



Mayor and City Council of Cumberland

Mayor Raymond M. Morriss
Councilman Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Councilman Eugene T. Frazier
Councilman James L. Furstenberg
Councilwoman Laurie P. Marchini

City Administrator Jeffrey F. Silka
City Solicitor Michael Scott Cohen
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

MINUTES

M&CC Regular Public Meeting
City Hall, 57 North Liberty St., Cumberland, MD

DATE: July 05, 2023

I. OPEN SESSION – 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Council Member Richard J. "Rock" Cioni
Council Member Eugene T. Frazier
Council Member James L. Furstenberg
Council Member Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

Also Present: Jeffrey D. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk; Chuck Ternent, Chief of Police; Shannon Adams, Fire Chief

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

Mayor Morriss announced that a closed meeting had been held on July 5, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and read into the record a summary of that meeting 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.

V. Presentations

1. Presentation of awards given in recognition of employee career milestones.

5 Years: Braydon Pennington and Jeffrey Teter, Fire Dept.; Ronald Shambaugh, Water Distribution.
10 Years: Benjamin Iliff, Water Distribution; Alan Brown, Police Dept.
15 Years: Troy Anderson, Water Distribution; Craig Michaels, Water Filtration
25 Years: Rhonda DeVault, Human Resources
30 Years: Daron Winters, Fire Dept.

Chief Ternent spoke in support of Corporal Alan Brown. Chief Adams spoke in support of Firefighters Braydon Pennington and Jeffrey Teter, and Battalion Chief Daron Winters.

Mayor Morriss provided background on the other employees celebrating milestones.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member Cioni, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. Approval of the Closed, Work, and Regular Session Minutes of June 20, 2023

VII. Public Comments

No Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

VIII. New Business

(A) Charter Amendment Resolutions

1. Charter Amendment Resolution No. 152 (*1st reading*) – to repeal and re-enact with Amendments Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Cumberland pertaining to the compensation of the Mayor and City Council.

FIRST READING: The resolution was submitted in title only for its first reading.

Motion to accept the first reading and table until next meeting was made by Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(B) Ordinances

1. Ordinance 3963 (*1st reading*) – authorizing the transfer of 325 Independence Street to Jan Rivera for the purchase price of \$100.

FIRST READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its first reading.

Motion to accept the first reading and table until next meeting was made by Council Member Furstenberg, seconded by Council Member Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(C) Orders (Consent Agenda)

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

Order 27,256 – authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with the Maryland Highway Safety Office to receive grant funding in the amount of \$1,000 for officers to work pedestrian safety patrols during the months of September and October.

Order 27,257 – authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the FY24 Community Grant in the amount of \$30,800.00 which will be utilized to provide funding (personnel and program supplies) for officers to attend community events and conduct neighborhood foot and bike patrols.

Order 27,258 – authorizing the Chief of Police to accept the FY24 Warrant Apprehension & Absconding Grant in the amount of \$40,833 which will be utilized to purchase equipment and supplies to assist with reducing the number of open warrants, especially warrants for violent crimes.

Order 27,259 – authorizing the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 1 with Belt Paving, Inc. for City Project “Avondale and Kentucky Ave. Paving Improvements” in order to use them as a sole source to perform additional work in the amount not-to-exceed \$35,197.87 for repairing Brentwood Street to proper standards.

Order 27,260 – accepting the bid from Belt Paving, Inc. for City Project 2023-07-PVG, for milling, patching, and paving of Centre, Mechanic, Polk, Hanover, Bedford Extended, and Market Streets in the estimated unit price of \$199,314.30.

Order 27, 261 – authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the South Street ADA Improvements Contract (City Project 19-21-M) with an increase of \$2,274.49, bringing the total contract price to an amount not to exceed \$223,310.49.

Order 27,262 – amending Order 26,961 dated February 15, 2022 by increasing the ARPA funding allocation of \$45,001 to Community Development Property Improvement and decreasing the ARPA funding allocation of \$45,011 to Janes Place for Abused Children.

Order 27,263 – authorizing the amendment and execution of a service agreement with Turnbull Hoover & Kahl, P.A., for audit services for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$514,069.

Order 27,264 – accepting the change in name for the AFSCME Maryland Public Employees Council 67 to hereinafter being known as AFSCME Maryland Council 3.

Order 27,265 – rescinding Order 26,859 dated August 17, 2021 and adopting a revised Family and Medical Leave Policy to replace the previous policy adopted on August 17, 2021.

Order 27,266 – rescinding Order 26,861 dated August 17, 2021 and adopting a revised Workers’ Compensation Policy to replace the previous policy adopted on August 17, 2021.

Order 27,267 – adopting an Extended Leave/Leave of Absence Policy.

Order 27,268 – rescinding Order 22,333 dated May 16, 1995 and adopting a revised Modified Duty Policy to replace the previous policy adopted on May 16, 1995.

Order 27,269 – rescinding Order 26,489 dated August 6, 2019 and adopting a revised Handbook for Full-Time Non-Union Employees to replace the previous handbook adopted on August 6, 2019.

Order 27,270 – declaring vehicles and equipment to be surplus and authorizing them for sale, trade in or scrap.

Council Member Marchini questioned Order 27,262 regarding funding changes for Jane's Place. She wanted to make a note that the City was not taking any money away from the organization. Mr. Silka reiterated.

IX. Public Comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes Approved on July 18, 2023

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk