



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, October 28, 2024

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 Savidge.

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

Closed Session Statement:

Pursuant to the requirement of the Annotated Code of Maryland, GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section, 3-305 (b) (1) (i) (ii) (this statement is included in these minutes):

A Closed Session of the City Council was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 2024 in the Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr., City Council Chamber.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Mallinoff, Assistant City Attorney Berger, City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge, Assistant, City Manager Buckland, Fire Chief Remaley, Finance Director Dickinson, Human Resources Manager Hopkins, Office of Emergency Management Department Simmons, It Manager Paquin, Deputy City Manager Guild, Planning and Zoning Director Jakubiak, Legislative & Policy Analyst Reuter, City Council Associate Jackson and City Attorney Lyles.

A roll call vote was taken by the members present, and the session was closed. The authority under which the session was closed was the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (1) (i) (ii). The purpose of the meeting was to discussion PRM Compensation Consulting Services - Classification and Compensation

No Votes were taken in closed session.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the closed session was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Ceremonial Item(s)

[ID-158-24](#) **Annual Eastport "Declaration of War" Charity Event**

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-159-24](#) **Citation - Pachler Eagle Scout Award**

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

A reminder that City offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. The office closures do not impact trash and recycling collections or Pip Moyer Rec Center. However, the Stanton Center will be closed. For transit service on Monday, Annapolis "Go Time" will run from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You'll need to either download the TRANSIGO app or call Transportation dispatch at 410-263-7964 to get a ride.

On Monday, the Fleet Reserve Club will host a Veteran's Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at Memorial Circle in downtown. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month this year, will mark exactly 106 years since the end of hostilities in World War One. As the guns fell silent, people came out into the streets to rejoice that the war was over. Armistice Day, as it was known then, was a day of celebration because people knew that not one more person would get hurt or die in the war. They knew loved ones were coming home.

Since that time, what we now call Veteran's Day has become a time to recognize the sacrifice of all those who serve and have defended our country.

In Annapolis, in the shadow of the US Naval Academy, we honor all who serve.

We remember the ones who gave their lives, and we express our gratitude to those who are serving or have served.

I invite you to join us at 11 a.m. at Memorial Circle, or take a moment on Monday to speak to someone who is a veteran and ask them about their service - or simply thank them for their sacrifice. It will enrich you both! If there is inclement weather, the event will move indoors to the Fleet Reserve Club.

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The Annapolis Police Department is hosting another gun turn-in program on Saturday, Nov. 23. If you have weapons you no longer want in your home, they need to be unloaded and in the trunk of your vehicle at the take back event. Pull up between 10am and 2pm at 199 Taylor Avenue and an officer will remove the weapon from your vehicle. You must stay in your car and simply open the trunk. The last gun turn-in event was very successful and removed scores of weapons from our streets. I thank Chief Jackson and APD for renewing this initiative.

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Last Monday, I was delighted to have been invited to the White House. I joined President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden at a reception for the National Arts and Humanities Medal recipients. What an honor!

As Vice Chair of the US Conference of Mayors Committee for Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports, I was pleased to meet and hear from the National Medal of Arts & Humanities recipients. The 19 distinguished recipients included writers, historians, educators and filmmakers - an inspiring group of creative thought leaders! Included in the honorees were: Spike Lee, Steven Spielberg, Missy Elliot, Eva Longoria, Queen Latifah, Ken Burns and LaVar Burton.

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Last week, I was also honored to open the second day of the Green Transition Summit organized by the Swedish Embassy in DC. I was able to share some of the valuable learning and experiences gained on our recent study tour and learn about projects and collaborations taking place here in the US, with both government and private partners. This kind of collaboration is crucial to solving

the global climate and sustainability problems and I thank the Embassy and all our partners for their engagement with us on finding solutions.

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This Friday, the Banneker Douglass Museum is officially changing the name to the Banneker-Douglass-Tubman museum with a renaming event at the museum on Franklin Street.

As a reminder, Benjamin Banneker was free-born on a tobacco farm in Baltimore County. Banneker was a naturalist, mathematician, astronomer and almanac author in addition to being a farmer, surveyor and landowner. In 1791, he wrote a bold letter to Thomas Jefferson comparing the righteous fight for freedom by colonists to the plight of enslaved persons in America. Jefferson seemed to acknowledge Banneker's reasoning and published their correspondence.

Frederick Douglass was a social crusader and tireless advocate for both the anti-slavery movement and women's suffrage. Douglass escaped from slavery in 1838 and spent the rest of his life as a social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer and statesman. Famously advising President Lincoln and after reconstruction serving as a federal appointee under five presidents.

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in Talbot County. She was an abolitionist and social activist and, after making the harrowing escape north on her own, led at least 13 additional missions to help 70 enslaved people to escape. She served as a scout and a spy for the Union Army in the civil war and was active in the movement for women's suffrage.

Earlier this year, the General Assembly passed the necessary legislation to add Ms. Tubman to the name of the museum. I thank Del. Shaneka Henson and Sen. Cory McCray for their work on that legislation.

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Last weekend was filled with fall activities

The City hosted the fifth annual Day of the Dead festival on Saturday. This event recognizes an important tradition in the Hispanic community. I thank Maryland

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Hall for hosting and I thank our City team and their volunteers for their tireless work - especially Ismenia Olivo and Rossio Smith. We appreciate you!

Mr. Fix-A-Flat, NoHarm and NAM hosted a Haunted Halloween Event in the Robinwood Community with games, refreshments and a haunted house.

The Pip Moyer Recreation Center was filled with activity last weekend. Parks and Recreation was hosting the Fall Harvest Festival filled with family activities, early voting was going on downstairs and volunteers were out in Truxtun Park beautifying the tennis court area, restoring trails and removing invasive weeds.

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Today and tomorrow, artists will carve five great pumpkins around downtown and Inner West Street. That means there is still time for you to come and get that iconic Fall photo with a great pumpkin! Our thanks to the Downtown Annapolis

Partnership, Visit Annapolis, Annapolis DPW and Bumper Moyer for making this happen each year. It is as much a fall highlight as pumpkin-spiced coffee!

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Halloween is this Thursday and I'd like to remind all of our drivers to be on the lookout for excited little ones as they make their neighborhood rounds getting treats.

For parents and caregivers, please be sure your trick-or-treater can be seen, either with reflective tape, glow sticks or flashlights. Let's have a safe night of good Halloween fun!

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And lastly, don't forget to vote. You can vote early at Pip Moyer Recreation Center every day from 7 am - 8 pm from now until October 31st or at your polling place on Tuesday, November 5th. You can find your polling place online at elections.maryland.gov

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And now let's get on with our meeting!

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Rules & City Government Committee Regular Meeting

November 1, 2024, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

1. Bill Sweetser, 5 Shipwright Harbour, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
2. Janice Cannon, 119 Chesapeake Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
3. Mary O'Brian, 301 Fourth Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
4. Amon Esworthy, 301 Fourth Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
5. Amy Clements, 17 Southgate Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
6. Jared Littmann, 5 Cambridge Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
7. Bill Reichhardt, 717 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
8. Kemp Hammond, 18 S. Cherry Grove Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
9. Paul Elder, 77 Shipwright Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
10. Evan Thalenberg, 213 Lockwood Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
11. Kati McDermot, 50 Franklin Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
12. Holly Allsopp, 317 Chester Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
13. Gary Jobson, 10 Thompson Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
14. Bill Borwegen, 519 First Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
16. Marcellus Butler, 409 Chester Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supplemental Appropriations Under \$50,000

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, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[SA-10-25](#) **General - City Manager - Reserve for One-Time Uses**

Attachments: [SA-10-25](#)

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

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

Appointments

[AP-30-24](#) **Appointment - Ms. Ellen Moyer - Commission on Aging**

Attachments: [AP-30-24](#)

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

[AP-31-24](#) **Appointment - Mr. Michael Allen - Commission on Aging**

Attachments: [AP-31-24](#)

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

[AP-32-24](#) **Appointment - Ms. Christine Trapnell - Commission on Aging**

Attachments: [AP-32-24](#)

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

[AP-33-24](#) **Appointment - Ms. Lisa Wilson - Commission on Aging**

Attachments: [AP-33-24](#)

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

End of Consent Calendar

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances

[O-23-24](#) **Parking and Towing Regulations - For the purpose of eliminating the requirement that towing companies be within one mile of the City; allowing City contractors to oversee towing; and generally updating parking and towing regulations in Titles 7 and 12.**

Sponsors: Schandelmeier, Pindell Charles and Huntley

Attachments: [O-23-24 First Reader](#)

[O-23-24 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-23-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-23-24 Staff Report](#)

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-23-24 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**FIRST READERS****Resolutions****[R-46-24](#)**

Task Force to Study Residential Marine Vessels - For the purpose of gathering information necessary for the Annapolis City Council to make informed decisions about residential and commercial marine vessels in city waters, creating a task force to investigate three critical areas regarding houseboats, floating homes, and other residential marine vessels: 1) the impact on the city's maritime industry, 2) the advantages and disadvantages to the community, and 3) the impacts on city operations; and requiring the task force to submit a report to the Council for possible action.

Sponsors: Arnett and Savidge

Attachments: [R-46-24 First Reader](#)

[R-46-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[R-46-24 Staff Report](#)

[R-46-24 Amendment 1 - Gay](#)

[R-46-24 Amendment 2 - Savidge](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-46-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-46-24 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

Mayor Buckley referred R-46-24 to the Board of Port Wardens.

Mayor Buckley referred R-46-24 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-46-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-46-24 to the Economic Matters Committee.

[R-49-24](#) **The Village at Providence Point Senior Care Development - For the purpose of showing Annapolis City Council support for the Village at Providence Point, a continuing care retirement community approved by the City and the State, but currently facing a legal challenge in the Appellate Court of Maryland.**

Sponsors: Finlayson, O'Neill, Buckley, Pindell Charles and Gay

Attachments: [R-49-24 First Reader](#)
[R-49-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[R-49-24 Staff Report](#)
[R-49-24 Signed \(color\)](#)
[R-49-24 Signed \(b&w\)](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-49-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Alderman Huntley was out of the room during the vote on suspending the rules.

Alderman O'Neill moved to adopt R-49-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Out of Room: 1 - Alderman Huntley

[R-50-24](#) **2025 Salary Review Commission Members - For the purpose of approving members of the Salary Review Commission established by Resolution 42-24 on September 27, 2024.**

Sponsors: Buckley and Gay

Attachments: [R-50-24 First Reader](#)
[R-50-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[R-50-24 Staff Report](#)
[R-50-24 Amendment 1 - Buckley](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-50-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Alderman Gay - Cosponsor Added.

SECOND READERS**Ordinances****[O-3-24](#)**

City Council Nominations to Boards, Commissions, and Committees - For the purpose of the members of the City Council to nominate members to boards, commissions, and committees if the position has been vacant, or expired and filled temporarily for more than six months; and generally related to City Council duties.

Sponsors: Savidge and Arnett

Attachments: [O-3-24 First Reader](#)

[O-3-24 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-3-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-3-24 Staff Report](#)

[O-3-24 - Amendment 1 - Savidge](#)

[O-3-24 - Amendment 2 - Finlayson \(on behalf of the Rules Committee\)](#)

Alderman Savidge moved to withdraw O-3-24 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-16-24](#)

Special Residential Parking Districts - Permit Renewals - For the purpose of changing when Special Residential Parking District permits need to be renewed; and generally related to parking district fee criteria.

Sponsors: O'Neill and Huntley

Attachments: [O-16-24 First Reader](#)

[O-16-24 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-16-24 Staff Report](#)

[O-16-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[Annapolis Transportation Board Legislation Report for O-16-24 & O-25-24](#)

[O-16-24 Signed \(color\)](#)

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Aldерwoman O'Neill moved to adopt O-16-24 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aldерwoman O'Neill moved to adopt O-16-24 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[O-21-24](#)

Taxicab Driver License Criteria - For the purpose of updating the criteria for a City taxicab driver license; requiring a Class C driver's license from the State instead of a Class D license; requiring a driver-for-hire tag from the State; limiting the size of a taxicab vehicle; and generally dealing with taxicab driver qualifications.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [O-21-24 First Reader](#)
[O-21-24 Legislative Summary](#)
[O-21-24 Staff Report](#)
[O-21-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[O-21-24 Signed \(color\)](#)
[O-21-24 Signed \(b&w\)](#)

Alderman Finlayson moved to adopt O-21-24 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-21-24 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[O-25-24](#)

Special Residential Parking Districts - Technical Corrections - For the purpose of making technical corrections to parking rules on King George Street and St. John Street, Special Residential Parking District Numbers 2, 3, and 4; removing Calvert Street and St. John's Street from parking District 4; removing North Acton Place and South Acton Place from District 3 and placing those streets in District 2; placing a portion of Shaw Street in District 2; and generally related to City of Annapolis parking.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [O-25-24 First Reader](#)
[O-25-24 Legislative Summary](#)
[O-25-24 Staff Report](#)
[O-25-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[Annapolis Transportation Board Legislation Report for O-16-24 & O-25-24](#)
[O-25-24 Signed \(color\)](#)
[O-25-24 Signed \(b&w\)](#)

Alderman O'Neill moved to adopt O-25-24 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-25-24 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Resolutions

[R-48-24](#) **Restaurant Parking Lot Usage Pilot Program Extension for Outdoor Dining - For the purpose of directing the City Manager to extend the Annapolis Outdoor Dining Pilot Program, allowing restaurants to use privately-owned parking lots for outdoor dining for one year or adoption of an outdoor dining ordinance, whichever comes first.**

Sponsors: Arnett, Savidge, Gay and Huntley

Attachments: [R-48-24 First Reader](#)
[R-48-24 Staff Report](#)
[R-48-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
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Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-28-24 on second reader. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Alderman Huntley - Cosponsor Added.

Alderman Gay - Cosponsor Added.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

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