



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, October 14, 2024

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Call To Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderman Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

tonight's roll call began with Alderman Gay.

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

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the AGENDA as AMENDED to Remove:

AP-44-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Robert Hruby - Building Board of Appeals,
AP-45-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. John Jay Schwarz - Building Board of Appeals
and R-46-24 Task Force to Study Residential Marine Vessels on first reader.
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Gay moved to amend the agenda to add R-44-24 Fund
Authorization for Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) on second
reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial

[ID-153-24](#)

Proclamation - Suicide Prevention Month (Oct. 14)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Good evening and happy Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day. While this is a state and federal holiday - but not a City day off - we want to acknowledge the contributions of Italian Americans and native peoples to our culture and community.

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Today was the last day of the Annapolis Boat Show(s) and it was a big success, welcoming tens of thousands to Annapolis. The organizers of the show work closely with City departments including Harbormaster, DPW, Police and Fire, OEM, Transportation and staff in City Manager and Mayor's office. I want to thank all City staff for doing their part to ensure the event runs smoothly.

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This is the first meeting back since I participated in a delegation visit to Sweden with officials from the State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County, the Resilience Authority and the City of Annapolis.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank Matthew Earl and Patrick Denker, who funded the trip through their respective foundations. It's wonderful to have folks in our community committed to advancing these issues for the benefit of our residents.

I think they learned first-hand the lessons we brought back and I hope to bring them back to City Council for a recognition later this year.

I believe there is no substitute for experiential learning to take in the complex

topics of resilience and the intersection of environmental nationalism and happiness, which Sweden does very well.

In Sweden they take great pride in the initiatives to rethink trash and recycling,

transportation infrastructure and how their society works to make a better tomorrow. They sorted out long ago that Swedes are going to pay for it somehow,

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either up front in infrastructure costs or afterwards in loss of life and property - as

we have most recently witnessed with Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Please know that not every answer is expensive. Some of the solutions are easy

and I thank our Swedish counterparts for walking us through their successes and

the things they tried that didn't succeed. I look forward to putting the knowledge

we gained to work for the residents of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, and the

state of Maryland.

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While we were away, Acting Mayor Brooks Schandelmeier got slammed to the mat by Terry Adonis as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month Festival at Pip Moyer Rec Center. He was playing the heel trying to shut down a Loocha-Libre wrestling match calling it “too trashy for Annapolis.” Here’s the photo and may I add this was all in good fun and no official injuries were reported from Ald. Schandelmeier being body slammed.

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Last week, the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association hosted their annual Founder’s Day event at Fluegel Hall. We were happy to celebrate the 179th birthday of the Academy and the 249th birthday of the US Navy. I thank Acting Mayor Brooks Schandelmeier for the City’s presence at the event - showcasing our strong partnership between the Academy and the City. Happy Birthday!

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I want to acknowledge the work of the Annapolis Police Department in making a quick arrest in the shooting death of 59-year-old Allison McIntyre on October 4th in a parking lot at Bywater Road and Forest Drive. Annapolis Police officers were able to quickly identify a suspect and put out the tag number and make and model of the suspect vehicle. Police put that information out to the public and within a few hours, SWAT moved in and made an arrest without incident.

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We’ve got a few events happening in the City in the coming weeks:

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- On Saturday, October 19, the annual community rummage sale at Pip Moyer from 8 a.m. to noon, where you can find pre-loved sports equipment, home furnishings and more! The cost is \$20 to reserve a spot and \$25 if you need the table and chairs.
- From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 20, the Maryland Avenue Fall Festival will take place - with performances throughout the day and the always-popular Halloween Pup Parade at 2 p.m. That’s all day on Maryland Avenue between State Circle and Prince George St.
- The City’s NAM team will host a community engagement session on Oct. 23 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center. There will be a focus on overdose awareness, Narcan training and resources, and refreshments. The event is free and starts at 5:30 p.m.
- Two fall events will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26, first is the Fall Harvest festival at Pip Moyer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second is our annual Day of the Dead festival from 3 to 8 p.m. at Maryland Hall with sugar skull face painting, performances and delicious food!
- This Saturday, Oct. 19, Annapolis will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the burning of the ship “Peggy Stewart.” First, a gathering at Hammond Harwood House followed by a drone show over City Dock sponsored by Fleet Reserve. The burning of the Peggy Stewart was Annapolis’ tea party.

In 1774, angry mobs forced Anthony Stewart to burn his own ship, the Peggy Stewart, because Anthony paid the tea import tax. Stewart attempted to sell the payment as a humanitarian gesture due to the 50-plus indentured servants on board who disembarked in Annapolis. But the angry mob forced Stewart to row out to his ship and set it on fire. That didn't calm the mob who, back on land, burned him in effigy. Stewart eventually returned to England and Maryland joined the other 12 colonies in creating the United States of America. Happy 250th Annapolis!

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And the last item for the night is the 2024 Election coming up Nov. 5. To clarify, Annapolis municipal elections are next year - in 2025. In the next few weeks we'll cast our ballots for President, US House and Senate, Maryland Judges and Anne Arundel County School Board, plus some ballot measures.

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First deadline to note is Oct. 15, that's tomorrow. If you need to register online to vote or change your registration, you can do that online at elections.maryland.gov. You can also register in-person at your polling place - you'll need to bring proof of residency and identification. Early voting starts next Wednesday, October 23. In Annapolis, the early voting site is the Pip Moyer Rec Center with daily hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Oct. 31. Anne Arundel County has a handy online tool for checking wait times. Visit aacounty.org and use the keyword "early voting." And lastly, the deadline to go online to request a ballot is Oct. 29. Then we've got election day Nov. 5 with polling locations open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Let's get on with our meeting.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates thru 10/28/24:

Finance Committee Regular Meeting

October 16, 2024, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Economic Matters Committee Regular Meeting

October 16, 2024, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Housing & Human Welfare Committee Regular Meeting

October 21, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Jon Diefenthaler, 713 Warren Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Steven Conn, 1111 Van Buren Street. Annapolis, MD 21403.
 Carol Binnix, 412 Saddle Ridge Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Eddy Esworthy, 301 Fourth Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Mary O'Brien, 301 Fourth Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Madeline Vashawn, 49 Pine Road West River, Maryland
 Tony Ireland, 980 Awald Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Thomas Tandoric, 1783 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Rich 7364 Edgewood road. Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Jenifer Balducci, 31 Glen Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 David Dobson, 7310 Edgewood Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Journal Proceedings

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

CCM 9.9.24 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Gay moved to approve CCM 9.9.24. 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

CCM 9.23.24 Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Gay moved to approve CCM 9.23.24. 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

Appointments

AP-35-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. Frieda Wildey - Maritime Advisory Board

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-35-24. 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

[AP-36-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. Michael Tomasini - Maritime Advisory Board

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-36-24. 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

[AP-37-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. Scott Allan - Maritime Advisory Board

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-37-24. 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

[AP-38-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. Tarrant H. Lomax - Maritime Advisory Board

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-38-24. 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

[AP-41-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. Robert Worden - Heritage Commission

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-41-24. 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

[AP-42-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Ms. Alma Cropper - Heritage Commission

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-42-24. 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

[AP-43-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. Todd Powell - Heritage Commission

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-43-24. 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

[AP-44-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. Robert Hruby - Building Board of Appeals

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone AP-44-24 Tuesday, November 12, 2024.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-45-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. John Jay Schwarz - Building Board of Appeals

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone AP-45-24 until Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-46-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. Dick Peterson - Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-46-24. 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

[AP-52-24](#)

Appointment - Ms.Susy Smith - Recreation Advisory Board

Alderman Gay moved to approve AP-52-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

[AP-54-24](#)

Appointment - Mr.Liam Mercer - Board of Supervisors of Elections

Alderman Gay moved to postpone AP-54-24. 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

End of Consent Calendar

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

Ordinances

[O-10-24](#)

Outdoor Dining Requirements in Annapolis - For the purpose of codifying and consolidating the City's outdoor dining programs; defining outdoor dining and its different types; requiring permits for outdoor dining; setting common standards for outdoor dining; creating a fund for outdoor dining permit fees to be used for alternative transportation options when restaurants use their parking lot for outdoor dining; making technical corrections to the various code sections to conform with the outdoor dining section; and generally dealing with restaurant standards for outdoor dining.

Sponsors: Arnett, Savidge and O'Neill

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-10-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-10-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-10-24 to the Economic Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-10-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-10-24 to the Planning Commission.

[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 and Pindell Charles

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-23-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-23-24 to the Transportation Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-23-24 to the Economic Matters Committee

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 and Savidge

Alderman Huntley moved to adopt R-48-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SECOND READERS

Ordinances

[O-13-24](#)

Planning and Zoning - Expanding Daycare Act - For the purpose of expanding the number of zoning districts where daycare centers are permitted; and generally relate to City of Annapolis zoning.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier, O'Neill, Arnett and Finlayson

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-13-24 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt O-13-24 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

[O-17-24](#)

Elections - Definitions - For the purpose of updating the definitions in Title 4, Elections.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-17-24 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt O-17-24 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

[O-18-24](#)

Elections - Mail-in Voting - For the purpose of replacing the entire Annapolis City Code chapter on absentee voting with state-required mail-in voting standards set in the Election Law Article of the Maryland Code; and generally related to mail-in voting.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-18-24 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-18-24 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

[O-19-24](#)

Elections - Ballot Questions - For the purpose of updating the procedures for ballot questions that may be requested for the 2025 election and beyond.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-19-24 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-19-24 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

[O-26-24](#)

City of Annapolis Purchasing and Procurement - For the purpose of updating the procurement chapter of the City Code; increasing micro purchase and small procurement limits; clarifying language; copyediting and format changes; and generally dealing with Title 6 purchasing and procurement rules.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-26-24 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-26-24 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-14-24](#)

City of Annapolis Plastic Bag Reduction Act Fines - For the purpose of establishing fines required by the adoption of Ordinance 5-24, Health and Safety - City of Annapolis Plastic Bag Reduction Act.

Sponsors: Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to approve R-14-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 1 - Alderman Gay

Abstain: 2 - Alderman Huntley and Alderwoman Finlayson

[R-38-24](#)**Condemnation and Possession of Real Property at 245 West Street**

- For the purpose of authorizing the condemnation and possession of real property at 245 West Street in the City of Annapolis; removing a severe public health and safety hazard related to a blighted and vacant lot; and working toward construction of affordable housing on the same blighted and vacant lot.

Sponsors: Buckley, Savidge and Gay

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone R-38-24 indefinitely. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

- Aye:** 4 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Savidge
- Nay:** 5 - Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Arnett

Add roll call on tabling ---- before the vote on postponement...

Alderman Huntley moved to postpone R-38-24 for (60) days. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-45-24](#)

Procurement Fees Related to § 6.08.330 - For the purpose of adding fees related to purchasing and procurement chapter of Title 6 into the annual Fees Schedule.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-45-24 on second 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

[R-44-24](#)**Fund Authorization for Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis**

(HACA) - For the purpose of rehabilitation funding for the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis by repurposing \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2025 City budget.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-44-24 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend R-44-24 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 2, line 17, insert a new resolved paragraph to read as follows:
"BE IT ALSO RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that HACA shall provide reports to the City Council's Housing and Human Welfare Committee every six months after receiving the funds. These reports should outline how the money is being spent and detail the accomplishments made by HACA with the allocated funds." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to amend R-44-24 as follows:

Amendment 2A:

On page 2, before the "finally resolved" paragraph, insert a new resolved paragraph to read as follows:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the \$500,000 allocated by the City Council from the FY 2025 City budget for HACA apartment rehabilitation is a one-time emergency expense to help HACA address its current crisis and does not commit the City to any future funding."

And after "any future funding." in Amendment 2, before the period, insert the following:

" regarding the rental rehabilitation program for HACA". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-44-24 as amended on second 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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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