



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

MINUTES

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

DATE: July 19, 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; Shannon Adams, Fire Chief; Captain Jim Burt, Administrative Services-CPD

IV. Statement of Closed Meeting

1. Statements of closed meetings held July 12 and July 19, 2022

Mayor Morriss announced that closed sessions had been held on July 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. and on July 19, 2022 at 3:30 p.m., 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. Presentations

1. Recognition of Firefighter Trey M. Corbin on his successful completion of Firefighter Recruit Training approved by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute.

Fire Chief Shannon Adams presented Firefighter/EMT Trey Corbin, provided background on Mr. Corbin, and talked about his work at the academy. Chief Adams, as well as M&CC,

welcomed Firefighter Corbin to the Cumberland Fire Department. Members of the CFD were also in attendance.

VI. Director's Reports

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

(A) Public Works

1. Maintenance Division monthly report for June 2022

(B) Fire

1. Fire Department monthly report for June, 2022

(C) Police

1. Police Department monthly report for June, 2022

VII. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of March 22 and 29, 2022, and the Regular Session Minutes of April 5, 2022.

VIII. New Business

(A) Ordinances

1. **Ordinance No. 3922 (*1st reading*)** - (ZTA #22-02) to amend the definition for the Residential-Office (R-O) Zoning District set forth in Section 25-101(b)(5) of the City Code and amend the Use Regulations Table set forth in Section 25-132 to include "Dwelling Units / Mixed Uses" as a permitted use in the R-O District.

Mr. Silka advised that this is the final step of this ordinance to allow mixed use development in Residential-Office zones, and said the process was started for the former Memorial Hospital site.

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

Motion to accept the reading and table until next meeting was made by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilwoman Marchini, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

2. **Ordinance No. 3923 (*1st reading*)** - accepting the bid from Kevin and Anita Thacker for the purchase of surplus properties at 7 and 9 Arch Street for the amount of \$100.00 and authorizing execution of a deed to effect the conveyance.

Mr. Silka advised that this property was previously listed under surplus sale, it went out for bid, and no bids were received.

FIRST READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its first reading. **Motion** to accept the reading and table until next meeting was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Cioni, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

3. **Ordinance No. 3924 (1st reading)** - accepting the bid from Kevin and Anita Thacker for the purchase of surplus property at 105 Grand Avenue for the amount of \$100.00 and authorizing execution of a deed to effect the conveyance.

Mr. Silka advised that this property also was previously listed under surplus sale, went out for bid, and no bids were received.

FIRST READING: The ordinance was submitted in title only for its first reading. **Motion** to accept the reading and table until next meeting was made by Councilwoman Marchini, seconded by Councilman Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

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

Order 27,038 - accepting the purchasing cooperative contract with Allegany County for unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel from Southern States Co-op, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$325,000.

Order 27,039 - approving a 2022-2023 Special Taxing District residential exemption of \$334.93 for 27 N. Centre Street.

Order 27,040 - authorizing execution of Change Order No. 1 to the existing contract with Hite Associates, Inc. for the "WRF Head of Plant & Operations Building Roof Replacement Project (5-22-WFR)" for an increased amount not-to-exceed \$967.23, to address the replacement of plywood and fabrication of new exhaust flues.

Order 27,041 - accepting the proposal of Gwin, Dobson and Foreman, Inc. for the "Repairs to Bridge A-C-01 McMullen Bridge - Engineering Services Contract (18-16-BR)" in the lump sum cost not-to-exceed \$42,812.

Order 27,042 - accepting the bid of Casey Smith, LLC, dba ServicePro for the "2022 Residential Grass Mowing Project (2022-14-M)" in the amount not to exceed \$53,390 for the period 7/1/22 - 6/30/24 with the option for a 1-year extension.

Mr. Silka advised that this contract is for a total of 51 residential properties.

Order 27,043 - accepting the bid of Casey Smith, LLC dba ServicePro for the "2022 Non-Residential Grass Mowing Project (2022-15-M)" in the amount not to exceed \$41,000 for the period of 7/1/22 - 6/30/24, with the option for a 1-year extension.

Mr. Silka advised that this contract is for a total of 18 non-residential properties.

Order 27,044 - declaring certain City-owned properties to be surplus and authorizing them for public sale.

Order 27,045 - authorizing execution of a Master Services Agreement with UPMC (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) Benefit Management Services, Inc., to provide health management and wellness, and employee assistance products and services for City employees for a one-year term effective July 1, 2022, with provisions for automatic one-year renewals, at a per member monthly rate of \$2.25.

Mr. Silka advised that this Order authorizes funding and set-up the City's Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Order 27,046 - authorizing the appointment of Brian K. Plitnik to the Historic Preservation Commission for a four-year term effective July 19, 2022 through July 19, 2026.

IX. Public Comments

There were no comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes approved on November 1, 2022

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk