



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 Session

City Hall Council Chambers, 57 N. Liberty St., Cumberland

DATE: September 19, 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, III
Council Member Laurie P. Marchini
President Raymond M. Morriss

Also Present: Jeffrey F. Silka, City Administrator; Allison K. Layton, City Clerk; Lee Borrer, Senior Community Development Specialist; Media Representatives

IV. Director's Reports

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

(A) Administrative Services

1. Administrative Services Monthly Report for August 2023

(B) Public Works

1. Maintenance Division Monthly Report for August 2023

(C) Fire

1. Fire Department Monthly Report for August 2023

(D) Police

1. Police Department Monthly Report for August 2023

(E) Utilities - Flood, Water, Sewer

1. Utilities Division Flood/Water/Sewer Monthly Reports for July and August 2023

V. Approval of Minutes

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

1. Approval of the Closed, Work and Regular Session Minutes of September 5, 2023

VI. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to receive comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2022 FY, Presented by Lee Borrer, Senior Community Development Specialist.

Ms. Borrer advised that it has been another successful year for the CDBG program, and provided some background on the program. She stated that the award for 2022 was just over \$803K, with the bulk of projects was spent on infrastructure, public facilities, and public service activities and affordable housing. Ms. Borrer provided a pie-chart showing the expenditures. She also discussed the Cares Act funding, which was just over \$600K received in response to the pandemic. Ms. Borrer provided a map showing where 2022 CDBG funds were concentrated, saying most of the projects were within the downtown area and in the “critical corridor”. Some of the projects she discussed were the Public Library – broadband and free laptops; Crime awareness – bike and foot patrols; Constitution Park – guard shack and pool rehab; AYPES Youth Center; Gilchrist YMCA facility; Homeless Shelter & Victims Services – FCRC; Kelly Road YMCA; and housing programs.

Convened: 6:25 PM

Adjourned: 6:40 PM

VII. Public Comments – Agenda Items Only

No public comments

All public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person

VIII. Unfinished Business

(A) Charter Amendment Resolutions

1. Charter Amendment Resolution No. 152 (*2nd and 3rd readings*) - 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.

SECOND READING: The resolution was submitted in title only for its second reading. **Motion** to accept the reading and move to the third, after comment, was made by Council Member Cioni, seconded by Council Member Furstenberg, and was passed on a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Morriss called for any questions or comments. Being none, the Charter Amendment Resolution moved to its third reading.

THIRD READING: The resolution was submitted in title only for its third reading and was approved on a vote of 5-0.

IX. New Business

(A) Orders (Consent Agenda)

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

Order 27,319 - authorizing Special Taxing District residential exemptions for 107 S. Centre Street (\$696.26) and 33 N. Centre Street (\$600.72) for tax years 2023-2024.

Order 27,320 - rescinding Order 27,308 dated September 5, 2023 and authorizing the abatement of 2023-20234 taxes in the amount of \$12,087.84 for City-owned property at 600 Bishop Walsh Road (Tax ID #06-050301).

Order 27,321 - accepting certain bids received for the "2023 GovDeals Sale 3 of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment" and rejecting all other bids.

Mr. Silka advised that this is for 9 vehicles and equipment, bringing in over \$66K.

Order 27,322 - declaring office furniture (six chairs) as surplus property and authorizing it to be sold, donated or disposed of and accepting the request from the Town of Ridgeley, WV to donate the chairs.

Order 27,323- declaring vehicles and equipment to be surplus and authorizing them for sale, trade in or scrap.

Mr. Silka advised that this is an F450 ambulance, and a 2007 and a 2014 Chevy 2500 heavy-duty pick-up truck.

Order 27,324 - authorizing the emergency lighting, flood lighting, DOT lighting and lighting housing of a surplus 2014 Ford F450 Ambulance to be donated to Barton Hose Company.

Order 27,325 – authorizing an extension through October 31, 2023 on the forgivable loan originally approved by Order No. 27,069 dated August 16, 2022, due to construction delays.

Mr. Silka advised that this is for 432 N. Centre Street – Nick Dearcangelis’s project.

Order 27,326 - authorizing the sole source purchase of one (1) Pierce Saber Fire Engine, Custom Stock Pumper Job #41230 from Atlantic Emergency Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$898,000, including equipment and mounting of equipment.

Mr. Silka advised that this fire engine is expected to be delivered Spring of 2025.

Order 27,327 - accepting the bid from Harbel, Inc., for the repairs to Bridge A-C-01 McMullen Bridge (City Project 18-16-BR) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$500,577.92.

X. Public Comments

No public comments

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XI. Adjournment

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Minutes approved on _____

Raymond M. Morriss, Mayor _____

ATTEST: Allison K. Layton, City Clerk _____