



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 Public Meeting
Via Video-Conference

DATE: March 02, 2021

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. 5:30 PM - Convene in open session for the purpose of closing the meeting pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(7) and (8) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss potential litigation regarding a real property related code compliance issue with staff and the City Solicitor, and to receive legal advice from the City Solicitor regarding the same issue
2. Convene into Closed Meeting

II. OPEN SESSION

1. 6:15 P.M. - Reconvene into Open Session

III. Roll Call

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; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

1. Summary statement of the closed meetings held February 23, 2021, and March 2, 2021

Mayor Morriss announced that Closed Sessions had been held on February 23, 2021, and March 2, 2021, and read into the record summaries of those meetings which are 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.

V. Director's Reports

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

(A) Administrative Services

1. Administrative Services monthly report for January, 2021

(B) Fire

1. Fire Department monthly report for January, 2021

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of the Work Session Minutes of February 9, 2021, and the Regular Session Minutes of February 16, 2021

VII. New Business

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

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

Order 26,758 - authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the Allegany County Health Department's Overdose Follow-Up Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00 which will allow CPD officers to partner with UPMC Western Maryland and the Allegany County Parole and Probation Unit to perform follow-ups with non-fatal overdose victims within 24-48 hours after release from hospital.

Order 26,759 - approving policies regarding the reinstatement of COVID-related sick leave to an employee's sick leave balance.

Mr. Rhodes advised that this policy is being recommended in order to provide up to 80 hours reimbursement of employees' Sick Leave on Covid-related documented cases, and said there is approximately 3050 total hours to reimburse that would just be putting sick leave back in their Sick Leave "banks".

Order 26,760 - approving the reappointment of Bruce Irons to the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland for a five-year term effective retroactive to 11/1/20 through 10/31/25.

Order 26,761 - authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland providing for aid and cooperation in the development of 1034 Frederick Street, owned by the Housing Authority, as a Scattered Site Housing project.

Mr. Rhodes advised that the City has Cooperation Agreements with the Housing Authority for property that they own in the City that are tax-exempt, and they pay payments in lieu of taxes to the City (PILOT) to cover public safety costs. He stated that this property will also have a PILOT agreement. Mr. Rhodes added that the property will have renovations done to it, and said Friends Aware will be using it.

VIII. Public Comments

Greg Larry, Times-News, left a message requesting an update on the Cumberland Gateway Project. Mayor Morriss advised that he will get with Mr. Larry and provide him with a comment after the meeting.

Councilwoman Marchini, along with the Mayor the rest of Council wanted to congratulate the eight new officers that were sworn in this past week, and thanked them for their service to the City.

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

IX. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved on March 16, 2021

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk