

# Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

## WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 5:45 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey Silka, City Administrator; Michael Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie Woodring, City Clerk; Ken Tressler, Director of Administrative Services; Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Planner/Preservation Coordinator

### I. PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA REVIEW-JUNE 7, 2022

Ruth Davis-Rogers advised that she would be presenting Community Legacy projects at tonight's regular public meeting, and provided a packet for M&CC. She added that the resolution for approval will be on the next public meeting.

Mr. Silka asked if anyone had anything specific from the Agenda to discuss.

Councilman Frazier inquired about CAR No. 149 - concealed weapons. Mr. Cohen advised there is already a state law that covers carrying concealed weapons, and said this is just housekeeping and is keeping in compliance with state law.

Councilwoman Marchini asked about Order No. 27012 – ZTA 22-02. Mr. Silka advised that in researching restrictions for the Memorial Hospital site, it was not in the City's ordinances to allow for mixed use. He stated that this changes the zoning ordinance to allow that, which is RO zoning.

There was discussion about Change Order No. 6 to the residential grass mowing contract. Mr. Silka explained that they can't find adequate seasonal employees. He said if it's on the contract, they know it will get done, besides being cheaper and more efficient.

There was discussion about council members being approached by residents saying the grass mowing should be done in-house. Mr. Silka explained that since people take vacations in the summer – which is when mowing is done – the lowest productivity is in the summer. He added that when all is said and done – wages, pension, benefits, it would figure out to about \$70K per full-time person. Mr. Cohen stated that this topic was addressed by a prior M&CC administration, and at that time staff was doing the mowing. He said Council looked at it and found that it was much more economically feasible to hire a third party.

### II. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Councilman Frazier discussed some upcoming events downtown, along with the Juneteenth Gala, and proposed getting a full table at the event.

Councilwoman Marchini discussed several things going on, including the Youth Coalition, the Lovers Leap film, AYPS soft opening, Day Camp at the Park, in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, and a new employee at the DDC. She also mentioned that Lee Borrer is offering to help with grants to find funding for different group activities.

Councilman Cioni noted that Let's Beautify Cumberland didn't meet this month due to a death in Ed Mullaney's family. He stated that the Park Pool and Concession Stand seem to be going well, and mentioned that Jason Deal provided a long report on the reorganization of the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor Morriss discussed a local businessperson-sponsored evening swim on Friday night. Councilman Cioni will get with P&R, and Councilman Frazier suggested adding a movie.

Councilman George noted that there was nothing new with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Morriss discussed DelFest and Delville, and mentioned that the Tuesday night Pub Crawl went really well, as did DelFest. He advised that he would be out all next week at MML, along with Councilman George, Mr. Silka, and Allison Layton.

The Mayor stated that there is a River Park meeting today to review the request for mitigation. He added that they received a very positive letter from the MDE acknowledging the ecological benefits of the project.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison K. Layton  
City Clerk

Minutes approved: December 6, 2022