



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, May 22, 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 Alderman Schandelmeier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Tierney.

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve the AGENDA as amended to ADD R-33-23 Recognition of National Police Week and Honoring Public Safety Week on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Item

[ID-106-23](#)

City Council Citation for Teona Hayes

Mayor Buckley presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley
Council Remarks
7 p.m. May 22 2023
City Council Chambers

Good evening everyone. This week is a special time in Annapolis. It is Commissioning

Week for the US Naval Academy, one of the busiest and most significant weeks in the year.

To the Class of 2023 - congratulations on your achievement and very best wishes as you commence your career of service. Congratulations also to all those who've supported and guided you along the way - your professors, coaches, mentors, parents, families and friends. We hope you all have a great week and, wherever life takes you, we hope you will think of Annapolis as home and come back and visit as often as you can.

Commissioning Week events include the Blue Angels fly over - they will be practicing on Tuesday and performing on Wednesday. Formal graduation ceremonies will take place on Friday. These are busy days in Annapolis with lots of visitors moving about town. Information about traffic and road closures is available in the Commissioning Week Press Release on the City website. Please plan your travel accordingly and allow extra time.

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This Saturday the Kenneth R Dunn pool at Truxtun Park will open for the season. This great facility has a lap pool, a splash pool, and a slide pool, so there is something for everyone. Come along and check it out if you haven't already done so.

There are a number of classes available throughout the season as well including water aerobics, and swim classes for kids, teens and adults. For more information just search for 'aquatics' on the City website. I wish everyone a fun and safe swim season!

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Next Monday, May 29, the City of Annapolis will host the annual Memorial Day parade. The Parade will step off from the corner of Amos Garrett and West Street at 10 a.m and will make its way around Church Circle, and down Main Street to City Dock. There will be rolling road closures as the parade moves through town. Please stay alert to directions from Annapolis Police.

Of course Memorial Day is the day we remember all those who have given their lives while serving in the military. It is a day for us to reflect on the cost of freedom and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

City offices, the Stanton Center and the Pip Moyer Rec Center will all be closed. City of Annapolis refuse collection scheduled for Monday will move to Tuesday and Tuesday collection will move to Wednesday. Annapolis Transit will operate on a Sunday schedule with the Purple Route running from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. ADA Paratransit services will also be available within this time period.

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Looking ahead to Saturday June 3rd, Annapolis will celebrate our annual Pride Parade and Festival. The Pride Parade will step off at 12 noon, also from Amos Garret and West St, and make its way along to People's Park on Calvert St.

Following the parade, the Pride festival will take place on Inner West Street between Church Circle and Calvert Streets. The theme of this year's parade and festival is "Express Yourself: Protecting LGBTQIA+ Youth."

Pride is a wonderful day that brings our community together in a celebration of love and acceptance - something we need more of. So if you are out and about in Annapolis that day, come along and feel the love!

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Tonight, I'm also very excited to announce tonight that the new Hillman Garage will open - ahead of schedule - on June 14th. We are planning a wonderful opening ceremony from 4-6pm on that day and I'll share more details about that, and how to join in, at our next meeting. More information is also available on the City website and social media pages. Thank you to everyone who has made this great achievement possible!

With our new garage opening and all the wonderful events that bring us together, it's going to be a great summer in Annapolis!

Now on with the meeting...

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

No meeting scheduled through Monday, June 5, 2023.

C. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Walter Queen, 1103 Smithville Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Erin Snell, 3289 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Renetra Anderson, 51 Clay Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Denise Robinson, 518 Fifth Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Matt Schultzel, 312 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Erik Evans, P.O.Box 6351, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Laura Price, 1514 Pine Bluff Way, Arnold, Maryland 21012.
Veronica Grant, 23 Bates Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Isaac Vineyard, 59 Clay Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Rose Tasker, 1614 Stern Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

Public Hearings Cont.

[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 on O-14-23 be left open.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[ID-96-23](#) **The Fiscal Year 2024 Constant Yield Tax Rate -- For the purpose of hearing from the public on the City of Annapolis Notice of a Proposed Real Property Tax Increase.**

Speakers:

David W Morsberger, 1241 Village lake Drive, Davidsonville, Maryland 21035.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on ID-96-23 closed.

[O-19-23](#) **Property tax credits for 9-1-1 Specialists and Public Safety Officers - For the purpose of granting property tax credits and property tax relief allowed by Maryland state law for the City of Annapolis 9-1-1 specialists and public safety officers in the Annapolis Fire Department and Police Department; and generally related to city tax credits.**

Sponsors: Gay, Alderwoman Tierney and Mayor Buckley

No Speakers.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-19-23-23 closed.

[O-20-23](#) **Chesapeake Nautical Cruises, LLC, Lease - For the purpose of authorizing a City of Annapolis pilot lease with Chesapeake Nautical Cruises, LLC, for docking space at City Dock; and generally related to City Dock boat slips and boardwalk.**

Sponsors: Alderman Schandelmeier

Speaker:

Stephen Funk, 308 Tudor Hall Road, Riva, Maryland 21140.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-20-23 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

A. First Readers

[O-21-23](#) **Landlord-Tenant Relations - Relocation Expenses - For the purpose of requiring a landlord to pay a tenant a relocation payment if the tenant's housing is condemned as unfit for human habitation under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with a right of first refusal to re-occupy rental housing under certain circumstances; and generally related to landlord-tenant relations.**

Sponsors: Gay

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-21-23 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles asked that the record reflect her abstention from the vote.

[R-29-23](#) **Recognition of City of Annapolis Public Service Employees - For the purpose of expressing the sense of the City Council that the City's public service employees should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the City of Annapolis.**

Sponsors: Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Tierney, Gay and Savidge

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-29-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of resolution R-29-23 at the meeting of its introduction. FAILED on voice vote.

[R-30-23](#) **Naming of New Department of Public Works Complex - For the purpose of naming the new Department of Public Works facility on 39 Hudson Street for former City Manager and current Public Works Director David A. Jarrell.**

Sponsors: Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Tierney, Gay, Finlayson, Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Savidge and Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-30-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

City Council - Cosponsor Added

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of resolution R-30-23 at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-30-23 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 Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

[R-31-23](#) **Annapolis Classic Wooden Sailboat Race & Rendezvous - Docking Fee Waiver - For the purpose of waiving certain fees for docking the Annapolis Classic Wooden Sailboat Race & Rendezvous at the Annapolis City Dock for September 8 through September 10, 2023.**

Sponsors: Alderman Arnett

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-31-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-31-23 to the Finance Committee.

[R-32-23](#) **Annapolis All-Stars Youth Sports Program Fee Waiver - For the purpose of waiving certain City of Annapolis fees for the Annapolis All-Stars II, Inc., a youth sports program.**

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley and Gay

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-32-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-32-23 to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Savidge requested a Fiscal Impact Note on R-32-23.

Alderwoman Finlayson - Cosponsor Added.

[R-33-23](#)

**Recognition of National Police Week and Honoring Public Safety Week
- For the purpose of honoring and remembering the City of Annapolis law enforcement and public safety community for the sacrifices they and their families make to keep our City safe.**

Sponsors: Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-33-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of resolution R-33-23 at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-33-23 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 Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

B. Second Readers

[R-28-23](#)

Reclassifying the Deputy Director of Emergency Management - For the purpose of approving the reclassification of the Deputy Director of Emergency Management to a Grade 18; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Finlayson and Gay

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-28-23 on second reader. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Gay

Nay: 4 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk