



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, April 13, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Virtual Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Mayor Buckley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

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

State of the City Address

Mayor Buckley presented the State of the City Address.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as amended to include O-5-20 Waterfront Maritime Mixed District on first reader. 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

We received comments from the following persons:

Monique Lighthart-Falica, 3290 Green Ash Road,

Davidsonville, MD 21035

Linda Mundy, 55 Primrose Hill Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Yarrow Yarrow, 102 Roosevelt Court, Annapolis, MD, 21403.

Statement on the acceptance of Written Comments received by 3 p.m. Deadline Today. Written Comments were forwarded to City Council Member prior to this meeting and the comments will be added to the meeting minutes.

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee dated Thru 4/27/20:

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

[CCM020320](#) Special Meeting Minutes
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A motion was made by Alderman Arnett to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

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[03.09.20](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

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[03.13.20](#) Special Meeting Minutes

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

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

[CCM04.06.2](#) Special Meeting Minutes
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A motion was made by Alderman Arnett to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

Appointments

[AP-18-20](#) The Re-Appointment of David Bliden to the Ethics Commission

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

[AP-19-20](#) The Re-Appointment of Ben Sale to the Planning Commission

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

Legislative Actions

First Readers

[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

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-16-20 on first reader. 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

Mayor Buckley referred O-16-20 to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred O-16-20 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred O-16-20 to the Finance Committee.

[R-26-20](#)

Fiscal Year 2021 Fees Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for Fiscal Year 2021; and providing for a delayed effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-26-20 on first reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

Mayor Buckley referred R-26-20 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred R-26-20 to the Finance Committee.

[R-27-20](#)

Fiscal Year 2021 Fines Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for Fiscal Year 2021; and providing for a delayed effective date.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-27-20 on first reader. 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

Mayor Buckley referred R-27-20 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred R-27-20 to the Finance Committee.

Second Readers

[R-16-20](#)

Non-Profit Vendors During Fall Boat Shows - For the purpose of authorizing sales by certain vendors in the City Dock area of the Historic District during the Fall 2020 U.S. Sailboat and Powerboat Shows.

Sponsors: Tierney

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

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

[O-39-19](#)

Accessory Dwelling Units - For the purpose of allowing accessory dwelling units in all zoning districts that allow single-family detached dwellings; establishing use requirements for accessory dwelling units; adding certain definitions; making stylistic changes; and generally related to accessory dwelling units.

Sponsors: Gay, Rodriguez and Savidge

We received comments from the following persons:

1. Lynn Thonnard, 118 Granville Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401
2. Alex Pline, 305 Monterey Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401.
3. John Hammond, 141 Monticello Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401.
4. William Small, 702 Severn Ave, Annapolis, MD 21403.
5. Susan Margulies, 113 Conduit Street, Annapolis. MD 21401.

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-39-19 open until Monday, April 27, 2020.

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record a Memorandum to the Annapolis City Council from the Planning Commission dated February 10, 2020 and Memoranda from Planning and Zoning Director Nash, to the Planning Commission dated December 17, 2019.

O-5-20

City Council Meetings - Order of Business - For the purpose of modifying the order of business for regular and special meetings of the City Council.

Sponsors: Savidge and Pindell Charles

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

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing left open until Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

O-6-20

Planned Developments - Public Housing Bulk Standards - For the purpose of allowing a height adjustment for certain eligible public housing development.

Sponsors: Buckley and Gay

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

Alderman Arnett moved to declare the public hearing on O-6-20 closed. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED 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

O-8-20

Harbors and Waterfront Areas - Code Updates - For the purpose of updating certain definitions; removing obsolete language; requiring regular pump out of a vessel's holding tank; making stylistic changes; and generally related to updating Title 15.

Sponsors: Buckley and Tierney

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-8-20 open until Monday, April 27, 2020.

[O-10-20](#)

Zoning Code Applications - Written Notification Requirement - For the purpose of increasing the distance for sending written notification to abutting property owners for Planned Developments, Major Subdivisions, and Major Site Design applications.

Sponsors: Gay and Savidge

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-10-20 open until Monday, April 27, 2020.

Legislative Action

Second Readers

[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

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-11-19 on second reader until Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Alderman Gay

[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

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-19-19 on second reader until Monday, May 11, 2020. 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

[O-38-19](#)

Housing and Community Development Committee - For the purpose of renaming the Housing and Community Development Committee; clarifying certain powers and functions; and making stylistic changes.

Sponsors: Rodriguez and Gay

Alderman Rodriguez moved to postpone O-38-19 on Second reader until Tuesday, May 26, 2020. 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

[R-18-20](#)

2020 Annapolis Film Festival - Circulator Fee Waiver - For the purpose of identifying the 2020 Annapolis Film Festival Special Event that will be held during March 26-29, 2020; and waiving the fee for running the circulator during that event.

Sponsors: Finlayson, Gay and Buckley

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to withdraw R-18-20 on second reader without objection. 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

To be added - Approval of the Agenda

[O-15-20](#)

Waterfront Mixed Maritime District - For the purpose of allowing professional offices in the WMM zoning district in accordance with certain standards; amending certain parking standards; and making stylistic changes..

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt on first reader. 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

Mayor Buckley referred O-15-20 to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred O-15-20 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

Mayor Buckley referred O-15-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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

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