



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 S. Cohen
City Clerk Allison K. Layton

MINUTES

M&CC Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers, 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland

DATE: January 3, 2023

I. OPEN SESSION - 6:15 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

PRESENT:

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: Jeffery Silka, City Administrator; Alison Layton, City Clerk;

IV. Presentations

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

5 Year Service Awards

William Harris, III—Public Worker II
Randon Crabtree—Pipe Technician II
Robert Smith—Director of Engineering and Utilities
Kevin Tacker—Code Compliance Manager/Risk Manager
Michael Vise—Patrolman 1st Class CPD

20 Year Service Awards

Jim Burt—Acting Chief of Police, CPD
Eric Bonner—Administrative Lieutenant CPD

30 Year Service Awards

Ken McKenzie—Equipment Operator/Paramedic CFD
Chuck Ternent—Chief of Police CPD

50 Year Service Award

Kevin Ogle—MPA Supervisor

2 Presentation of Life Saving Awards to Cumberland Firefighter/CRT Hunter McCrobie and Firefighter/EMT-P Nicholas Miller

Fire Chief Adams advised that on December 5, 2021, the CFD received a call from the Ridgeley VFD for EMT assistance for a cardiac arrest patient at the residence of Jason and Tammy Courtney. He stated that the patient, Tammy Courtney, was stabilized by Firefighters Hunter McCrobie and Nicholas Miller and was transported to hospital. He added that Mrs. Courtney has made a complete recovery and she and her husband reached out to the CFD requesting to meet and thank the emergency responders who had assisted with saving her life.

V. Directors' Reports

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

(A) Fire Department

1. Fire Department Monthly Report for November, 2022

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of the Work Session Minutes of September 13 and September 20, 2022

VII. Public Comments – FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No public comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

VIII. New Business

(A) Resolutions

1. Resolution R2023-01 (1 Reading only) - authorizing certain businesses located in the Gateway Enterprises Zone to receive tax credits for the year 2023-2024

The resolution was submitted in title only for its only reading. **Motion** to approve the resolution was made by Council Member Cioni, seconded by Council Member Frazier, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

(B) Orders (Consent Agenda)

Mr. Tressler reviewed each item on the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Morriss called for questions or comments. **Motion** to accept all items on the Consent Agenda was made by

Council Member Frazier, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

1. **Order 27,157** - declaring certain City-owned properties to be surplus and authorizing them for public sale
2. **Order 27,158** - amending the Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland State Highway Administration for the Baltimore Street Access Project increasing the grant assistance to \$9,709,128
3. **Order 27,159** - abating City property taxes for the Carver Center, 340 Frederick Street (Tax ID's 23-001233 and 23-003422) for Tax Years 2018-2022

IX. Public Comments

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Todd Umstott, local business owner of the 7-11 at 400 Maryland Avenue spoke about the Maryland Avenue Development project (Rolling Mills), the planned hotel, gas station, restaurant, etc. and said it was welcome news at the time. He stated, however, that having heard about Royal Farms coming in, and as the only business currently operating on Maryland Avenue, there has been zero communication with him about any considerations given to existing businesses. He said he welcomes redevelopment, but is worried about there being a negative impact to his business with the others coming into the area.

Mayor Morriss advised that they will have Matt Miller, Executive Director of the CEDC, reach out to Mr. Umstott regarding a status update on the project. He said that all the businesses Mr. Umstott mentioned have been in talks with the developer – and said it may change week to week as to who will sign and when. He added that once everything is up and running, he thinks Umstott's business will improve with the increased traffic in the area.

Mr. Umstott advised that he and his wife have reached out previously, and are open to talks. Council took Mr. Umstott's information and will have Mr. Miller contact him.

X. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P. M.

Minutes approved on March 21, 2023

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk