



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, January 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Tierney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman O'Neil.

Present: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Gay moved to approve the agenda as amended to add a Proclamation recognizing January 2022 as National Mentoring Month. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

The order of the agenda was amended to allow for.....

Ceremonial Item

[ID-269-21](#)

Proclamation recognizing January 2022 as National Mentoring Month

Mayor Buckley invited Alderman Gay to present the proclamation to Ms. Mundy.

The order of the agenda was resumed.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

**Mayor Gavin Buckley, City Council Remarks
January 10, 2021 - 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Good evening everyone and thank you for being here. We have a big agenda tonight. It is a new year and a new council, so a big agenda is not surprising.

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Happy New Year! I know we upended plans for a City celebration, but we had fireworks at both 5:30 and midnight, which were spectacular. I want to thank Felicia Nolan for her work in organizing that and the DJs, bands, activities and our first-ever CRAB DROP. She then had to cancel those at the last minute as omicron took hold. Thank you Felicia.

2022 is a new year it is arriving with new challenges, especially public health challenges related to the new COVID variant omicron. We need your help with slowing the spread because our City EMT and paramedic staff - as well as Anne Arundel Medical/Luminis - have moved to crisis standard of care. Please wear your mask. Get your vaccine, or if you are due, take the booster. If you need to be tested, the governor and the health department are standing up testing with the National Guard. Please do not go to the ER department if you need testing.

If you have COVID or symptoms of COVID, please stay home.

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And speaking of COVID messing up our plans, I was saddened the Military Bowl was canceled right after Christmas. As you know, the parade, tailgate and game were shut down not due to any City or state restrictions but because one of the participating teams could not field enough players. This is a big event for our retailers and hospitality. If you can, please show a little love to our local businesses who missed out on those opportunities due to these unfortunate cancellations.

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It looks like we will be starting the demolition of Hillman Garage in March of this year. We will soon be rolling out a website, communications and information through the project developer, AMRP.

Stay tuned to the City's social media pages and website for details which we will be sharing and asking you to share too.

There will be a mobility plan to move people around. We will offer many parking and transit options and the best part, downtown Annapolis will remain open for business throughout the rebuild.

The new garage will be an amazing asset. You know how, after a storm, stormwater rushes off the roof and right down into Ego Alley? When the garage was built nearly five decades ago, nobody cared about stormwater controls. This new garage will take us from no stormwater controls to 125 percent controlled. You know how the elevators do not work half the time? We will have brand new and fully functioning elevators. You know how the ticket taking machines are frustratingly slow? There will be no exit gates to slow down cars leaving the garage.

Lastly, you know how 425 parking spaces in Hillman sometimes does not seem like enough. How about 590 spaces in the new garage!

The rebuild will not happen without some growing pains, which we will do our best to minimize. At the end of it all, the new garage will be amazing.

We will continue to share updates as the date approaches.

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Opening Day for the Maryland General Assembly is Wednesday. I want to welcome our state legislators, citizens and residents who come to Annapolis.

While the House has gone mostly virtual, the Senate is maintaining in-person legislative sessions and committee hearings with some restrictions on audience attendance. We encourage members of the General Assembly, their staff, visitors and members of the public to make Annapolis your home away from home during session.

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In addition, the last thing - last week's snow. On four of the five days of the week, we had changes to city operations due to snow, icy conditions and then another round of snow.

The Monday storm dropped 10 to 12 inches of heavy, wet snow. Wendy O'Sullivan of the National Park Service told me that the kind of snow we got with that system was equivalent to three feet of the fluffy stuff. Three feet! By early Thursday, we were finalizing cleanup and gearing up for the Friday winter weather.

This was a tremendous lift for our Department of Public Works crews, Rec and Parks and, with the thousands of power outages, BGE who had to call in mutual aid from Philadelphia.

Our workers were out all night, then all day, then all night again - working in 12-hour shifts in the bitter cold. Recreation and Parks crew went to more than two dozen locations with downed trees and worked to "cut and toss" that debris so plows could get through. By Thursday afternoon all of our residents had power restored, all of our streets were passable and trash and recycling collections were back on schedule.

For the Friday snow, we sent our TV crew out to show the public what this kind of work entails. Enjoy this video of our DPW workers getting it done.

==Now, let's get on with our meeting.

B. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Sharon Judi Jones, 10 Fleet Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 spoke on R-5-22.

Mayor declared comments from the general public closed.

Appointments

[AP-1-22](#)

Appointment to the Audit Committee - Caroline Ewing

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-1-22. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

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Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

[O-37-21](#)

Exempt Service - Position Classification Update - For the purpose of removing the Development/Events Specialist position from the Exempt Service position classifications.

Sponsors: Buckley

No Speakers.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-37-21 closed.

[O-38-21](#)

Illicit Discharges and Connections - Stormwater - For the purpose of regulating the contribution of pollutants to the City separate storm sewer system (MS4) by stormwater discharges by any user; prohibiting illicit connections and discharges to the City separate storm sewer system (MS4); establishing legal authority for the City to carry out all inspection, surveillance and monitoring procedures; providing definitions; providing for enforcement of violations; providing an appeal process; and generally relating to illicit discharge and connections.

Sponsors: Buckley

No Speakers:

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-38-21 closed.

Legislative Action

First Readers

[O-1-22](#)

Fire Prevention Code - Sprinkler Systems - For the purpose of requiring property owners to install sprinkler systems; encouraging property owners to solicit bids from licensed minority business enterprises; identifying loan eligibility requirements under the sprinkler assistance revolving fund; clarifying costs that may be funded; establishing a loan amount; identifying loan repayment criteria; setting a date for sprinkler installation compliance; identifying the responsibility of

applicable property owners; identifying the appropriate body for appeals; and generally relating to the Fire Prevention Code.

Sponsors: Tierney, Pindell Charles and Gay

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-1-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-1-22 to the Economic Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-1-22 to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Gay - Cosponsor Added.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles referred O-1-22 to the Public Safety Committee.

O-2-22

Mooring Permits - Forfeiture - For the purpose of modifying the use requirement of moorings in City waters; and generally relating to mooring permits.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-2-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-2-22 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Alderman Arnett referred O-2-22 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

O-3-22

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility Corporation - Lease Agreement - For the purpose of approving the lease for certain City-owned property within the City of Annapolis between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility Corporation and the City of Annapolis; and matters generally relating to said Lease Agreement.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-3-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Alderwoman Finlayson referred O-3-22 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-3-22 to the Economic Matters Committee.

O-4-22

Aggressive Panhandling - For the purpose of clarifying that aggressive panhandling is a misdemeanor offense; and generally relating to aggressive panhandling.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt O-4-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-4-22 to the Public Safety Committee.

[O-5-22](#)

Public Services - Water and Sewer - For the purpose of clarifying who may tap or connect with a public sewer, water main, or stormwater line; providing for a qualified laboratory to sample and test a water line for chlorine or bacteria in certain circumstances; updating certain terms; requiring individual water meters for certain commercial units; requiring individual sewer cleanouts for dwelling and commercial units; and generally relating to public water and sewer services.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-5-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-5-22 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

[O-6-22](#)

Medical Cannabis Dispensaries - For the purpose of allowing medical cannabis dispensaries in certain zoning districts within the City of Annapolis; adding a use subject to standards; adding certain definitions; and generally relating to medical cannabis dispensaries.

Sponsors: Gay

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-6-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles requested the record reflect her abstention from the vote on first reader to adoption of O-6-22.

Mayor Buckley referred O-6-22 to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred O-6-22 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Alderman Schandelmeier referred O-6-22 to the Economic Matters Committee.

[O-7-22](#)

Rental Operator's License - For the purpose of clarifying the eligibility requirements for a short-term rental operator's license; providing certain definitions; making technical corrections; and generally relating to a rental operator's license.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-7-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett referred O-7-22 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-7-22 to the Economic Matters Committee.

[R-1-22](#)

Compensation of Acting Department Director Agyemang-Duah - For the purpose of expressly consenting to compensate an acting director when a directorship remains vacant for six-months.

Sponsors: Buckley

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

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-1-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-1-22 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

[R-2-22](#)

Hurricane Ida - Small Business Financing - Chris's Charcoal Pit House of Annapolis Inc. - For the purpose of supporting the distribution of grant funds through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Neighborhood Business Works Program (NBW Program) to Chris's Charcoal Pit House of Annapolis Inc., which was severely impacted by the Hurricane Ida disaster.

Sponsors: Pindell Charles

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-2-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-2-22 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Tierney, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

City Council - Cosponsors Added

[R-3-22](#)

Hurricane Ida - Small Business Financing - Annapolis International Market, LLC - For the purpose of supporting the distribution of grant funds through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Neighborhood Business Works Program (NBW Program) to Annapolis International Market, LLC, which was severely impacted by the Hurricane Ida disaster.

Sponsors: Pindell Charles

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-3-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-3-22 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Tierney, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

City Council - Cosponsor Added.

[R-4-22](#)

Hurricane Ida - Small Business Financing - KA Annapolis Holdings LLC d/b/a Kiddie Academy of Annapolis - For the purpose of supporting the distribution of grant funds through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Neighborhood BusinessWorks Program (NBW Program) to KA Annapolis Holdings LLC d/b/a Kiddie Academy of Annapolis, which was severely impacted by the Hurricane Ida disaster.

Sponsors: Pindell Charles

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-4-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-4-22 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Tierney, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

City Council - Cosponsor Added.

[R-5-22](#)

Extension of State of Emergency - For the purpose of extending the State of Emergency for the City of Annapolis; and providing for its termination.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-5-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-5-22 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Tierney, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

City Council - Cosponsor Added.

Alderman Gay requested Anne Arundel Health County Health Officer Dr. Kalyanaraman provide the council with an update on COVID-19, New Variants and supplied testing kits.

Second Readers

[R-31-21](#)

Standing Committee Appointments - For the purpose of confirming recommended appointments to the aldermanic Standing Committees.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-31-22 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Gay moved to amend R-31-21 pursuant to city code section 2.16.120 (C) to remove to word "Chair" on page 1, in lines 28, 33, 38, 43; and on page 2, in lines 2, 7 and 12. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 4 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-31-21 as amended 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 Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Savidge

Nay: 1 - Alderman Arnett

[O-39-21](#)

Rental Unit Licenses - For the purpose of clarifying who is eligible to apply for a rental unit license; providing certain definitions; and generally relating to rental licenses.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderwoman Tierney moved to withdraw O-39-21 on second reader without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

**Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk**