



# Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

*Mayor* Raymond M. Morriss  
*Councilman* Richard J. "Rock" Cioni  
*Councilman* Eugene T. Frazier  
*Councilman* Joseph P. George  
*Councilwoman* Laurie P. Marchini

City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka  
City Solicitor Michael S. Cohen  
City Clerk Marjorie A. Woodring

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## MINUTES

M&CC Regular Public Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers, 57 N. Liberty St., Cumberland, MD

DATE: January 18, 2022

### I. OPEN SESSION - 6:15 P.M.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Roll Call

#### PRESENT:

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

**Also Present:** Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Marjorie Woodring, City Clerk; Chuck Ternent, Chief of Police; Shannon Adams, Fire Chief; Robert Smith, City Engineer

### IV. Presentations

1. Recognition of City employees who have retired during the period July 1, 2021 - January 1, 2022

Mayor Morriss introduced the recent retirees, and their respective Supervisors provided background on their jobs and years of service: Cindi Mertens, Public Works - 30 years; Sgt. Tony Triangler, CPD - 20 years; Chuck Koelker, CFD - 37 years; and Glenn Chaney, CFD - 35 years.

### V. Director's Reports

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

#### (A) Engineering

1. Engineering Division monthly report for December, 2021

**(B) Public Works**

1. Maintenance Division monthly report for December 2021

**(C) Fire**

1. Fire Department monthly report for December, 2021

**(D) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer**

1. Utilities Division Flood/Water/Sewer monthly report for December 2021

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the reports was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0

1. Approval of the Work Session Minutes of October 5 and October 13, 2021

**VII. New Business**

**(A) Resolutions**

1. **Resolution R2022-01** - authorizing the issuance and sale of two separate series of General Obligation Bonds known as "Mayor and City Council of Cumberland Drinking Water Bond, Series 2022A" in the original principal amount not to exceed \$1,549,998 and "Mayor and City Council of Cumberland Drinking Water Bond, Series 2022B" in the principal amount not to exceed \$516,666 with proceeds to be applied to the "Decatur Street Waterline Project" and related costs.

Mr. Silka advised that this is part of the funding for the \$3.2M Decatur Street Waterline Project, and provided background on the two different loan types.

The resolution was submitted in title only. On a **motion** made by Councilman Cioni, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, the resolution was passed on a vote of 5-0.

2. **Resolution R2022-02** - designating the City's Sustainable Community Area as a Sustainable Community, adopting a Sustainable Community Plan, authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Housing and Community Development to become a designated Sustainable Community, and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute documents necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions.

Mr. Silka advised that at the last work session Lee Borrer gave a presentation on the Sustainable Communities application and the City's plan, and said this resolution authorizes the submission and execution of that plan, along with continuing the City's participation in the Sustainable Communities projects.

The resolution was submitted in title only. On a **motion** made by Councilman Cioni, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, the resolution was passed on a vote of 5-0.

## **(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)**

Mr. Silka reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. On a **motion** made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Cioni, all items on the Consent Agenda passed on a vote of 5-0.

**Order 26,941** - authorizing a 1-year extension to Burgmeier's Hauling, Inc. Municipal Curbside Solid Waste and Recycling contract (22-18-M) at the new fiscal rate of \$1,264,634.64 for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Mr. Silka advised that is a very modest 3% increase, and said this will sync with the 1-year extension given to the landfill. Mayor Morriss stated that this is not a rate increase to the citizens of Cumberland.

**Order 26,942** - approving the sole source purchase of a new John Deere FC20M Flex Wing Rotary Cutter from Deere & Company for use by the Flood Control branch of Public Works in the not-to-exceed amount of \$28,660.50

Mr. Silka advised that this purchase is available under the Maryland State Contract pricing, and said this is a budgeted item.

**Order 26,943** - authorizing the abatement of 2020-2021 taxes in the amount of \$10,853.87, and 2021-2022 taxes in the amount of \$10,236.89 for City-owned property at 600 Bishop Walsh Road (Tax ID #06-050301)

Mr. Silka advised that this is the cell tower on Bishop Walsh Road.

**Order 26,944** - authorizing the payment of an estimated amount not-to-exceed \$105,842.08 as the City's 20% cost share for final design services through project bidding for the "Replacement of Bridge No. A-C-09 on Cumberland Street over CSXT Railway Project"; bringing the City's new 20% cost share amount, including preliminary engineering services costs, to an estimated \$204,813.07

Mr. Silka advised that this is the revised estimate as the project became more clearly defined and final estimate numbers came in.

**Order 26,945** - appointing Justin T. Paulman and Nathan C. Williams to the Historic Preservation Commission for 3-year terms to be effective January 18, 2022 - December 31, 2025

Mr. Silka advised that both of these individuals submitted letters of interest which were reviewed by M&CC, and added that Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers had reviewed the applications and confirmed that they do meet the criteria for appointment.

## **VIII. Letters / Petitions**

1. Letter from Lee Borrer, Senior Community Development Specialist, advising that amendments to the Community Development Block Grant 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans are now available for review and will be presented to the Mayor and City Council for approval at the February 15, 2022, regular public meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Written comments from the public regarding the proposed amendments

will be accepted through Monday, February 7, 2022, and may be emailed to lee.borror@cumberlandmd.gov or mailed to the Department of Community Development, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502.

The letter was acknowledged and entered into public record.

Mayor Morriss welcomed Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, the City's new Historic Preservation Coordinator, who was in attendance, and advised that she is taking Kathy McKenney's place who retired last year.

**IX. Public Comments**

*No public 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 May 17, 2022

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk