



# 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  
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## MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD

DATE: April 21, 2020

### **I. OPEN SESSION**

1. 5:00 p.m. Work Session (Agenda published separately)

### **II. CLOSED SESSION**

1. 5:15 p.m. - close the work session for an Executive Session pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(1) and (4) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter and the relocation of a business to the city.

2. Executive Session

### **III. OPEN SESSION**

1. 6:40 p.m. - Reconvene into Open Session

### **IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **V. 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; Michael S. Cohen, City Solicitor; Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk

### **VI. Statement of Closed Meeting**

1. Summary Statement of Closed Meeting held April 21, 2020

Mayor Morriss announced that closed sessions had been held on April 7, 2020 at 6:50 p.m., and on April 21, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. and read into the record summaries of those sessions, 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.

Mayor Morriss provided a Covid-19 update, stating there were now 63 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Allegany County, adding that the majority of those are in the Cumberland Health Care nursing facility. He stated there has been 1 fatality, and said the City's thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Mayor Morriss discussed the front line responders, EMTs, etc., and thanked them for their service, as well as all of City staff and employees in Public Works and other departments who are out there every day. The Mayor mentioned and thanked all the retail employees – grocers, clerks, etc. – helping to make our lives as normal as can be. He reminded everyone about facemasks and social distancing, to stay positive, and said that the only way to flatten the curve is by following Governor Hogan's directives.

## **VII. 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) Fire**

Fire Department monthly report for March, 2020

### **(B) Police**

Police Department monthly report for March, 2020

### **(C) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer**

Utilities Division Water/Sewer/Flood monthly report for March, 2020

## **VIII. Approval of Minutes**

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

1. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of January 14 and January 21, 2020; Work and Executive Session Minutes of February 11, 2020, the Work, Executive, and Regular Session Minutes of February 18, 2020, the Regular Session Minutes of March 3, 2020, the Work Session Minutes and Special Public Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2020, and the Special Public Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2020

## **IX. New Business**

### **(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)**

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

**Order 26,633** - Accepting the bids of Univar Solutions, SH Schmidt Company, SAL Chemical Company, JCI Jones, USALCO, and Shannon Chemical Corporation for the Combined Chemical Bid FY21 (3-20-UTIL). The estimated cost for chemicals per department is \$394,795 for the Water Reclamation Facility; \$262,898 for Water Filtration; and \$15,171 for Parks & Rec Department

**Order 26,634** authorizing the execution of Change Order No 2 to the Residential Mowing Contract, City Project No. 10-19-M, to include properties recently acquired by the City at various locations within City limits, in the additional amount of \$5,475, bringing the new contract amount to \$51,910

**Order 26,635** - authorizing execution of a Release acknowledging that, for the consideration of \$9,705.11, Josh Llewellyn is released from any liability resulting from damage to City property caused by an accident on March 17, 2019, at or near Queen City Drive and N. Centre Street

**Order 26,636** - accepting the Alternate No. 2 Bid from Maverick Construction for the New Inlet Screens for Gate House Project (8-19-WFP) in the estimated unit cost of \$843,900 and rejecting all other bids; to be funded by CDA Bond proceeds

**X. Public Comments**

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

No comments

**XI. Adjournment**

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes approved on May 19, 2020

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Marjorie A. Woodring, City Clerk