



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, January 23, 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 Gay.

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 agenda as amended to add AP-1-23 Appointment to the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis "HACA" Board of Commissioners of Mr. Webb-Herbert, AP-2-23 Appointment to the Affordable Housing and Community Equity Development Commission of Mr. Halverson and AP-3-23 Appointment to the Affordable Housing and Community Equity Development Commission of Mr. Britton and to withdraw O-2-23 Budget Target Dates and Financial Impact of Labor Negotiations from tonight's agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley, City Council Remarks

Good evening!

Last week Annapolis hosted the inauguration of our new Governor, Wes Moore, Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller and Comptroller Brooke Lierman. It was a week that showcased our city at its best.

I want to thank and acknowledge everyone who came together to manage these important,

logistically challenging events. In particular, thank you to the governor's staff, state police and many other state teams and officials for their cooperation with our Annapolis public safety team.

I'd especially like to mention the City of Annapolis director of the Office of Emergency Management, Kevin Simmons who provided leadership and coordination from the City. I'd also like to acknowledge Annapolis Police and Fire. Many of our officers and staff were dispatched to handle road closures, parking restrictions, security, and more.

Also, can we all take a moment to note that Oprah herself is a big fan of this town! Just like the rest of us!

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Even with all the heady festivities here locally, I got the opportunity to go to Washington DC last week to represent Annapolis at the US Conference of Mayors. Annapolis got a number of shout-outs for art, infrastructure, and other projects and initiatives.

On Friday, I was honored to attend a reception at the White House. I was greatly encouraged to hear the President talk about the valuable role of Mayors and that he wants his administration to work closely with us and local communities. I was also very fortunate and honored to meet other high-ranking officials such as Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and Secretary Marcia Fudge of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, among many others.

The conference is a great opportunity to raise the profile of Annapolis, to share what we are doing with other mayors and federal leaders, and get insight and ideas - from both Democrats and Republicans. It represents the spirit-building, creative thinking, and partnership we need right now to get things done and heal our country.

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We have great news about the forward momentum on the rebuild of Hillman Garage. On or around Friday, Feb. 3, the construction crew and those involved with this project will celebrate the "topping out" of the garage. This is modeled on an ancient ceremonial event that celebrates the highest vertical point of a construction project. With the completion of the structural work, the focus of the construction will now shift to finishes, electrical, and mechanical work.

You can't put your car in there just yet, but we are on schedule. I thank everyone who visits downtown for their patience. The new garage is going to be amazing!

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Finally tonight I want to let you know about the Listening Session for Robinwood residents being held this Thursday January 26th through the NAM initiative out of the Mayor's office. This session is part of our No Harm Violence Prevention Program and will take place in the Robinwood Community Center, 1469 Tyler Ave, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The session is free and open to the public.

Gun violence prevention remains a high priority for my administration. In 2022, we saw some improvements, but we still had incidents of shots fired, a few gun violence injuries and one death. That is one death too many.

We know that the scourge of gun violence remains with us. Just last night we had our first

homicide. Annapolis Police detectives are investigating this incident, but the pain of losing a young resident in a shooting incident, and the terror created by a shooting in an Annapolis neighborhood reminds us that our work must continue. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends and to the community.

I also want the community to know that our Annapolis Police will not give up and will hold the perpetrators to account.

Please join the No Harm listening session - more information is available on the City Website and social media pages.

Now let's get on with our meeting.

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Economic Matters Committee Special Meeting

January 31, 2023, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Finance Committee Regular Meeting

February 1, 2023, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Rules and City Government Committee Regular Meeting

February 3, 2023, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting

February 6, 2023, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Transportation Committee Regular Meetings

February 8, 2023, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Environmental Matters Committee Regular Meeting

February 9, 2023, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

C. Comments by the General Public

Comments from the General Public:

Tara Stout, 1118 August Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Joseph Pilat, 19261790 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Francesca King, 1147 Tyler Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Lisa Rodvien, 219 Farragot Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Curtis D. Jones, 1400 Bright View Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.

Appointments

[AP-1-23](#)

Appointment to the HACA Board of Commissioners - Webb-Herbert

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-1-23, AP-2-23 and AP-3-23 AS A GROUP. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-2-23](#)

Appointment to the Affordable Housing and Community Equity Development Commission - Halverson

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-1-23, AP-2-23 and AP-3-23 AS A GROUP. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote

[AP-3-23](#)**Appointment to the Affordable Housing and Community Equity Development Commission - Britton**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-1-23, AP-2-23 and AP-3-23 AS A GROUP. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**A. First Readers**[O-2-23](#)

Budget Target Dates and Financial Impact of Labor Negotiations - For the purpose of clarifying the timeline for negotiations between the City and employee groups; requiring the Finance Committee to be briefed; technical corrections to the City Budget section of the code; and generally related to the annual city budget schedule requirements.

Sponsors: Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Savidge and Alderwoman O'Neill

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to withdraw O-2-23 without objection from the Special Meeting Agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-1-23](#)

Workforce Housing Development Planning in the City of Annapolis - For the purpose of emphasizing the important role the “Annapolis Ahead 2040 Comprehensive Plan” can and will play in identifying, planning, and furthering our workforce housing goals; ensuring an equitable distribution of such housing, factoring in nearby County zoning; ensuring City Council and public input; postponing significant zoning changes and decisions until the Plan is completed; setting dates for drafts of the Plan; and generally dealing with City housing development.

Sponsors: Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderwoman Finlayson

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-1-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay referred R-1-23 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

[R-2-23](#)

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.

Sponsors: Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-2-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley, Alderman Gay, Alderwoman O'Neill - Cosponsors Added.

[R-3-23](#)

Code of Civility - For the purpose of establishing a Code of Civility setting forth how members of the Annapolis City Council and all boards, committees,

and commissions appointed by the Council shall treat one another, staff, constituents, and members of the public, and establishing regulations for those attending public hearings or forums to maintain proper order and decorum.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley, Alderman Savidge and Alderwoman O'Neill

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-3-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwomen Finlayson and Pindell Charles, and Alderman Arnett - Cosponsors Added.

B. Second Readers

[O-33-22](#)

City of Annapolis Public Ethics Law - For the purpose of compliance with the requirements of Subtitle 8 Local Government Provisions of the Public Ethics Law or Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 19A.04; renumbering for current style; and generally relating to ethics requirements for the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-33-22 on second reader. Seconded.

Mayor Buckley moved to amend O-33-22 as follows:

AMENDMENT 1 – Mayor Buckley

(on Behalf of the Annapolis Ethics Commission)

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT: To conform to the State Ethics Commission general counsel office's suggested changes.

\$20 limits were increased to \$25 in the bill, and are changed back to \$20

On page 7 in line 30, strike "\$25" and insert "\$20".

(3)iii.Unsolicited gifts of nominal value that do not exceed twenty dollars \$25 \$20 in cost or trivial items of informational value;

On page 12, in line 26, strike "\$25" and insert "\$20".

a. A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of each gift in excess of twenty dollars \$25 \$20 in value or a series of gifts totaling one hundred dollars \$100 or more received during the reporting period from or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person who does business with the City OR FROM AN ASSOCIATION, OR ANY ENTITY ACTING ON BEHALF OF AN ASSOCIATION THAT IS ENGAGED ONLY IN REPRESENTING COUNTIES OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

On page 16, in line 32, strike "\$25" and insert "\$20".

3. Gifts.

a. A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of each gift in excess of twenty dollars\$25 \$20 in value or a series of gifts totaling one hundred dollars\$100 or more received during the reporting period from or on behalf of, 34 directly or indirectly, any one person who does business with the City.

Moving (d) to end of section, and making it a separate subsection.

On page 12, strike lines 1-4, " d. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF A BUSINESS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL DISCLOSE ANY OTHER NAMES THAT THE BUSINESS IS TRADING AS OR DOING BUSINESS AS."

On page 14, after subsection "10." insert subsection "11." and insert the following " AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF A BUSINESS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL DISCLOSE ANY OTHER NAMES THAT THE BUSINESS IS TRADING AS OR DOING BUSINESS AS.

d. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF A BUSINESS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL DISCLOSE ANY OTHER NAMES THAT THE BUSINESS IS TRADING AS OR DOING BUSINESS AS.

11. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF A BUSINESS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL DISCLOSE ANY OTHER NAMES THAT THE BUSINESS IS TRADING AS OR DOING BUSINESS AS.

Removing reporting requirements from "Employees and Appointed Officials" section.

On page 17, in line 2, strike "(1)i.", strike "; and", and strike lines 6-8.

4. Employment with or interests in entities doing business with the City.

a. (1)i. A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of all offices, directorships, and salaried employment by the individual or member of the immediate family of the individual held at any time during the reporting period with entities doing business with the City; and.

(2)ii. For a statement filed on or after January 1, 2019, if the individual's spouse is a regulated lobbyist, shall include a schedule of all entities that engaged the spouse for lobbying purposes.

(after edit)

4. Employment with or interests in entities doing business with the City.

a. A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of all offices, directorships, and salaried employment by the individual or member of the immediate family of the individual held at any time during the reporting period with entities doing business with the City.

Clarifying who is impacted by the requirement

On page 19, in lines 31 & 32, strike "parties to the complaint" and insert "respondent".

E. If there is a reasonable basis for believing a violation has occurred, then the parties to the complaint RESPONDENT shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing before the commission. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-33-22 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-33-22 on third 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

City Council - Cosponsor Added.

[O-57-22](#)

Residential District - Code Section Correction - For the purpose of correcting a referral to a section of city code in Title 21 § 40.050(D)(1) and § 50.040 Tablenote 10.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-57-22 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-57-22 on third 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

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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