



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 Regular Meeting
Video Conference

DATE: June 16, 2020

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. 5:00 p.m. - Convene in open session for the purpose of closing the meeting for an executive session pursuant to Section 3-305 (b) (1) and (9) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss issues pertaining to the City's Administrator's contract and to discuss negotiations with the UFCW Local 1994 representing certain members of the Cumberland Police Department

II. OPEN SESSION

1. This meeting will be held remotely as a videoconference.

To view the meeting, go to the City's website at www.ci.cumberland.md.us and under the Government tab, locate the Public Meetings link which will take you to Live Meeting Coverage.

To provide public comment during the video conference, citizens must go to the following webpage on Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85727920648?pwd=ZXhibEJxVVQyd3ZoSFawbm9vcTILQT09>

and use Meeting ID (857 2792 0648) Password (776066).

To join by phone dial: (+1 301 715 8592); Meeting ID: (857 2792 0648) Password: (776066)

Citizens wishing to speak will be placed in a waiting room and will be called upon at the appropriate time.

Written public comment may also be made by emailing the City Clerk at margie.woodring@cumberlandmd.gov. All electronic comments must be submitted by 2 PM on June 16, 2020. Comments received will be read by City staff during the public comment portion of the meeting.

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk; Kenneth Tressler, Director of Administrative Services

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

1. Summary statements of the closed meetings held June 9 and June 16, 2020

Mayor Morriss announced that a Closed Session had been held on June 9, 2020 at 5:55 p.m. and on June 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and read into the record summaries of those sessions, which are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes as required under Section 3-306 (c) (2) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

V. Director's Reports

Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

(A) Administrative Services

Administrative Services monthly report for April, 2020

(B) Engineering

Engineering Division monthly report for May, 2020

(C) Fire

Report of Fire Department Activity for the month of May, 2020

(D) Police

Police Department monthly report for May, 2020

(E) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

Utilities Division / Water Department monthly report for May, 2020

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

1. Approval of the Work Session Minutes of May 12, 2020, and the Budget Work Session and Regular Session Minutes of May 19, 2020

VII. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

Mr. Rhodes introduced the Ordinances and Mr. Tressler provided comments and background, explaining these are the City's annual budget and appropriation Ordinances.

1. **Ordinance No. 3866** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the City Tax Levy for FY21. Real Estate tax rate to remain at \$1.0595 per \$100 of assessed value. Personal Property tax rate to remain at \$2.648 per \$100 of assessed value.
2. **Ordinance 3867** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the annual appropriation for the General Fund for FY21
3. **Ordinance 3868** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the annual appropriation for the Water Fund for FY21
4. **Ordinance 3869** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the yearly appropriation for the Sewer Fund for FY21
5. **Ordinance 3870** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - providing for the annual appropriations for the Special Purpose Funds for FY21
6. **Ordinance 3871** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - to provide for an increase in water rates effective July 1, 2020

SECOND READING: The Ordinances were presented in title only for their Second Reading. On a motion made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Frazier, the Second Readings were passed on a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. Being none, the Ordinances moved to their Third Reading.

THIRD READING: The Ordinances were presented in title only for their Third Readings and were passed on a vote of 4-0.

VIII. New Business

(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Rhodes reviewed each Order on the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. Motion to approve all Consent Agenda items was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

Order 26,649 - accepting the proposal of Century Engineering, Inc. for City Project 36-19-WWTP "Blower Building Electrical Switchgear Replacement - Engineering Services" in the estimated cost of \$29,600, which will include the design and preparation of construction bid documents for the switchgear replacements and a new redundant transformer at the Blower Building at the JDD Water Reclamation Facility

Order 26,650 - authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Secret Service to formalize an existing

partnership with the Cumberland Police Department, making the department eligible to share funds and seek reimbursement for costs associated with certain investigations

Order 26,651 - authorizing execution of lease agreement with Corner Tavern and Cafe, Embassy Theater, Baltimore Street Grill, City Lights, and Mezzos for the use of public right-of-way for outdoor dining and entertainment for a one-year term effective June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021

Order 26,652 - accepting the report of the City Administrator, dated June 12, 2020, advising that with regard to the closure of two (2) portions of Park Alley in the vicinity of Williams and Cecelia Street, as approved by Ordinance No. 3865, there were no damages caused to the adjacent property owners, those being Cumberland Gateway Real Estate, LLC, and Alter/Scott Acquisitions, LLC, and that any added monetary value to the property owners as a result of the closure will be determined by the MD Department of Assessments and Taxation

IX. Public Comments

There were no public comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes approved on July 7, 2020

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk