



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.

Present: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFING BY POLICE CHIEF EDWARD JACKSON

Police Chief Jackson provided a brief public safety update and answered question from the council.

Capt. Howard and Capt. Klinedinst were also present and answered questions from the council.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-116-23](#)

Citation for Outgoing City Poet Laureate, Maggie Benschaw

Mayor Buckley presented the citation.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley- City Council Remarks

Good evening.

Now that the budget has passed unanimously - a first since I have been Mayor - I want to thank and acknowledge everyone who played a role in this lengthy and complex process.

At the top of the thank-you list are Finance Director Jodee Dickinson and Budget Manager Katie Connolly and their finance team. They got started late last year asking everyone to submit their requests.

I thank the Department Directors and their teams who submitted those requests and put their presentations together justifying every expense.

When the call comes in later this year to submit priorities for FY 25, I hope we can do it all again in such a seamless and professional process.

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Over the weekend, many of us were able to celebrate Juneteenth and Father's Day, but it was also a solemn occasion for many in our community, laying to rest one of the latest victims of gun violence.

On Sunday morning, there was a vigil for the victims of last week's mass shooting. Governor Moore, County Executive Pittman and I met privately with the families before gathering at Lawyer's Mall and walking to City Dock.

I know people in our community and across this country are frightened, frustrated, and fed up.

I am too.

There is no community, no sacred space in America immune from the epidemic of gun violence. But we can't give up this fight.

I thank those who are working this issue on the ground in our communities. I thank those groups who work for this issue every legislative session.

I look to our Annapolis Police who, right now, have unprecedented cross-jurisdictional support from not only Anne Arundel County Police, but also federal support from the FBI, ATF and other agencies. Shortly, Chief Jackson will offer a briefing on public safety and speak to these efforts and the work of the APD. We are getting guns off the street. We have suspects in custody or pending charges in every homicide this year.

There is always more to do and we are not giving up. We will keep working to bring peace to our community. We will work to get guns out of the hands of the wrong people.

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Next Wednesday, June 28, we will gather at the Guardians of the First Amendment memorial on Compromise Street to mark the fifth anniversary of the mass shooting at the Capital Gazette.

There will be a wreath laying ceremony at 9:30 a.m. to honor not only those five victims: Gerard Fischman, John McNamara, Wendi Winters, Rob Hiaasen and Rebecca Smith, but also the most recent victims of gun violence:

Nicolas Mireles, Mario Mireles and Christian Segovia, killed on June 11

Amari Tydings, killed on June 3

Raphael Hilton Johnson Jr, killed on March 2 and

Reco Johnson, killed on January 22

It is important to say their names and remember them as people with loved ones whose families and communities feel the pain of their loss.

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While we deal with the aftermath of these tragic situations, the day-to-day work of government goes on and impacts our lives in other ways. And so, I'd like to call your attention to the draft of our Annapolis Ahead 2040 Comprehensive Plan presented to the Planning Commission last Thursday. That presentation kicks off a 90-day public review and comment period.

The Comprehensive Plan was drafted over the past three years and included more than 100 in-person and virtual community meetings.

Before the Planning Commission finishes its own review, we'd like to take it out to the community again. There are two virtual presentations scheduled, this Thursday the 22nd and next Thursday the 29th, in addition to four in-person events scheduled for mid-July across the city.

Please check out www.AnnapolisAhead2040.com for information on all events, to read the Draft Plan, and to submit public comment on the plan.

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Coming up this weekend, many members of the City Council and some City staff will be attending the Maryland Municipal League conference to learn from other jurisdictions and share what Annapolis is doing.

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We have our City Independence Day celebration on Tuesday, July 4. The parade begins at Amos Garrett Blvd. on West Street at 6:30 p.m. and continues up West to Main Street to City Dock. From there, we'll have a band playing music and fireworks around 9:15 p.m.

Please be alert to road closures and maritime restrictions so that we can have a safe event.

We have made the decision to close city offices on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.

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Thank you and now let's get on with the meeting.

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates;

Finance Committee Regular Meeting

July 5, 2023, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Rules and City Government Committee Regular Meetings

July 7, 2023, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

C. Comments by the General Public

Speaker:

Tara Stout, 1118 August Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-31-23](#)

General - Mayor's Office - Contributions from Whiting-Turner \$3,000 - Special Projects - Mayor's Office \$3,000 - This supplemental allocation appropriates \$3,000 to the Mayor's Special Projects account to utilize a contribution for the Hillman Garage opening.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to approve SA-31-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Fund Transfers

[FT-5-23](#)

General - Police - This budget revision reflects the 4th quarter transfer for the following for POLICE (Electricity, R&M Building, R&M Equipment, Telephone, Training & Education, Supplies, Contract Services, Capital Outlay, and R&M Vehicles):

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve FT-5-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[FT-6-23](#)

General - Fire - This budget revision reflects the 4th quarter transfer for the following for FIRE (Electricity, Salaries & Benefits, Telephone, Supplies, Contract Services, Copier, Supplies)

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to approve FT-6-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[FT-7-23](#)

General Fund, Self-Insurance, Transportation - Various - Boards, and Commissions: The Community Engagement Administrator's salary and benefits were erroneously omitted from the FY2023 adopted budget, Office of Law: Legal expenses were greater than anticipated, Management Information Technology: The projected overage is due to changes to employees' benefit selections, R&P Pip Moyer Salaries and benefits: The Department overspent its budget and an employee from the Parking Fund was transferred to Pip Moyer, R&P Pip Moyer Contractual Services: Electricity costs were greater than anticipated, R&P Administration: Former employee leave payout and VEBA chop costs. R&P Stanton Center Salaries and benefits: The Department overspent its budget, R&P Stanton Center Contractual Services: Electricity costs were greater than anticipated, Harbormaster: The increase in dock space and

use of sick leave has been attributed to the overage, Self-Insurance: Workers compensation and general liability claims pay outs greater than anticipated, Transportation Operations Salaries and benefits: Projected overage is caused by additional overtime costs as a result of vacancies.

Alderswoman Finlayson moved to approve FT-7-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

First Readers

R-37-23

March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemoration Waiver - For the purpose of waiving City Code restrictions on Major Events at City Dock two weeks in a row and authorize the March on Washington 60th Anniversary Commemoration march and rally on August 26, 2023.

Alderswoman O'Neill moved to adopt R-37-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Second Readers

R-50-22

Rocky Gorge Development Emergency Action - For the purpose of addressing the Rocky Gorge Development's "Aris T. Allen Boulevard" project, a 23-acre site platted for 48 single-family housing units; calling for an immediate stop work order on site development, and requiring a report on the project.

Sponsors: Finlayson

Alderswoman Finlayson moved to withdraw R-50-22 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-34-23

Payments in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Forest Drive LIHTC, LLC - For the purpose of approving a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement between the City of Annapolis and Forest Drive LIHTC, LLC, for the construction of affordable housing units in Annapolis, Maryland.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley, Gay and Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-34-23 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderswoman Tierney, Alderswoman O'Neill, Alderswoman Pindell Charles, Alderswoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC

City Clerk