



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilman James L. Furstenberg
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini

City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting
City Hall

DATE: April 04, 2023

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Council Member Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Council Member Eugene T. Frazier
Council Member James L. Furstenberg
Council Member Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

Mayor Morriss announced that a closed session had been held on April 4, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and read into the record a summary of that session which is 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. Presentations

1. Presentation of awards given in recognition of employee career milestones:

5 Years: James Beck, PFC, CPD
10 Years: Sherri Nicol, Asst. to City Clerk
15 Years: Cory Beard, Corporal, CPD
Earl Haslam, Service Tech. II, Water Distribution
25 Years: Lee Borrer, Senior Comm. Development Specialist
Vince Pyle, Captain, CFD

30 Years: Chuck Ternent, Police Chief

VI. Proclamations

1. Proclaiming April 2023 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Cumberland

Mayor Morriss read the proclamation, and Senior Community Development Specialist Lee Borrer accepted.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. Approval of the Work Session Minutes of November 1, December 6, 20, and 27, 2022; and the Work Session Minutes of January 3 and 17, February 7, 14, and 21, 2023, and the Regular Session Minutes of March 7, 2023

VIII. Public Hearings

1. Second Public Hearing for the 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan to present staff recommendations for funding.

Lee Borrer provided a PowerPoint presentation showing 2023 staff recommendations for funding and reviewed each project. She advised that she was notified in February that money was left over from the 2021 grant, and from the CARES Act funding. She explained that further information on the 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan is available on the website and in City Hall, and said M&CC approval will be during the regular public meeting of either April 18th or May 2nd, with the comment period ending on April 17th.

Ms. Borrer also mentioned that the Human Relations Annual Fair Housing event for prevention of discrimination in housing will be at Allegany College on April 25th, virtual or in person.

Convened: 6:34

There were no public comments

Adjourned: 6:43

IX. Public Comments - for Agenda Items Only

No Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

X. New Business

(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Order 27,211 - authorizing the Mayor to execute the Concession License Agreement with Sharon Marvin for the "Operation of the Concession Stand at Constitution Park for the 2022 Season" in the amount of \$400 for the season for use of the Constitution Pool Concession Area through September 30, 2023.

Order 27,212 - authorizing the abatement of certain non-collectable personal property taxes for tax years 2011-2019 totaling \$28,375.89.

Order 27,213 - lifting Section 11-113 of the City Code on May 5, June 2 and July 7 from 5:00 PM through 11:00 PM to allow for the use of open containers of alcohol within certain areas of the downtown during the "Friday After Five" events; notwithstanding that open glass containers shall not be permitted.

Order 27,214 - authorizing parking incentives for the George Street Garage, including free parking for the first two hours in hourly parking spaces in the garage and a bulk monthly parking incentive for an individual or entity entering into a new 12-month lease for a minimum of five spaces and authorizing the City Administrator to execute future new parking leases.

XI. Public Comments

Joseph Blackburn, 808 Louisiana Avenue, spoke about getting EV superchargers in Cumberland. He said the ones here downtown could take 4 days to fully charge a car. He noted that there are 7 or 8 superchargers in Bedford, with people waiting in line to charge. He said those people could be spending their money on Baltimore Street. He advised that the superchargers take just 45 minutes to charge, and are paid by app, by the car owner.

Dana Tinnen spoke again about the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. She said in looking at all the Community Development projects, if there was an NAC they could work along with Community Development. She said she will be communicating with the Community Development group tomorrow and ask for redistribution.

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XII. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes approved on April 18, 2023

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk