

# Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

## WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, November 16, 2021  
5:45 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey Silka, City Administrator; Ken Tressler, Director of Administrative Services; Marjorie Woodring, City Clerk;

### I. PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA REVIEW-NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Mayor Morriss reviewed the reports and minutes, and mentioned the proclamations for Allegany HS Marching Band, and for Small Business Saturday. The Mayor called for any questions or comments. Being none, Mr. Silka reviewed the ordinances and orders:

**Ordinance 3905** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - approving an application (ZMA #21-01) to amend the City's zoning map to rezone property at 718 Frederick Street from R-U (Urban Residential) to R-R (Rehabilitation and Redevelopment) Floating Zone.

Mr. Silka advised that Rick Toms wants to use the property for a tattoo shop, and said the Planning Commission recommends, but with conditions.

**Ordinance 3906** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - accepting the bid from Michael W. and Kimberly A. McKay for the purchase of 17 Paw Paw Alley for the amount of \$2,500 and authorizing execution and conveyance of a deed to effect the transfer.

Mr. Silka advised that this is a Surplus Property bid.

**Ordinance 3907** (*1st reading*) - authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds in the total amount not to exceed \$2,066,664 for the purpose of financing, reimbursing, or refinancing costs of the Decatur Street Waterline Project.

Mr. Silva advised that this project should begin in early spring of 2022, and said materials are already being secured by the contractor. He added that the total cost of this project is roughly \$3.1M, and said funding is being provided by an MDE grant, a state revolving loan, and an ARC grant.

Mr. Silva reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda:

**Order 26,901** - approving the Sole Source Purchase of a new 2021 Ford T-250 Envirosight Camera Van for use by the Sewer Dept. from Infrastructure Solutions Group, Mechanicsville, VA, which is offering the VA Sheriff's Association Heavy Equipment

Procurement Program Contract (#22-03-0721) pricing, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.00.

Mr. Silva advised that this purchase is included in the FY22 sewer budget and in upcoming CDA debt issue, and said this is a piggy-back with the VA Sheriff's Heavy Equipment Contract. He added that the City did demo 3 trucks and received bids on 3, and said this truck is the best for the City's needs.

**Order 26,902** - declaring City-owned property at 309 S. Cedar Street (Tax ID No. 04-015460) as surplus property, authorizing it for public sale, and authorizing the execution of a deed to effect the transfer of the property after 20 days from the date of this order.

Mr. Silva advised that this is a recent tax foreclosure property, and said the City was going to demo it, but said there have been interested buyers who plan to renovate it, so it will be offered for public sale.

**Order 26,903** - accepting the bid from The EADS Group, Inc. for the "Water Distribution Analysis and CIP Update Contract (15-21-W)" in the lump sum cost of \$32,000.

Mr. Silva advised that this was a competitively bid solicitation for reviewing the City's storage facilities and providing an in-depth review of the City's water storage assets. He added that this will aid the City in planning a future capital project, and said it provides recommendation for replacing the Fort Hill reservoir cover, which is planned to be a FY23 key project.

## **II. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES**

Mayor and Council discussed an upcoming skate park meeting during a work session on another night, and also discussed funding for the skate park. The Mayor added that the task force reached out to Commissioner Shade, who said the County is still committed to \$250K for the skate park. Mayor Morriss discussed the Community Trust Fund (CTF), saying that they want \$10K from M&CC to create the fund. He stated that the task force's preferred site is Jaycee Field, but said when it comes to fund raising, they'll accept the location that M&CC determines is best. There was a consensus to get the ball rolling on creating a fund with CTF.

Mayor and Council discussed the County's \$250K contribution and discussed Commissioner Shade saying it would be available at the appropriate time. He explained that by next year the building site should be determined, and said the County just wants to make sure it's going to happen before contributing.

Mayor Morriss advised that Engine 1309 will be up for inspection this week, and then will be ready for WMSR, if it passes. He said the Polar Express had only 1300 tickets left, and said they sold over 35K for the calendar year 2021. He added that they don't expect any big findings from the inspection.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjorie A. Woodring  
City Clerk

Minutes approved April 5, 2022