

# Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

## WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
4:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Seth Bernard, serving as Acting Mayor, Richard Cioni, Eugene Frazier, and Laurie Marchini.

Mayor Ray Morriss is absent

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie Woodring, City Clerk

### I. REVIEW OF PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Mr. Rhodes reviewed and advised on 2020 Census information being presented by Morgan Alban, City Engineering Consultant, who was also serving as the City's main contact for the program.

Mr. Rhodes also advised on the CDBG Public Hearing presentation by Lee Borrer, Community Development Specialist.

He reviewed the Ordinance that was on the agenda for its first reading, advising that it provides for reducing the membership of the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the term to be served.

Consent Agenda items were as follows:

**Order 26600** – appointing Rhonda Roy to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority as Resident Commissioner. Mr. Rhodes advised that she will replace the seat vacated by Jacqueline Clarke, effective 2/4/20 through 10/31/21.

**Order 26601** – appointing Bernard J. Lechman and Phillip Crippen to the Board of Zoning Appeals effective retroactively to 1/14/20, through 1/14/23.

**Order 26602** – authorizing the Interim Chief of Police to execute an Agreement recreating the Allegany County Combined Criminal Investigation Unit (C3I) as a 2020 rewrite for the January 1 – December 31, 2020 term. Mr. Rhodes advised that Allegany County will be doing their own investigations from here on out, and won't be turning them over to C3I anymore. He added that this has been a state-wide effort, saying the Eastern Shore is doing the same thing, and advised that the County

is not necessarily unhappy with anything. He stated that it does hurt the department, saying that C3I is a huge plus for us in a rural area where there's limited manpower. He advised that retired Chief Charles Hinnant had reached out before he left as he has a lot of connections with MD State Police, and Mr. Rhodes stated further that he believes that has a lot to do with the fact that there are still 2 people here, because they had wanted to completely withdraw. He said all law enforcement agencies have been supportive, but Chief Hinnant was successful in pushing some buttons. Mr. Rhodes advised that in time they will be reducing participation to zero. He said it's tough, but we can deal with it.

**Order 26603** – authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 6 with Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. for Phase I CSO Storage Facility at JJD Water Reclamation Facility, City Project No. 01-10-WWTP, to add 192 more calendar days to the project with no increase to the current contract price. Mr. Rhodes advised that the project is behind due to bad weather, and they are hoping to wrap up in May. He added that Fiore will place the basketball courts back, and will build a multi-purpose field where the long field is.

**Order 26604** – accepting the bid of Dotson's Contracting for "Constitution Park Marble Courts – Phase II, City Project No. 33-18-M, for ADA-compliant renovations to the comfort station and pathway from the comfort station to the marble courts, in the estimated unit cost of \$88,265.65. Mr. Rhodes advised that one marble ring is already ADA-accessible, and stated that this was a planned project, with a local contractor winning the bid.

**Order 26605** – authorizing execution of a 2020 Census Grant Program Agreement with the MD Department of Planning, for the receipt of \$8,000 to be used to promote and encourage community participation in the 2020 census.

**Order 26606** – accepting the proposal from S&S Electrical, Inc. (procured through Gordian EZ IQC using NJPA pricing to solicit a competitive bid) for installation of a new traffic light pole and signal devices at the intersection of Mechanic and Harrison Streets, City Project No. 05-20-M, in the estimated unit cost of \$56,148.90. Mr. Rhodes advised that this is the traffic light that was taken out of service this past New Year's Eve by a tractor-trailer driver. He added that he thought the cost would be much higher, and stated that the City is looking for restitution through the driver's insurance. He said that the driver is the owner of the company, and will probably have more than \$50K in coverage, and added that she is not driving anymore.

Greg Larry inquired, regarding the C3I Agreement, how many City personnel and how many from the Sheriff's department were involved. Mr. Rhodes advised that it varies with staffing levels, and said that Captain Ternent will clarify. Mr. Larry asked if there was any idea of when the new traffic lights would be installed and if the driver had insurance. Mr. Rhodes replied that he didn't have any idea on the

timeline of the traffic lights getting installed, but stated that he was pretty sure the driver had insurance. He added that the lights there now are temporary, and will be replaced with the new ones.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie A. Woodring  
City Clerk

Minutes approved April 7, 2020