

# Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

## WORK SESSION

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

Tuesday, December 7, 2021  
6:10 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey Silka, City Administrator; Ken Tressler, Director of Administrative Services; Michael Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie Woodring, City Clerk; Greg Larry, Cumberland Times-News; Brian Gowan, WCBC Radio

### I. PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA REVIEW-DECEMBER 7, 2021

With just a few minutes available until the start of the Public Meeting, Mayor Morriss asked if there was anything in particular they needed to go over on the agenda. Councilman George inquired about **Order No. 26,904** regarding the CPD's M.O.U. with the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs in Martinsburg to formalize an existing mutual aid relationship, and about the City's governmental immunity for out-of-state operations, and if it applies. Mr. Silka advised that although the US Department of Veterans Affairs is out-of-state, they control the Cumberland VA center, with the CPD only patrolling that location, not going out-of-state.

Councilman George also mentioned that his wife serves as an unpaid volunteer as treasurer for the Family Crisis Resource Center (FCRC), and advised that he will be abstaining from the vote for **Orders 26,917 and 26,918**, which pertain to the FCRC. Mayor Morriss advised that they will separate those Orders out of the Consent Agenda vote.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions about **Order No. 26,923** regarding ARPA funding for certain community programs and infrastructure. Councilwoman Marchini inquired if the funding was going to be done incrementally. Mr. Silka replied that these projects were pulled out because they were quick and could get off the ground easily, and said the funding would be done incrementally. He said the HVAC was very important because the lead time on that is now months, and added that these projects were vetted internally. He also advised that they will return to some of the larger projects in the very near future.

Councilman George advised that those that serve on the Planning Commission are required to have a training session, and said that he will be taking an online course for his seat on the commission.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjorie A. Woodring  
City Clerk

Minutes approved April 5, 2022