



# City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester  
Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

## Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

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Monday, December 13, 2021

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.  
City Council Chambers

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#### Call to Order

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

#### Invocation

Given by Mayor Buckley.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

#### Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Tierney.

**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 Schandelmeier moved to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

#### Ceremonial Items

##### Presentation by Mary Ewenson, Co-owner, Annapolis Boat Shows

Mayor Buckley accepted a check from Ms. Ewenson representing the Annapolis Boat Shows in the amount of \$.

[ID-250-21](#)

Mayor Buckley invited Alderwoman Pindell Charles to join him in presenting the City Council Citation to the Greater Parole Community Association Members for their 70th Anniversary.

#### Petitions, Reports and Communications

## A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley Remarks for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Good evening. Aldermen and women, congratulations on your victories and welcome back. To Alderwoman O'Neill, I would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the council on the occasion of your first City Council meeting as a member. Best of luck to you!

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I want us to take a moment to acknowledge the 64 lives lost in Friday's tornadoes that devastated much of Western Kentucky. There are still more than 100 people unaccounted for and our hearts go out to those communities. We know from recent experience that such weather events happen very quickly but the recovery takes a long time.

In Annapolis, we luckily had no loss of life when an EF2 tornado touched down in September, but we are still working on getting our residents help from the state of Maryland.

I would like for us to take time to honor those lives lost with a moment of silence

[moment of silence]

To the people of Kentucky - Godspeed in your rescue and recovery efforts.

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Earlier this month, I was honored to have been invited to light the Menorah on City Dock and on the same night, flip the switch on the lights for the Annapolis Christmas Tree at Market Space.

In a few weeks, our residents will be celebrating Kwanzaa. I'd like to wish all of our residents the joy of this holiday season.

I hope you checked out the photos in today's front page of the Capital. People are recognizing how beautiful the City looks with all of the festive lights.

I want to thank our City staff and especially Department of Public Works for their hard work in making the City sparkle. I want to acknowledge and thank the Annapolis Jaycees and the local landscaping business Garden Girls for their work on the greenery and lights. If you haven't had the opportunity to come downtown, please do - we have a third midnight madness this Thursday.

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Annapolis will resume City-sponsored New Year's celebrations this year, narrowed a little from previous years. There will be no events at Bates, instead moving it all to Susan Campbell Park at City Dock.

Beginning at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31, the family-friendly part of the evening will

commence with a DJ and bands as well as giveaways with WNAV and WRNR. That will conclude at 5:30 p.m. with fireworks in the harbor.

At 9 p.m., the fun will continue with a second round of dancing and DJ and then at midnight more fireworks over the harbor.

I hope that everyone has a safe and healthy celebration. A reminder, if you haven't been vaccinated or boosted, please do so, the vaccinations are free and readily available from the health department or your local pharmacy.

If you plan on celebrating with a group, it's easy to get tested. Free rapid test kits are available at the local library and it can help slow the spread of virus. Our case rates are rising and hospital beds are filling up, mostly with unvaccinated patients.

This is our new normal. We must do our best to protect one another and the public health. I thank those who care enough about their fellow humans to take the shot.

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Coming up at 7 p.m. on December 21 will be the first meeting, at Pip Moyer Recreation Center, of the Ward Boundaries Task Force. You will recall this group was appointed back in April. Their charge is to balance the districts, the eight wards, of our City to ensure equal representation.

Reworking the ward boundaries is required after each 10-year Census count. The latest data puts our current Annapolis population at 40,951. That means each ward should have around 5,000 residents. According to the standard deviation allowable, Ward 2 has too many and Ward 7 too few.

Therefore, the commission will look at ways to redraw the ward maps to even out those numbers. This may, or many not impact some -- or all -- of the other wards in the city.

I want to thank the residents who are volunteering to serve on this task force, and the chair Jared Littman. We encourage participation in this process and these meetings are designed to take public input.

They will submit their recommendations to us in six months. I look forward to seeing what they come up with.

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I want to thank everyone who helped us with the swearing in ceremonies and the inaugural ball. We had the opportunity to celebrate with our friends and supporters and to acknowledge the hard work of our campaigns and our volunteers. Thank you. Later tonight we will get our picture taken with the new council and you can look for that tomorrow on social media.

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Tonight, with the co-sponsorship of all of the members of the council - thank you - we will be introducing the Annapolis Electric Mobility Plan.

It can be scary to try new things. But we no longer light our street lights with whale oil after boiling whale blubber. We took out the kerosene lamps and made them electric. That is to say, societies advance. We know we have to get away from our reliance on fossil fuels.

The City fleet has put more than 2.5 million miles on city vehicles between January 1 and December 1 of this year. That equates to a half million dollars in fuel costs and another \$650,000 in maintenance costs.

Of our current fleet of 346 vehicles, we already have a half-dozen hybrids, a couple of bio diesel and more than three dozen flex-fuel vehicles. We must make a commitment to require more energy efficiency in fleet vehicles.

It saves in fuel and maintenance costs and is better for the planet.

In recent conversations with our federal partners, we know they have infrastructure dollars to spend. Annapolis is ready to receive those dollars.

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And now, this is the last item - this weekend, our beloved United States Naval Academy gave the cadets at West Point a lesson in humility with a nice 17 to 13 victory in their Saturday football match up. Navy was not favored going in, but those guys had a really -- a REALLY -- good day.

I had wagered crab cakes against New York Pizza with Mayor Joe D'Onofrio of Highland Falls, the hometown of West Point. Mayor Joe nearly had me convinced by the 3 and 8 record for Navy that I was going to be paying up for the second year in a row.

Navy said no to that and Mayor Joe will be eating crow and delivering New York pizza to City Hall. Thanks Joe!

Go Navy! You Beat Army!

Now let's get on with our meeting.

## **B. Comments by the General Public**

**ONLINE Form Submittal:**

James Kevern, 778 Fairview Avenue, Apt-B, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

**IN PERSON:** No one request to speak.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

## **Consent Calendar**

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier 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**

[CCM](#) Special Meeting Minutes  
[10.25.2021](#)

**A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier 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

**Business and Miscellaneous**

[ID-234-21](#) 2022 City Council Meeting Dates

**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**

**Item removed from Consent Calendar**

**Alderman Gay requested ID-235-21 2022 City Council Work Session Dates be removed from the Consent Calendar. This item will be added to the end of tonight's agenda as a Business and Miscellaneous Item.**

**Legislative Action**

**First Readers**

[R-31-21](#) **Standing Committee Appointments** - For the purpose of confirming recommended appointments to the aldermanic Standing Committees.

**Sponsors:** Buckley

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

**Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-31-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

[R-32-21](#) **Audit Committee - Aldermanic Appointments** - For the purpose of confirming aldermanic appointments to the Audit Committee.

**Sponsors:** Buckley

**Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-32-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Schandelmeier moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of resolution R-32-21 at the meeting of its introduction. 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

**Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-32-21 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Gay

**Abstain:** 2 - Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

### R-33-21

**Budget Process Timeline for Fiscal Year 2023** - For the purpose of approving a timeline for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget development and approval process.

**Sponsors:** Buckley

**Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-33-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Schandelmeier moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of resolution R-33-21 at the meeting of its introduction. 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

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-33-21 on second reader. Seconded.**

**Alderman Gay moved to amend R-33-21 as follows: To remove lines 1, 2 and 3, on page number 2. Seconded DEFEATED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-33-21 on second reader. 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

### R-34-21

**Fiscal Year 2022 Fees Schedule - Building Code** - For the purpose of making technical corrections to the Fiscal Year 2022 Fees Schedule concerning certain fees charged pursuant to the Building Code.

**Sponsors:** Buckley and Tierney

**Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-34-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Mayor Buckley referred R-34-21 to the Finance Committee.

[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

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-37-21 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Mayor Buckley referred O-37-21 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

[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

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-38-21 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Mayor Buckley referred O-38-21 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

[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

Alderman Tierney moved to adopt O-39-21 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Mayor Buckley referred O-39-21 to the Economic Matters Committee.

[O-40-21](#)

**Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program - 100%**

**Electric Mobility Plan** - For the purpose of adding the 100% Electric Annapolis Mobility Plan to include electric vehicles, boat and associated support infrastructure to the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

**Sponsors:** Buckley, Tierney, Savidge, Gay, Schandelmeier, Pindell Charles, O'Neill, Finlayson and Arnett

Alderman Tierney moved to adopt O-40-21 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Mayor Buckley referred O-40-21 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-40-21 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Alderwoman Tierney referred O-40-21 to the Planning Commission.

Alderwoman O'Neil referred O-40-21 to the Transportation Committee.

Alderman Savidge referred O-40-21 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

### **Business and Miscellaneous**

[ID-235-21](#) 2022 City Council Work Session Dates

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve ID-235-21 the session dates, session times will be determined at a later date. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

### Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC  
City Clerk