



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, April 24, 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 O'Neill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Gay.

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

Approval of Agenda

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to approve the AGENDA as AMENDED to ADD R-15-23 Fees Schedule, Updated for Milestone Inspections in Ordinance 55-22 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-8-23](#)

Citation for the Annapolis citizens group "Save Our Trees"

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-49-23](#)

Citation for Annapolis Public Works Department Masonry Crew

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-76-23](#)

Fair Housing Month Proclamation

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

Informational Item

[ID-84-23](#)

City of Annapolis Boards and Commissions - Combined Annual Report for 2022 per Title 2 § 48.180

This Informational Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley
Council Remarks
7 p.m. - 24 April 2023
City Council Chambers

Thank you for being here tonight.

You may have noticed as you came into City Hall tonight the black draping over the front door and the purple windows at City Hall and on Gorman Street. These are in memory of City employee Kevin Scott, a senior land use and development planner in the department of Planning and Zoning who passed away on April 13 after a brave battle with pancreatic cancer.

City staff are heartbroken at this loss and we are holding Kevin’s widow Jess and his family and friends in our hearts. I’d like to please take a moment of silence to remember Kevin and his contributions to our community as we grieve this loss.

[moment of silence]

Thank you.

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I’d like to acknowledge the scores of volunteers who came out Saturday for Greenscape, the Annapolis Department of Recreation and Parks initiative to tidy up, weed, and plant more than three dozen sites around the city. Thank you all for your time and energy.

We all know that springtime is beautiful here in Annapolis and this cleanup and planting effort makes it even more beautiful. I want to also acknowledge Director Roslyn Johnson and Maria Witlinger from her team. Maria organizes these volunteers, acquires the plants and makes sure the day goes smoothly. Thank you all!

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Tomorrow, I will join Gov. Wes Moore to mark Autism Awareness Month in both the City of Annapolis and the State of Maryland.

In America, even though one in 44 children are diagnosed with autism, it is widely misunderstood developmental disability.

I call upon all of us to learn more about autism and to work individually and collectively to gain a better understanding of how those with autism experience the world.

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Last week, Alderman Gay and I got to attend the Plan Element Design reveal for the Eastport Terrace - Harbour House Choice Neighborhood program. The public had an

opportunity to see the plan where they had a strong hand in the planning.

We're just about at the halfway point of a two-year process and I am sure the plan elements will face some modifications as we move forward, but the outlines are strong and I thank the public for their input and participation.

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We've got a few events coming up that I'd like to highlight. Coming up this weekend is the Spring Boat Show, which starts on Thursday and runs through Monday.

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Next Monday, the Santa Maria Cup regatta will come to Annapolis for a couple of days when the top women sailors in the world will race their J/22s on the Severn River.

These are top sailors from Australia, Denmark, Great Britain, New Zealand, Sweden and the United States. There are four total stops on the Santa Maria circuit including San Francisco, Annapolis, France and finalizing the tour in Denmark.

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A quick note that the Golden Rule, a vessel that is an historic peace protest ship against nuclear weapons, will arrive tomorrow at 11 a.m. at City Dock.

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This weekend is also Book Festival at Key School. And while that is not specifically in the City, it is a huge draw with authors coming from across the country to give talks, share stories and sell books.

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Then, the following weekend, we have two events of note. First is a volunteer cleanup of the area outside of Towne Courts on West Street. That will be on Saturday, May 6 from 9 to 1 Pp.m. Please check the city website to sign up to be a volunteer and come out to beautify some of our City trails.

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On the same day, Saturday, May 6 between noon and 4, we are partnering with Maryland Hall and a variety of sponsors on TacoFest, which will take place at Maryland Hall. There will be tacos to taste and buy, live music, libations, kids crafts and more. It's free to attend. There will be dozens of food trucks on site to get a meal and enjoy a fun, family-friendly evening. For more information, visit the City's social media channels or City website.

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All month we've been celebrating Earth Month with social media posts to share how to be more earth friendly in our day-to-day lives. Unfortunately, the EV car showcase that was scheduled for Saturday was a rain-out. The good news is that they have rescheduled this event to Saturday, May 6 on Inner West Street.

Later this week we have Arbor Day on Thursday with a tree planting with children at Mills Parole Elementary.

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We have some good news about the Department of Public Works LEED-certified building on Hudson Street. It's just about ready to be open! Alderwoman Pindell Charles and I will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 5. The public is welcome to attend and I thank David Jarrell and his team for getting this project across the

finish line.

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Finally, before we get to the rest of the meeting, I would like to issue a brief statement on issues of civility.

We often have issues that come before us that attract public attention. And while we are a caring and passionate City, we are here to debate issues. It's about policy, not people. Attacks should never become personal.

We have to lower the temperature. We see around us divisions in public debate. We have an opportunity tonight to set a different tone, let's work toward that goal.

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Finance Committee Special Meeting

April 25, 2023, 9:30 AM - 1:15 PM

Finance Committee Special Meeting

April 26, 2023, 9:30 AM - 1:15 PM

Finance Committee Special Meeting

April 27, 2023, 9:30 AM - 1:15 PM

C. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Keith McCaffrey, 145 Cardamon Drive, Edgewater, Maryland 21037.

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

Curtis Jones, 1440 Brenton View Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.

Allyson Reiter, 3208 Chrisland Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Thomas Hayes 204 Boyds Cove Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Jenn Bistrack, 327 Charred Oak Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.

Angela McCauley, 1107 Lake Heron Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Katrina Williams, 720 Crisfield Way, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Sandra Kellstrom, 1212 Poplar Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Craig Kellstrom, 1212 Poplar Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Andrea Barnes 287 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403..

Kelly Lane, 3203 Blackwell Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Pearl Alexander, 35 Enclave Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Edward Moran, 2912 Boyd Cove Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Zoe" Anderson, 3101 Katrina Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

Appointments

[AP-7-23](#)

Board of Port Wardens - Jonathan McCopp

Alderwoman Tierney moved to confirm AP-7-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

Supplemental Appropriations under \$50,000

[SA-25-23](#)

General Fund - Office of Community Services (Special Projects) - This supplemental appropriation provides \$10,000 of appropriations to the Office of Community Services using the Reserve for One-Time Uses. This will allow the City to pay for emergency housing and other critical needs for community members who do not qualify for County, State, or Federal benefits.

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-45-23. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

End of Consent Calendar

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

[ID-83-23](#)

Alderwoman Sheila Finlayson request for remote meeting participation on April 27, pursuant to the City Code, Title 2 § 16.020.

Alderman Arnett moved to approve ID-83-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[O-14-23](#)

Annual Budget and Appropriation and Property Tax Levy - For the purpose of adopting the City Budget, comprising the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

No Speakers.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing O-14-23 left open.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**A. First Readers****1. Ordinance(s)****[O-16-23](#)**

Annapolis City Council - Remote Meeting Attendance - For the purpose of allowing City Council members to participate in Council and Standing Committee meetings remotely; eliminating the five-day prior notice requirement; changing certain criteria; and generally related to City Council meeting attendance.

Aldерwoman O'Neill moved to adopt O-16-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aldерwoman Finlayson moved to suspend the rules to dispense with the fiscal impact note, the referral to standing committee and third reading on O-16-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aldерwoman Finlayson moved to adopt O-16-23 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Aldерwoman Tierney, Aldерwoman O'Neill, Aldерwoman Pindell Charles, Aldерwoman Finlayson, Aldерman Gay, Aldерman Savidge and Aldерman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Aldерman Schandelmeier

[O-17-23](#)

Administration - Requiring the City Manager to Provide Staffing Impact Statements on Pending Legislation - For the purpose of requiring staffing reports on charter amendments, ordinances, and resolutions that include the impact of the legislation on staffing levels and duties; changing when staff reports regarding legislation must be submitted to the Council; making clarifying changes to the impacted subsections; and generally related to City Council procedure.

Aldерman Arnett moved to adopt O-17-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-17-23 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

2. Resolution(s)**[R-27-23](#)**

Support for Anne Arundel County's Free Gun Locks Program - For the purpose of expressing Council support for Anne Arundel County's first in-the-state pilot program providing up to two gun locks to adult county residents.

Sponsors: Aldерwoman Pindell Charles, Aldерman Arnett, Finlayson, Aldерwoman O'Neill and Aldерwoman Tierney

City Manager Mallinoff was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-27-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

City manager Mallinoff was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution R-27-23 at the meeting of its introduction.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-27-23 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderman Savidge - Cosponsor added.

Alderman Gay - Cosponsor added.

B. Second Readers

1. Charter Amendment

[CA-2-22](#)

Board of Supervisors of Election - For the purpose of expanding the Board of Supervisors of Elections from three members to five members.

Sponsors: Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderman Savidge moved to withdraw CA-2-22 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

2. Ordinance(s)

[O-9-23](#)

Adequate Public Facilities - Mitigation of Police Protection Level Certification Requirements - For the purpose of adding a mitigation section for the Adequate Police Protection criteria and certification criteria set in Chapter § 22.14; and generally related to Review Criteria and Certification for Adequate Police Protection under Adequate Public Facilities in Title 22.

Sponsors: Savidge, Gay and Alderman Pindell Charles

City Manager Mallinoff was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt O-9-23 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to suspend the rules to dispense with the fiscal impact note, the referral to standing committee and third reading on O-9-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Finlayson moved to adopt -9-23 on third reader. 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 Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

[O-11-23](#)

Changes to the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County - For the purpose of conforming the City's Resilience Authority law with Anne Arundel County changes: to stagger resilience authority member terms; to make the resilience authority director an Anne Arundel County employee; to change how the authority's Chief Financial Officer is appointed; to alter reporting requirements; and generally relating to the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley and Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt O-11-23 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-11-23 on third reader. 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 Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

[O-55-22](#)

Sediment Control Inspections Process, Fees, and Milestone Inspections - For the purpose of adding conditions for reinspection; creating milestone inspections; adjusting buildings and construction fees to pay for inspector positions; updating the format of these sections; and generally related to grading, erosion and sediment control inspections.

Sponsors: Savidge

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone O-55-23 for (30) days.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge referred O-55-23 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

3. Resolution(s)

[R-18-23](#)

Non-Profit Vendors During Fall 2023 Boat Shows - For the purpose of authorizing sales by certain vendors in the City Dock area of the Historic District during the Fall 2023 U.S. Sailboat and Powerboat Shows.

Sponsors: Alderwoman Tierney

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-19-23 on second reader. 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 Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

[R-15-23](#) **Fees Schedule, Updated for Milestone Inspections in Ordinance 55-22 - For the purpose of setting Milestone Inspection fees as adopted in O-55-22, Title 17 § 08.080(D).**

Sponsors: Savidge

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone R-15-23 for (30) days. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-24-23](#) **Support for Penguins Swim Team Practices and Meets at Kenneth R. Dunn Municipal Swimming Pool - For the purpose of acknowledging the importance of a city-supported swim team; commending the City of Annapolis Penguins Swim Team efforts as they practice at the Kenneth R. Dunn Municipal Pool at Truxton Park; and indicating City Council support for dedicated swim practice time for the Penguins Swim Team.**

Sponsors: Savidge, Alderwoman O'Neill and Alderman Arnett

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-24-23 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to Call the Question. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

City Manager Mallinoff, Recreation and Parks Director Johnson and Community Fitness and Aquatics Supervisor Rafiq were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-24-23 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 3 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney and Alderwoman Finlayson

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk