



# 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

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## MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers, 57 N. Liberty St., Cumberland, MD

DATE: May 05, 2020

### I. CLOSED SESSION

1. 5:00 p.m. - Convene in open session for the purpose of closing the meeting for an executive session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(4) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to receive legal advice regarding proposed changes to the City Charter and to discuss matters pertaining to the merger of the Cumberland Economic Development Commission (CEDC) with Allegany County.
2. Executive session

### II. OPEN SESSION

1. 6:15 p.m. - Reconvene into open session

### III. Pledge of Allegiance

### IV. Roll Call

#### PRESENT:

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey D. Rhodes, City Administrator; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk

### V. Statement of Closed Meeting

1. Summary Statement of closed meeting held May 5, 2020

Mayor Morriss announced that a Closed Session had been held on May 5, 2020 at 5:00 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.

## **VI. Director's Reports**

Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

### **(A) Administrative Services**

Administrative Services monthly report for February, 2020

### **(B) Engineering**

Engineering Division monthly report for April, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Bernard, and was passed on a vote of 5-0

## **VII. Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the Work and Executive Session Minutes of March 3, 2020, the Special Public Session Minutes of March 31, and the Regular Session Minutes of April 7, 2020

## **VIII. New Business**

Mr. Rhodes reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. Motion to approve all Consent Agenda items was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

### **(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)**

**Order 26,637** - authorizing the Chief of Police to accept a FY20 BJA Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant, awarded by the DOJ, in the amount of \$39,559 to help the Police Department cover costs associated with Coronavirus-related expenses

**Order 26,638** - accepting the sole source proposal from Carl Belt, Inc. obtained through Gordian EZ IQC using NJPA competitive pricing, to repair the concrete walls and brick facade of the Viaduct Pump Station, Mill Race Pump Station, and Ridgeley Pump Station, in the estimated unit cost of \$77,045.04; sole source approved through City Code Section 2-171(c)(iv)

**Order 26,639** - accepted the reduced scope proposal from Place Economics to provide services for the "Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation in Cumberland, MD" project in the re-negotiated amount not to exceed \$23,846 which will be funded through the Certified Local Government Grant Program; rejecting all other bids; and authoring the Mayor or City Administrator execute contract documents

**Order 26,640**- approving the creation of a Cumberland Covid-19 Loan Program repurposing \$106,000 in funds from the City's Lenders Loan Program to assist small businesses in the payment of qualifying expenses

Mr. Rhodes advised that this program helps small businesses that aren't able to take advantage of State and Federal Covid-19 programs. He stated that these loans are deferred for the first six months, allowing business owners to get back on their feet and are interest-free. He added that the loans are to be paid back in 5 years, and said more information is provided on the CEDC's website.

Mayor Morriss advised on the latest information from the Health Department regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, stating there has been one more fatality, which brings Allegany County fatalities to 13. The Mayor advised that there are now 128 positive cases, with 34 in the general public, and the rest in nursing facilities. He said we need to continue to flatten the curve by complying with the Governor's orders to stay home unless out on essential errands or work, and reminded all to wear a face mask in retail establishments and while on public transportation.

**IX. Public Comments**

No comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

**X. Adjournment**

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes approved on June 2, 2020

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk