



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, June 15, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Virtual Meeting

A virtual meeting is when people, regardless of their location, use video and audio to link up online. Virtual Meetings allow people to share information and data in real-time without being physically located together.

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Gay.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.

Present: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Approval of Agenda

Alderwoman Tierney moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion **CARRIED** by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Good evening, I hope that everyone is doing well and staying healthy. I have a few things to highlight tonight.

Again, I want to thank all of the members of the council and all of the City staff for being available to get us through this budget process. I thank the department heads, each one of you, for helping me prioritize expenditures and make necessary reductions to fit where we are in the budget given the circumstances. This isn't easy. It feels like everyone is walking

away a little bit unhappy.

As I have said before, Annapolis is a resilient city and we will bounce back.

This Friday is the 19th of June. In many areas of the country, this day is commemorated as Juneteenth, the day the last enslaved peoples were informed of emancipation. Tonight I would like to issue a proclamation declaring June 19th Freedom Day in the City of Annapolis. The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS the City of Annapolis acknowledges the Emancipation of enslaved African Americans, and

WHEREAS in the City of Annapolis the history of enslaved peoples is known to have contributed in free labor to the agricultural, trade and domestic work that built this historic city, and

WHEREAS The City of Annapolis chooses to commemorate the influence of African American culture and recognizes Juneteenth to ensure that we do not forget the contributions that enslaved Africans made through blood, sweat, tears, and bondage to this nation, and

WHEREAS in a typical year, Juneteenth is commemorated with parades, cookouts, events, and family reunions in communities across the country to mark the date that the last enslaved people in America learned of their freedom, and

WHEREAS the City of Annapolis' City Dock was named in 2019 as a UNESCO City of Memory: Slave Route Project, and is recognized as one of at least 72 ports of entry where enslaved persons were brought to North America between 1619 and, in Maryland, 1774, and

WHEREAS Harriett Tubman, who was born an enslaved person in 1822 in Talbot County Maryland and escaped her life of servitude then led countless souls to freedom on the Underground Railroad, and a museum dedicated to herstory is located a one-hour drive from the City of Annapolis. All residents are encouraged to visit and learn our history, and

WHEREAS enslaved persons in the state of Maryland were not affected by the September 22, 1862 signing of the Emancipation Proclamation which declared all slaves in Southern Confederate states to be free on January 1, 1863, and

WHEREAS a new Maryland constitution was passed on November 1, 1864, prohibiting the practice of slavery in the state, and

WHEREAS the last remaining enslaved peoples in the United States got word of Emancipation on June 19, 1865 in Texas, and

WHEREAS on May 14, 2014, Maryland became the 43rd state to recognize Juneteenth as National Freedom Day.

Be it further resolved, that the City of Annapolis does hereby honor the 19th day of June as a day to commemorate America's Second Independence Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN BUCKLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM June 19 as Annapolis Freedom Day IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS.

Thank you. Let's carry on with the meeting.

B. Public Testimony can be viewed by selecting the following link:

<https://www.annapolis.gov/1680/Public-Testimony>

Written Testimony - General Comments from the following persons:

Susan Ebbitt, 947 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Beryle Downs, 650 Greenbrier Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Public Hearing Amended 06.08.2020

[O-16-20](#)

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, 2021, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Buckley

We received comments from the following persons:

Beryle Downs, 650 Greenbrier Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

William Kardash, 1 S Acton Place, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-16-20 AMENDED 6/8/20 closed.

Legislative Action

Second Readers

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Sponsors: Buckley

Finance Director Dickinson and City Manager Jarrell were present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Rodriguez moved to amend O-16-20 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 1, in line 4, strike “86,267,450” and substitute “86,267,450”; and

In Appendix A, in line 14, strike “1,139,100” and substitute “1,150,700”; and in line 15, strike “1,139,100” and substitute “1,150,700”; and
In line 25, strike “685,200” and substitute “458,700”; and in line 27, strike “799,700” and substitute “571,900”; and in line 28, strike “799,700” and substitute “571,900”; and
In line 64, strike “410,000” and substitute “545,650”; and in line 67, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,355,000”; and in line 68, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,355,000”; and
In line 71, strike “3,851,400” and substitute “3,797,300”; and in line 74, strike “4,344,400” and strike “4,258,650”; and in line 75, strike “4,344,400” and strike “4,258,650”; and
In line 78, strike “18,943,000” and substitute “18,571,200”; and in line 81, strike “21,853,200” and substitute “21,481,400”; and in line 82, strike “21,853,200” and substitute “21,481,400”; and
In line 113, strike “2,709,000” and substitute “2,704,800”; and in line 116, strike “3,645,500” and substitute “3,641,300”; and in line 135, strike “8,210,200” and substitute “8,246,100”; and
In line 206, strike “86,267,450” and substitute “86,267,450” .A roll call vote was taken.
The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Gay

Nay: 2 - Alderman Paone and Alderman Arnett

City Manager Jarrell was present and answered questions from council.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to amend O-16-20 As follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 5, line 33, (City Facility Improvements), strike “500,000” and substitute “650,000”; and

In Appendix D, page 5, (City Facility Improvements),

In the Project Description, strike “This project will provide funding for capital improvements to

various City owned facilities, such as roof and window replacements, restroom renovations, elevator replacements, and renovations to ensure facilities are ADA compliant. Potential future

projects include improvements at the Taylor Avenue, Eastport, and Forest Drive fire stations the

Knighton and Gotts garages, and the APD and ADOT buildings.” and substitute “THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS CITY-OWNED FACILITIES, SUCH AS ROOF AND WINDOW REPLACEMENTS, RESTROOM RENOVATIONS, ELEVATOR REPLACEMENTS, AND RENOVATIONS TO ENSURE FACILITIES ARE ADA-COMPLIANT. POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TAYLOR AVENUE, EASTPORT, AND FOREST DRIVE FIRE STATIONS; KNIGHTON AND GOTTS PARKING GARAGES: THE STANTON CENTER; AND THE APD AND ADOT BUILDINGS. FOR THE STANTON CENTER, \$150,000 WILL BE USED FOR A FACILITY CONDITION STUDY AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.”; and

In the Expenditure Schedule, in FY2021, under “Design”, strike “-” and substitute

“30,000”; and under Construction, strike “475,000” and substitute “595,000”; and in the “Total Project Cost” column, under “Design”, strike “55,314” and substitute “85,314”, and under “Construction”, strike “5,421,991” and substitute “5,541,991”; and under “Total”, strike “5,667,305” and substitute “5,817,305”; and In the Funding Schedule, in FY2021, under “Bonds,” strike “500,000” and substitute “650,000”; and in the “Total Project Cost” column, under “Bonds”, strike “4,907,305” and substitute “5,057,305”; and under “Total”, strike “5,667,305” and substitute “5,817,305”.
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Paone - Cosponsor Added

Alderman Gay moved to amend O-16-20 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 1, line 41, strike “86,267,450” and substitute 86,267,450; and In Appendix A, in line 64, strike “410,000” and substitute “655,600”; and in line 67, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,464,950”; and in line 68, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,464,950”; and In line 79, strike “2,454,700” and substitute “2,344,700”; and in line 81 strike “21,853,200” and substitute “21,743,200”; and on line 82, strike “21,853,200” and substitute “21,743,200”.
Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Alderman Paone moved to consider calling the question to end debate on Amendment #19.
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Police Chief Jackson, Major Herman and Lieutenant Miguez were present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Savidge moved to withdraw New Amendment #20 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 21

In Appendix A, in line 13, strike “89,500”, substitute “138,500” in line 14, strike “1,139,100” and substitute “1,200,700”; and in line 15, strike “1,139,100” and substitute “1,200,700”; and

In line 64, strike “410,000” and substitute “495,650”; and in line 67, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,305,000”; and in line 68, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,305,000”; and. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-16-20 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 22

In Appendix A, in line 64, strike “410,000” and substitute “545,650”. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Finance Director Dickinson gave a brief explanation of Alderman Gay's Amendment #23.

Alderman Gay moved to amend O-16-20 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 1, in line 41, strike “86,267,450” and substitute “86,292,450”; and

On page 4, in line 3, strike “5,426,684” and substitute “5,290,084”; and

After line 11, insert “f. Capital Outlay \$ 25,000”; and

In Appendix A, in line 65, strike “3,055,650” and substitute “2,839,850”; and

In line 67, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,380,000”; and

In line 68, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,380,000”; and

In Appendix C, in line 16, strike “1,326,000” and substitute “1,351,000”; and

In line 17, strike “86,267,450” and substitute “86,292,450”; and

In line 82, strike “5,426,684” and substitute “5,210,884”; and

In line 84, strike “5,426,684” and substitute “5,210,884”. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

The council recessed from 10:00 pm. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-16-20 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 1, in line 41, strike “86,267,450” and substitute “86,392,450”.

In Appendix A, in line 11, strike “939,600”, substitute “977,800”, in line 13, strike “89,500”, substitute “113,500” in line 14, strike “1,139,100” and substitute “1,200,700”; and in line 15, strike “1,139,100” and substitute “1,200,700”; and

In line 18, strike “1,208,000”, substitute “1,250,400”, in line 21 strike “1,410,800” and substitute “1,453,200”; and

In line 64, strike “410,000” and substitute “595,650” and in line 67, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,405,000”; and in line 68, strike “15,460,150” and substitute “15,405,000”; and

In line 206, strike “86,267,450” and substitute “86,392,450”; and

In Appendix C in line 16, strike “1,326,000” and substitute “1,451,000”, in line 17 strike “86,267,450” and substitute “86,392,450”. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The

motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez and Alderman Gay

Nay: 4 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderman Paone moved to amend O-16-20 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 25

In Appendix A, in line 22, strike “1,410,800” and substitute “1,453,200”. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to amend O-16-20 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 1, in line 41, strike, “86,267,450”, and substitute “86,417,450”.

In Appendix A, in line 206, strike “86,267,450” and substitute “86,417,450”. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt O-16-20 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez and Alderman Gay

Nay: 3 - Alderman Paone, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt O-16-20 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez and Alderman Gay

Nay: 3 - Alderman Paone, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[ID-189-20](#)

“One Annapolis: Moving Forward As We Continue To Reimagine A. Collaboration With Public Safety And Public Service”

This Informational Item was considered.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

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