



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
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen
City Clerk Marjorie A. Woodring

MINUTES

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

DATE: March 10, 2020

I. OPEN SESSION

1. 10:00 a.m. – Convene in Open Session

II Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilman Richard J. Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

ABSENT: Councilman Seth Bernard

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator, Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk; Captain Chuck Ternent, Interim Chief of Police; Donald Dunn, Fire Chief

IV. Presentations

1. Presentation of 2020 achievement awards to members of the Cumberland Police Department, including Top Gun Award to Cpl. D. J. Jenkins, DUI Award to PDF Bronson Becker, and Officer of the Year Award to Patrolman Jeffrey Fairley

Captain Ternent spoke on the background of the awards that was started by former Chief Hinnant, and said this they are expanding on that with an officer and employee appreciation ceremony. The Captain provided a PowerPoint presentation, and gave some background on the Cumberland Police Department, which has been around since 1852. He spoke about the advancements in technology through the years, and how the men and

woman of the police department now are more diverse, with a more complex set of skills to fit in with new threats, new technology, and new laws. He explained how policing today has evolved from law enforcement into a hybrid social service organization, saying that they have to be partners with all community stakeholders to try to solve problems.

Captain Ternent gave a run-down of statistics, including number of officers, average calls per day, tactical team statistics, narcotics cases, criminal cases, etc. and added that their detectives handle 44% of calls in Allegany County. He stated that all are well-rounded hard working officers doing real police work.

Captain Ternent presented multiple awards in various categories, including Volunteers, Honorary Officers, Promotions, Retirees, and recognized many officers and civilians who have hit significant longevity marks. He also presented awards to Top Performers and to each Officer of the Quarter, and recognized those officers that were deployed in the military in the past year.

Captain Ternent provided background on the Top Gun Award, and presented the award to Cpl. D.J. Jenkins, saying that Cpl. Jenkins is also a firearms instructor, and is the best shooter on the range.

Captain Ternent provided background on the DUI Award, and presented the award to Patrolman First Class Bronson Becker.

For the final award of the evening, Officer of the Year, Captain Ternent provided background and criteria, and presented the award to Patrolman First Class Jeffrey Fairley. He talked about Patrolman Fairley's contributions to the force.

Captain Ternent made his closing remarks, saying that although most of the command staff has moved on during the past few years, and adjustments both professionally and personally have been made, the command staff right now is great, and one of the best they've ever had. He recognized the staff, and added that they always have the best interests of the City in mind. He thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing the Cumberland Police Force.

Mayor Morriss stated it's always a good thing to recognize people for their performance, and said the men and women of the Cumberland Police Department do a great job every day in a tough environment, and acknowledged how dedicated and committed they are to the safety of the citizens of Cumberland. He thanked all the officers, as well as their families, for the sacrifices they make every day.

Council Members Cioni, Frazier, and Marchini all voiced their appreciation for the officers of the Cumberland Police Department, and thanked them for their continued outstanding service to the community.

V. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes approved on April 21, 2020

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk