



# 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  
Via Video-conference

DATE: December 01, 2020

### I. OPEN SESSION - 6:15 PM

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### II. 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; Sherri Nicol, Assistant to the City Clerk; Morgan Alban, Engineering Consultant

### III. Director's Reports

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

**(A) Administrative Services**

1. Administrative Services monthly report for October, 2020

**(B) Public Works**

1. Maintenance Division monthly report for October, 2020

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

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

1. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of September 15, 2020

**V. Unfinished Business**

**(A) Ordinances**

Mr. Rhodes provided background on the Ordinance which will provide for the terms of Board and Commission members to continue until successors are appointed.

1. **Ordinance No. 3879** (*2nd & 3rd readings*) - to enact Section 2-194 of the City Code to provide that, unless otherwise provided for, the terms of service of board and commission members shall continue until such time as their successors are appointed

**SECOND READING:** The Ordinance was presented in title only for its second reading. Motion to accept the second reading and move to the third after comment was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Bernard, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

The Mayor 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 5-0.

**VI. New Business**

**(A) Ordinances**

Mr. Rhodes provided background on the Ordinance, and Ms. Alban advised that these parcels had been planned to be reverted back to Urban Residential by the last City Planner, but that task was overlooked.

The Ordinance was presented in title only for its first reading. Motion to approve the first reading and table until next meeting was made by Councilman Cioni, seconded by Councilman Bernard, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. **Ordinance No. 3880** (*1st reading*) - proposing a Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA #20-02) to rezone five (5) parcels at the intersection of Maple Street and East Oldtown Road to correct a mistake in their zoning designation. The subject tracts are currently zoned "Local Business" and the correct designation should be "Urban Residential."

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

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

**Order 26,737** - approving the award of \$5,000 in Canal Place Preservation District Residential Facade Improvement Program Funds to 224 Washington Street, owned by Joshua Adrian and Jarrett Perlow

Mr. Rhodes advised that this is a matching grant program, and said the owners would be contributing \$5K as well for this funding.

**Order 26,738** - authorizing the Mayor to sign and accept a FY21 Maryland Heritage Area Authority Grant Agreement in the amount of \$5,000 for emergency repairs to Washington's Headquarters Cabin

## **VII. Public Comments**

Mayor Morriss spoke about the Virtual Tree Lighting that was held last Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and said he thought it went very well. He said obviously this year things had to be done differently, but said the program was very good. The Mayor stated that the in-person attendance was very light – 30-40 people, and advised that everyone was masked and socially distanced. He added that Allegany Media and Facebook had great viewership, and said it was good in that some people got to see it that couldn't in past years. He added further that going forward, these events may always be broadcast for everyone to enjoy, and said there were lots of positive comments.

Mayor Morriss advised on Small Business Saturday on November 28<sup>th</sup>, and spoke about how a lot of small businesses downtown depend on this time of year to be able to make a profit. He said he visited about eight businesses during the event, and said everyone was wearing masks and social distancing. He encouraged everyone to support their local businesses as they round out their holiday seasonal shopping.

Councilwoman Marchini advised that she had gotten some shopping done downtown on Saturday, and gave kudos to many local shops for their great customer service. The Councilwoman also encouraged everyone to adhere to the Governor's mandates, wear masks, and to socially distance. She stated that the science is correct; masks do help, and said the world is a very dangerous place right now. She stated that masks are not a political decision; they are a personal decision for the health of the community. The Mayor stated that following the guidelines is a public health issue, which shows respect for your neighbors and community. He stated it's not a sacrifice, and it doesn't make sense not to wear masks, because it protects you and your family.

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

**VIII. Adjournment**

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

Minutes approved on January 19, 2021

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk