



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, October 28, 2019

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Savidge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Tierney.

Present: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Paone moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

City Council Citation - Annapolis Rapper Young Dylan Gilmer

Alderwoman Finlayson presented Mr. Gilmer with the City Council Citation and a Key to the City of Annapolis.

Mayor Buckley presented Mr. Gilmer with a citation from Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

Proclamation - Naval Academy Superintendent

Mayor Buckley presented the Proclamation.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley City Council Remarks 28 October 2019 - 7 PM City Council Chambers
Good evening everyone!

Thank you all for being here tonight. We have only two more council meetings until the end of 2019.

First tonight, some relief from the judicial system for our City: the main trial for the Capital Gazette mass shooting will not take place because the shooter pleaded guilty to all 23 counts. While that doesn't bring peace to the family, I am thankful that there is no trial because it relieves them from having to relive that horrible and tragic day. I would also like to express gratitude for Judge Laura Ripken who professionally presided over these difficult proceedings. Let's keep the survivors close to our hearts, as we all have done and know that this horrific event for our City has not diminished free speech or the First Amendment in any way.

Gun violence did not win.

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At City Hall on the 16th, the Coordinating Council of the Four Rivers Heritage Area gathered to discuss priorities for this organization of sites dedicated to history, art, heritage, preservation, and the environment. I'd like to thank our City liaison to that group, **Hilary Raftovich**, for hosting the event. Let me tell you a little about what we got to share with them.

I addressed the group about the potential for a paddle park on Rowe Blvd. The Four Rivers partner from the Maryland State Archives was interested in this open space initiative to help residents and visitors have water access to College Creek.

I got to talk to them about Maynard Burgess House, across from City Hall on Duke of Gloucester, which is in need of rehabilitation. We received \$200,000 from the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture. We used roughly half of the funding for stabilization and exterior repairs. We will use the remaining \$100,000 for interior rehabilitation. We have RFPs out for those interior projects and are awaiting bids. When that building is complete we hope to use the space to tell some of the stories of a Annapolis history.

Finally, I got to talk to them about the City Dock Action Committee and explain how this group of committed City resident stakeholders is helping to move the city forward on a plan that incorporates all areas of interest: business, finance, maritime, resiliency, community access and placemaking, and parking, pedestrian and bicycle connections.

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Speaking of which, the City Dock Action Committee will be making their last scheduled public meeting tomorrow before presenting to council in December. That meeting is here in council chambers from 6 to 9 p.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank co-chair **Eileen Fogarty**. Eileen has been tireless in her advocacy for this project. She brings expertise in planning and

more importantly skill in delegating. She manages 90 people - who are each individuals with their own ideas, interests and passions about downtown and the historic district and City Dock. There's an old Irish saying for coordinating the work product of a group like this: "minding mice at a crossroads." She does it masterfully and from the outside she makes it look easy.

Co-chair **Bill Kardash**, thank you for agreeing to serve and for being a champion of our city, city residents and downtown. It would be impossible for the City to put a price tag (or pay you that price) for your expertise and work in bringing the financial component into focus so that we can ensure that City Dock as a project and process can move forward.

I'm going to mention the chairs of each working team, but please know these names are stand-ins for everyone who has served on any one of these groups:

- **Bryce Turner** for Design and Placemaking
- **John Hammond** on Financial Tools
- **Connie del Signore** on Programming
- **Ian Pfeiffer** on Parking, Pedestrian and Bike Connections
- **Susan Zellers** on Maritime
- **David Barker** and **Zoe Johnson** on Resiliency
- **Rodney Little** on Burtis House
- **Mark Kleinschmidt** and **Joe Robino** on Business and Retail, and
- **Carl Larkin** and **Mark Mhley** on Community Benefits/Character and Livability

The big thing with this attempt at updating City Dock is two-fold. First, we don't have the option to delay. The flooding is both more intense and more frequent. Climate change is real and it is bearing down on our infrastructure and our businesses in a way that makes this issue urgent. Second, we have broad-based community engagement and involvement in the decision-making. This is hands on and bottom-up. Each member of this committee serves to both make recommendations and decisions, but also to serve as an ambassador for the work.

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At City Dock last week, we had a press event with **County Executive Stuart Pittman**. We signed the City and county joint application for a No Discharge Zone. This applies to waters in Annapolis and all rivers and creeks that discharge into the Chesapeake Bay that originate in the county. So, this would apply to the Severn River, but not the Patapsco. It would apply to the Magothy, but not the Patuxent. This means that any boat with a head, whether the sewage is treated or

not, can NOT be pumped directly into our waterways. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will review our application and, if approved, will send it to the EPA for final designation. This will take about a year. In that time, we hope that the messaging about this issue will remind boaters to pump out their holds and not discharge. I want to thank **David Barker** of Back Creek Conservancy for his work in getting all of the documentation. It's about 100 pages of information.

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I'd like to take a moment to commend Annapolis Police Chief Jackson. As many of you know, there was a homicide in Bay Ridge Gardens about 10 days ago. I'd like to offer condolences to the family of Tiara Taylor, who died of a gunshot wound.

The day after her passing I walked along Bens drive with members of my public engagement staff, Alderman DaJuan Gay and the police, including police Chief Jackson to meet with residents and talk about public safety.

The chief reiterated the need for police to have good relations and good communications with the community. He said that it is likely someone saw this crime or has relevant knowledge for detectives. I would like to reiterate what he said that night: if you have information, please contact Metro CrimeStoppers. You can remain anonymous and still be eligible for a reward.

I will say it again and I will keep saying it: no problem is ever resolved in a better way with a gun. This young person's life is over. Her family is grief stricken. It is likely that the perpetrator will spend a significant amount of time behind bars.

Finally, Police Chief Edward Jackson wanted me to congratulate the following Annapolis Police on their retirement:

- **Lt. Kenneth Brown**, who served nearly three decades and retired as Acting Captain of Patrol
- **Sgt. James Spearman**, who served 33 years, and was a member of the crisis negotiation team
- **Sgt. Mark Ferguson**, who retired after 23 years of service. Mark earned a nomination for the National Internal Affairs Investigator of the Year.
- **Sgt. Kevin Freeman** who served in Patrol, Community Services and the K-9 Unit, and
- **Officer First Class Charles Bealefeld** who worked on Crimes against Children and who, as the department's Special Olympics liaison, raised more than \$22,000.

In addition, here are the names of police promoted. The following Corporals were promoted to the rank of Sergeant:

- Hil O'Herlihy
- Joseph Mann
- Andrew Ascione
- Mark Cochran
- Chester Parker

The following Officers were promoted to the rank of Corporal:

- David Fitzpatrick
- Gwynne Tavel
- Jimmy McGriff
- Brian Criss

Officers to the rank of Officer First Class.

- Aaron Stein
- Wyatt Davis
- Andrew Kreft
- Kristopher Baum
- Nancy Moore
- Richard Farquharson
- Travis McQueen
- John Lee
- Edward Cooper
- Rodney Butler
- Brandon Ellis
- Chad Schaefer
- Jacob Horner
- Gustavo Martinez
- William Noel

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I had the good fortune to attend and offer remarks at the 80th anniversary celebration for the Parole Community Health Center. This is an amazing community amenity.

They got their start all those years ago because the whites-only maternity ward was not open to African American women seeking a safe place to give birth.

Today, they offer Healthy Start for Pregnant Women, a wellness program for infants and toddlers, HIV and AIDS testing and counseling, immunizations, Maryland Children's Health Program, pregnancy tests and more.

They do it without regard to ability to pay or race or ethnicity. They have grown and evolved over the years, always in large measure thanks to volunteers, health professionals who donate their time and businesses who help financially.

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I also had the opportunity to say farewell to **Beverly Wilbourne**, who left the executive director position at HACA and who, despite all of their problems, helped to get the Housing Authority off the HUD “Troubled” list.

Taking over as Executive Director is **Melissa Maddox-Evans**, an attorney with 14 years in affordable housing. She was previously with the Housing Authority for the City of Charleston and has managed portfolios including housing and community development. We are sure that she will move HACA in the right direction.

In the next few months, HACA will be moving forward on a complete rebuild of Newtowne 20. Earlier this month, HACA held a meeting with Newtowne residents to inform them that, if they are in good standing, they will be guaranteed a unit in the completely rebuilt community.

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Last week, **Dr. George Arlotto** of Anne Arundel County Public Schools, challenged me to wear orange for Unity Day. I took him up on the challenge and invited the entire City to participate. I was pleased to see so many people joining in. We don’t want bullying here in our City or in our community. It was just one day, but it serves as a reminder that we should always strive for kindness and inclusivity.

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There are a couple of events you should put on your calendar - check the city website for details:

- On Friday, the remains of Smith Price will be reinterred. That ceremony will take place at Asbury United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.
- On Saturday, we will have the Day of the Dead event in the Design District. That starts with a parade at 4:30. Delicious food, plus music and kids events will run into the night.
- On Veteran’s Day at City Dock, we will have our annual event with the Fleet Reserve Club. If you can’t attend a Veteran’s Day event, I hope that you can take some time to think about the veterans who have sacrificed to serve our country. Our Annapolis City Veteran’s Day event is at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, the exact date and time in 1918 when World War I ended.

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The last item I want to talk about are some shop local initiatives and parking.

First, our office of economic development is launching a Love Annapolis - Shop

Annapolis campaign. When you see those videos and memes on social media, please share them as we come into the holiday season. We want our businesses to be successful this holiday shopping season.

Now, I know that a number of you are hearing about holiday parking and the ParkMobile app.

First, I understand some of our older council members might need a younger person to train them on how to download and use an app. Fortunately, we now have a young member on the council who might be able to help. I am asking Alderman Gay to step up and offer training to your colleagues.

Beyond the skill needed for a download, I want to let folks know that the City has a number of parking programs.

It is a fact that, this holiday season, the City is offering more options for free parking than ever before.

First, we have the metered parking between Black Friday and New Years with 3 hours free with the park mobile app. Don't have the app? Call the toll free number to set up an account. Don't want to park at a meter? Park at any one of the four City garages, that's Park Place, Knighton, Gotts, or Hillman and get vouchers for "Resident's Park Free!" Just visit the kiosk at Hillman or the Annapolis Parking headquarters on West Street. Get information at AnnapolisParking.com. That program is ongoing.

There's also Park Shop and Dine. You can visit one of more than two dozen participating downtown restaurants or shops and get validation for your garage parking. Finally, for Midnight Madness, the City will offer \$5 parking at Park Place and Knighton and run twice as many circulators. You can always track the circulator on your phone in real time by downloading that app, also available for android or iPhone.

Also, please mark your calendars for Midnight Madness on December 5, 12 and 19, so mark your calendars. On the 5th the City will be hosting an open house in City Council chambers with free food and a chance to mingle with friends before you head out to shop.

And remember this holiday season to shop local!

That's it for tonight. Let's get to our meeting!

Presented -

B. Required Administrative Submittals-City Manager

[CM-3-20](#)

Recreation and Parks

Transfer From: Contractual Services (\$6,300.00) Transfer To: Supplies

and Other (\$6,300.00)

City Manager Sutherland presented the Fund Transfer.

C. Reports by Committee**Standing Committee Dates**

11/4/19 Public Safety Committee 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

11/6/19 Finance Committee 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

11/12/19 Rules and City Government Committee 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

11/18/19 Housing and Human Welfare Committee 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

D. Quarterly Report - Audit Committee

The report was not presented.

E. Comments by the General Public**Speakers:**

Laura Booth, 81 Wind whisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

City Manager Sutherland was present and answered questions from council.

Megan Moore, 86 Charles Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Lu Cotta, 1409 Sharps Point Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Carol Yarrow, 102 Roosevelt Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Monique Lighthart, 414 Jefferson Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Hannah Garagiola, 112 Revell Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Verna Stout, 1434 Magnolia Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Amanda Reynolds, 817 Janice Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mark Glucch, 67 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Susan Murquiles, 113 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Michelle Cordle, 3057 Center Maryland 21401.

Jason Brande, 1521 Ritchie Highway, Glen Bernie, Maryland 21061.

Mac Fairley, 620 Howards Loop, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Will Small, 702 Melrose Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mark Mahley, 123 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Patricia McNally, 163 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Judy Jones, 10 Fleet Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Patrick Reilly, 1404 Virginia Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

P. J. Hogan, 5 Brook Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Carl Larkin, 154 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Aron Axe, 73 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Elliot Powell, 164 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Ursula Kluein, 1515 Ritchie Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Christine Schulskadlt, 707 Miller Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Ronald Dunkin, 33 East Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

Consent Calendar**Approval of the Consent Calendar**

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

carried:unanimously

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

Absent: 1 - Rodriguez

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-10-20](#)

Finance

Revenue: General Fund - Miscellaneous Revenue (\$2,969.00) Expenditure: Finance - Supplies and Other (2,969.00)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Rodriguez

Legislative Action

First Reader

[O-37-19](#)

City Council Meetings - Order and Decorum - For the purpose of modifying the City Council Rules of Procedure to prohibit certain items in Council Chambers without prior approval; identifying certain unacceptable behavior in Council Chambers that would warrant removal of an individual; and generally related to maintaining order and decorum at City Council meetings.

Sponsors: Paone

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

Absent: 1 - Rodriguez

Mayor Buckley referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

End of Consent Calendar

Supplemental Appropriation

[SA-12-20](#)

Fire

Revenue: Contingency Fund (\$30,000.00) Expenditure: Fire Overtime for Interviews of New Hires in Hiring Process (\$15,000.00), Fire Overtime for Physical Agility of New Hires in Hiring Process (if completed) (\$10,000.00); Fire Overtime for Backgrounds of New Hires in Hiring Process (\$5,000.00)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-12-20. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Public Hearings**O-11-19**

R2-NC District - Demolitions - For the purpose of requiring a structural analysis prior to demolition of a residential structure or building in the R2-NC, Single-Family Residential Neighborhood Conservation District; requiring execution of a contract between the city and a structural engineer prior to demolition; and generally relating to the demolition of a residential structure or building in the R2-NC District.

Sponsors: Arnett

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-11-19 closed.

O-19-19

Adequate Public Facilities - Auto transportation facilities - For the purpose of clarifying the circumstances that would require a traffic impact analysis for a proposed project; clarifying the standards to be used to determine adequacy; and generally relating to the adequacy of auto transportation facilities.

Sponsors: Arnett, Savidge and Gay

Speakers:

Jeremy Parks, 940 Placid Court, Arnold, Maryland 21012.

Acting Planning and Zoning Director Nash was present and answered questions from council.

No one else from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-19-19 closed.

O-27-19

Critical Area Overlay - For the purpose of updating and amending the City of Annapolis critical area overlay district code provisions in accordance with State law; streamlining enforcement provisions and appeal procedures; relocating and updating definitions; adding reasonable accommodations provisions for the needs of disabled citizens pursuant to State law; adding Buffer Management Plan and Buffer Exemption Area policies; adding references to the Critical Area 10 percent Rule Guidance Manual, adding lot coverage percentages for certain zoning districts; adding lot consolidation provisions; consolidating grandfathering provisions; adding applicability and identification of water-dependent facilities; and making certain stylistic changes.

Sponsors: Buckley

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record a Memorandum to the Annapolis City Council from the Planning Commission dated October 3, 2019, and Memoranda from Sally Nash, Acting Director of Planning and Zoning to the Planning Commission dated August 26, 2019

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-27-19 closed.

Aldерwoman Pindell Charles requested O-27-19 be referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Alderman Gay requested to be added as a Co-sponsor of O-27-19.

[O-36-19](#)

Parking Meters - For the purpose of including parking kiosks and parking mobile devices in the requirements for installation and location of parking meters.

Sponsors: Buckley

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-36-19 closed.

Legislative Actions

Second Readers

[O-26-19](#)

Rental Unit and Short-Term Residential Rental Licenses - For the purpose of mitigating significant dislocation of neighborly residential blocks; supporting the City's experience, visitor and tourist-based local economy by leveraging the sharing economy; ensuring applicable tax collection and remittances; encouraging fair competition; updating and amending the regulation of residential rental properties generally; creating operating license requirements governing the short-term rental of residential dwellings and dwelling units above nonresidential uses; defining certain terms; allowing a delayed effective date for current licensees; and matters generally relating thereto.

Sponsors: Arnett and Finlayson

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-26-19 on second reader until Monday, November 18, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-30-19](#)

Rental Unit and Short Term Residential Rental Licenses - Fees - For the purpose of updating the fees schedule concerning rental unit and short term residential rental licenses.

Sponsors: Arnett and Finlayson

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone R-30-19 on second reader until Monday, November 18, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-31-19](#)

Rental Unit and Short Term Residential Rental Licenses - Fines - For the purpose of updating the fines schedule concerning rental unit and short term residential rental licenses.

Sponsors: Arnett and Finlayson

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone R-31-19 on second reader until Monday, November 18, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-45-19](#)

Military Bowl Parade and Football Game - For the purpose of identifying the Military Bowl Parade and Football Game that will be held on December 27, 2019, as a Major Special Event; and waiving certain City of Annapolis fees for services related to that event.

Sponsors: Gay

Alderman Gay requested that Mr. Hogan representing the parade come forward to answer questions from council.

P. J. Hogan, 5 Brook Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 was present and answered questions from Council.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-45-19 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Savidge and Alderman Gay

Nay: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Rodriguez

Consent Calendar Items - Removed

Fund Transfers Greater than \$25,000

[FT-3-20](#)**Transportation**

Transfer From: Transportation Administrative Charges (\$290,000.00)

Transfer To: Supplies and Other (\$290,000.00)

City Manager Sutherland was present and answered questions from Council.

Alderman Arnett moved to approve FT-3-20. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-11-20](#)**Stormwater**

Revenue: Available Fund Balance (\$43,000.00) Expenditure: Contractual Services (\$43,000.00)

City Manager Sutherland was present and answered questions from Council.

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-11-20. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Legislative Action - First Reader

[R-46-19](#) **Compensation of Acting Department Director Nash - For the purpose of expressly consenting to compensate an acting director when a directorship remains vacant for six-months; and setting an effective date.**

Sponsors: Buckley

City Manager Sutherland was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-46-19 on first reader. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk