



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Seth D. Bernard
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini

City Administrator Jeffrey D. Rhodes
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen
City Clerk Marjorie A. Woodring

MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting
Video Conference

DATE: April 20, 2021

I. OPEN SESSION - 6:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Councilman Seth Bernard
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
President Raymond M. Morriss

Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini was absent

Also Present: Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Robert Smith, City Engineer; Kathy McKenney, Community Development Program Manager; Lee Borrer, Community Development Specialist

III. Statement of Closed Meeting

1. Summary statement of the closed meeting held April 13, 2021

Mayor Morriss announced that a Closed Session had been held on April 13, 2021 at 5:21 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.

IV. Director's Reports

Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Bernard, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

(A) Public Works

1. Maintenance Division monthly report for March, 2021

(B) Fire

1. Fire Department monthly report for March, 2021

(C) Police

1. Police Department monthly report for March, 2021

(D) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

1. Utilities Division-Flood/Water/Sewer- monthly report for March, 2021

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Cioni, seconded by Councilman Bernard, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

1. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of March 23, 2021, the Work Session Minutes of March 30, 2021, and the Work Session Minutes of April 6, 2021

VI. Unfinished Business

(A) Ordinances

1. **Ordinance No. 3885** (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - granting Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC the non-exclusive right to use the city's public rights-of-way for the delivery of high-speed internet service to Frostburg State University in exchange for the City's use of 12 strands of fiber for the connection of traffic signals and traffic cameras.

Mr. Rhodes reviewed the ordinance and advised that this will allow Shenandoah Cable to use our rights-of-way to get fiber to Frostburg State, and added that in exchange the City will get access to 12 strands of fiber, which will be used for traffic control and cameras for the CPD.

SECOND READING: The Ordinance was presented in title only for its second reading. On a **motion** made by Councilman Frazier, and seconded by Councilman Cioni, the second reading was passed on a vote of 4-0.

Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. Being none, the ordinance moved to its third reading.

THIRD READING: The ordinance was presented in title only for its third reading, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

VII. New Business

(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Rhodes provided background on all Consent Agenda items, and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. **Motion** to approve all items was made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 4-0.

Order 26,779 - authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Maryland Historical Trust for the receipt of \$100,000 in funding through the African American Heritage Preservation Program to assist with critical stabilization needs at Carver School, located at 340 Frederick Street, and approving a 100% City match of \$100,000 as required by the grant agreement.

Mr. Rhodes advised that the City does have \$100K budgeted for this project. Ms. McKenney advised that the most immediate need was to remediate vandalism on the interior and exterior of the school, including replacing stolen copper piping, bathroom, roof and window repairs, drywall, and elevator repairs.

Order 26,780- accepting the sole source proposal from Amazon Web Services, Inc. to provide hosting and support services for global cloud infrastructure for FY22 for an amount not-to-exceed \$28,000.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this is an ongoing relationship for cloud-based support services.

Order 26,781 - approving Amendment No. 9 02092021 to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2019 Annual Action Plan, effective April 20, 2021, to include reallocations for the 2020 South Penn Playground Project, the 20-19 PHA FCH Sidewalk Project, and 2019 Admin/Program Income.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this will allow for allocation of some unused administrative funds for the two projects listed in the order. Ms. Borrer advised the amount being re-allocated is approximately \$40K.

Order 26,782 - Accepting the bid from Carl Belt, Inc. for the Decatur Street 24" Crosstown Water Main Replacement Project (31-17-W) in the lump sum cost of \$3,112,885.95, contingent upon MD Department of the Environment approval.

Mr. Smith advised that the project is expected to start in August 2021, pending MDE approval, and provided details on the areas involved. He stated that the 8" service line will also be replaced, and said the project is fully funded using MDE grant and loan monies, as well as a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Order 26,783 - Accepting the sole source proposal from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. for one (1) 2021 Ford Expedition 4WD XL Regular Length in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,077 using joint pricing through Howard County, Maryland Contract #4400003197.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this vehicle is for the Fire Department, and was purchased through Howard County bid pricing.

Order 26,784 - approving the submission of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2021 Annual Action Plan proposed projects to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding totaling \$797,370.

Ms. Borrer advised that the 2021 Annual Action Plan includes 14 projects for HUD funding,

Order 26,785 - appointing Reuben Lease to the Parks and Recreation Board to complete the term of Steve Bazarnik (Seat 8), with said term to be effective April 2, 2021 through February 1, 2024.

Mr. Rhodes stated that this was a good appointment and he's glad to see Mr. Lease back involved, and advised that Mr. Lease was a long-time employee of the City in the area of recreation.

Order 26,786 - authorizing an ARC Grant Agreement between the state of MD (acting through the DHCD) and the M&CC awarding grant assistance in the amount of \$300K to be used on the "Decatur Street 24" Crosstown Water Main Replacement", City Project 31-17-W, and providing a 2-year grant term.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this order authorizes the ARC Grant Agreement for \$300K that Mr. Smith just spoke of, for the Decatur Street Water Main Project.

Mayor Morriss noted that the Decatur Street project is for much-needed repairs, as the residents of the Decatur Street area will attest to, and said he was happy to see this project come in well under budget.

The Mayor also thanked Ms. Borrer for her hard work on the Community Development Block Grants, adding that the 14 projects will definitely be helping the community.

Mayor Morriss noted the passing of Sue Peskin, mother of Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, and offered condolences, saying the Peskin family had been a great family in the community for many years.

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

IX. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes approved on May 18, 2021

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring