

# Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

## WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, December 15, 2020  
5:45 p.m.

*This meeting was held via Video-Conference*

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Margie Woodring, City Clerk; Ken Tressler, Director of Administrative Services

### I. PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA REVIEW – DECEMBER 15, 2020

Mayor Morriss reviewed the agenda for December 15, 2020, which he stated was also reviewed during the December 8, 2020 Work Session.

Mr. Rhodes provided background on 4 new time-sensitive Consent Agenda items that were added since the December 8<sup>th</sup> Work Session:

**Order 26,744** – authorizing execution of a Certificate of Satisfaction acknowledging that the Deed of Trust made by Rebecca Dorothy D. Jackson to the City, dated March 10, 2008 pertaining to 10 Decatur Street, has been fully paid and the lien is therefore released.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this was a rehabilitation loan that has now been satisfied.

**Order 26,745** – authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement on behalf of the DDC with Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to accept \$20K in grant funding for the Baltimore Street Access Project, with the condition that the City provides matching funding for the full cost of the grant.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this grant will provide for the purchase of items that other funding hasn't been able to; specifically, planters for dining areas as buffers for the roadway.

**Order 26,746** – accepting the Sole Source proposal from Stryker Medical to provide 3 LUCAS Mechanical CPR devices with annual service agreement and 2 Life-Pak 1500 cardiac monitor/defibrillators with annual service agreement for a cost not-to-exceed \$107,476.94.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the 3 CPR devices provide mechanical chest compression, and advised that the CARES Act funding will cover these items.

**Order 26,746** – authorizing the Fire Chief to accept a MD Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) grant in the amount of up to \$17,120.86 tow 2 Life-Pak 1500 cardiac monitor/defibrillators, to be purchased on a Sole Source basis from Stryker Medical, with the intent that UPMC Western MD will be gifting/reimbursing the City for approximately \$20,373.38, which is the balance of the cost.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this is unique in that the City will be partnering with UPMC Western MD, who will provide funds over what is received from the grant. He added that these are 2 additional cardiac defibrillator units that the City had the opportunity to acquire with help from UPMC WMHS, and this equipment is tied to their quality standards. Mr. Rhodes added that these 2 Orders are good news, as the City is updating emergency medical equipment with no cost to taxpayers.

Mr. Tressler discussed finances, and advised Council that they had originally planned to issue debt through CDA, and said normally that would have been issued by now. He added that also normally the City waits to order equipment for the debt until the debt is closed on. He stated that police cars ordered every year usually take a year to be delivered, however, Chief Ternent had gotten notice that 3 vehicles and 1 SUV are ready for delivery now, and explained that he spoke to bond counsel at Funk and Bolton. He advised that they need to do a Declaration of Official Intent to use the bond debt to purchase the vehicles after the fact. He said this would be formally requested the first meeting in January 2021.

Mr. Tressler also discussed with Council the change in numbers on the principal amounts of refunding, and stated that last week it showed \$30M. He advised that the number moved up to \$42M after discussing with Funk and Bolton to add in everything they think they may refinance in the future. He added that they are not likely to need to refinance all of that, and said the initial hope is to close in March with around \$16M. Mr. Rhodes stated this is projected to save the City about \$1.5M. Mr. Tressler advised, though, that the bad news is the interest earned on the investments is basically zero.

There was discussion about the new medical equipment, how great it is to get money for life-saving devices, but also how incredibly expensive they are. Mr. Tressler stated that there will be one in every ambulance, and it was discussed that the LUCAS CPR equipment allows the procedure to be performed contactless. Mr. Rhodes stated that the fact that UPMC Western MD is helping says a lot about the relationship between the City's EMS personnel and the hospital.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie A. Woodring  
City Clerk

Minutes approved February 2, 2021