Conference

PRESENT: Raymond M. Morriss, President; Council Members: Seth Bernard, Richard Cioni (via audio), Eugene Frazier, and Laurie Marchini.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Margie Woodring, City Clerk

I. PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA REVIEW – FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Mr. Rhodes reviewed the Reports and Minutes up for approval, and also advised that a Public Hearing by Lee Borrer to receive needs and project requests for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding will be on the finalized agenda, and said this is the annual hearing done each year to take input on how organizations might use funding.

Mr. Rhodes reviewed Unfinished Business **Ordinance 3884**, up for its second and third readings, which will accept bids for 17 and 19 Waverly Terrace, and 417 Walnut Street, and authorize conveyance to successful bidders. He advised that these are three former blighted properties, and are a part of the City's blight program to get properties back on the tax rolls. He added that these properties have already been declared surplus, and have already been bid once.

Mr. Rhodes reviewed the three Consent Agenda items.

Order 26,754 - approving the execution of a Deed of Gift to the MD Historical Trust authorizing transfer of 178 artifacts catalogued in the Candoc Lane Site during the NEPA archeological evaluation of the 78" Parallel Pipeline Project to the MD State Repository.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this Order authorizes conveyance of artifacts that were dug up and catalogued during the 78" Pipeline Project, and said these artifacts are just pieces of glass, coal, nails, bricks, shingles and jars.

Order 26,755 - granting a one-time Historic District Property Tax Credit to 15 Prospect Square (Wunderlick) in the amount of \$1,608.50 to be applied over the course of five (5) years; property tax assessment freeze not applicable.

Mr. Rhodes advised said this tax credit represents 10% of the project cost which was \$6,086, for window replacement and roofing changes.

Order 26,756 - authorizing execution of a Right-of-Way Agreement with The Potomac Edison Company regarding the installation of an electric vehicle charging station, to be installed and maintained by Potomac Edison, at the Liberty Street surface parking lot.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this is a “no-cost” project to the City, and stated that City staff had reached out to Potomac Edison thinking it would be a good idea in the downtown. He said it turned out that Potomac Edison already had a project looking to place a couple of units cost-free, and added that Raquel Ketterman, Environmental Specialist, led the effort.

II. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk

Minutes approved February 16, 2021