

# Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

## WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie Woodring, City Clerk; Bobby Smith, City Engineer; and Krista Ziegenfuss & Cody Harnish, representatives from the Wilson T. Ballard Company

Public: Ed Mullaney, Co-chair, Let's Beautify Cumberland

### I. PRESENTATION BY WILSON T. BALLARD – BALTIMORE ST. BRIDGE

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the Baltimore Street Bridge (A-C-06) Rehabilitation project. He stated that the bridge has reached the end of its useful life, and said the intention is to replace the bridge superstructure entirely, while maintaining the substructure, which is the flood control wall. He explained about the two different options available – pre-cast concrete bridge or steel bridge – and said they are leaning more towards the steel bridge. Mr. Smith advised on the gas line under the bridge and on traffic during construction, which will continue to be 2-way. He advised on how construction will progress from start to finish, Phases I – III, and added that there will be a 2-month period where pedestrians will not be able to use the bridge, with a detour being at Market and Mechanic streets. In response to a question, he replied that the foot bridge by the WMSR, although not owned by the City, could be used by pedestrians as a detour, but the City cannot direct them there. Mr. Smith advised on the project cost estimate, environmental assessment, bidding and discussed details for the timeline. He also mentioned that the design of the bridge will look very similar to what we see now, except it will have a concrete roadway.

Ms. Ziegenfuss and Mr. Harnish, representatives from Wilson T. Ballard Company, provided and displayed drawings for council and staff, and Mr. Smith advised that they had held a meeting with SHA the prior Monday, and said they are on-board with Engineering's plan. He also advised that the City is currently in the process of replacing the sidewalks on Cumberland Street at the Johnson Street intersection to get that area ready for pedestrians.

Ed Mullaney voiced his concerns about the Baltimore Street Bridge being plain-looking as compared to the architecture & lighting of the other bridges. He suggested the new bridge aesthetics tie-in with the existing Valley and Market Street Bridges because the Baltimore Street Bridge is a main bridge and a busy intersection into the downtown. Mayor Morriss

said they will look into it, and Council suggested that Wilson T. Ballard look at the design plan for downtown for consistency and compatibility.

## II. PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Rhodes advised on and reviewed the two Presentations on the agenda - the upcoming 2020 Census and a Carver Community Center Overview – then proceeded to review the Consent Agenda items for the public meeting:

**Order 26584** – Change Order No. 1 with First Fruits Excavating for the Cumberland Street Retaining Wall project to address drainage problems and sidewalk repair at that location.

**Order 26585** – Change Order No. 1 with Miracle/Taylor Sport and Recreation, due to their estimated cost not including prevailing wage rates.

**Order 26586** – Accepting the bid of Harbel, Inc. for the Koon Dam Sidewalk Repairs-Phase 3 project, which is replacement of overhanging and enclosed sidewalk on the bridge.

**Order 26587** – Declaring a 2011 International Ambulance as surplus equipment, as Mr. Rhodes stated the chassis is a lemon, but the box can be saved to put on a new ambulance.

**Order 26588** – Authorizing and accepting a FY20 GOCCP Police Recruitment & Retention Grant which would pay incentives to officers.

**Order 26589** – Accepting the bids for the purchase of a new mid-size SUV from Thomas Hyundai, and a ½ ton pickup & ½ ton work truck from Diehl's Ford, with one vehicle being for WWTP, and one for Public Works. These will be paid for by 2018 bonds proceeds.

**Order 26590** – Accepting the Sole Source proposal of Marshall Ruby & Sons for repair of mechanical screens at the Evitts Creek Pumping Station. This is a specialized repair. To have them replaced they'd have to be shipped from FL, but Ruby & Sons can fix them in place without removing the roof of the pumping station.

**Order 26591** – Accepting the Sole Source bid of CAMCO, Inc. for repair of high voltage breakers at the JJD Water Reclamation Facility. These are vintage parts, and CAMCO is the only company that has them.

**Order 26592** – Appointing Anita Simmons, Natural Resource Technician, to the Evitts Creek Steering Committee. Anita is the City's new Forester, taking Paul Eriksson's place.

**Order 26593** – Declaring a 2007 Chrysler Aspen, from the Police Dept., to be surplus.

**Order 26594** – Adopting a revised Investment Policy effective this date which cleans up outdated language, and allows increased amount invested, as well as dealing with outside-of-MD banks. The last Investment Policy was adopted in 1996.

**Order 26595** – Declaring certain parcels of property at 400 N. Mechanic St. to be surplus and authorizing their transfer to the CEDC. This is the old Canada Hose House, which will be used as incubator space for the CEDC. Mr. Cohen advised that the deed will provide for its return to the City if it ceases to be used as per the agreement.

**Order 26596** – Approving Amendment #7 to the CDBG program funding, transferring funds from a program no longer needed to the Dental Access Program.

**Order 26597** – Authorizing a Bill of Sale with MD Broadband Cooperative, Inc. pertaining to fiber optics downtown, which MD Broadband will roll out and manage, with the City providing funding to get the fiber in place.

**Order 26598** – MOU between the City, CEDC, and Allegany County Commissioners regarding centralization of an Economic Development program for the City and County.

**Order 26599** – Execution of a State-driven Amendment to the 2017 MHAA Grant – Canal Place Heritage Area Partnership Programming, FY17, pertaining to several revised financial documentation policies for awarded grants, that the City is required to sign off on.

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie A. Woodring  
City Clerk

Minutes approved April 7, 2020