



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, April 12, 2021

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 Regular Virtual Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Invocation

Given by Mayor Buckley.

In Perpetual Spring
By Amy Gerstler
Gardens are also good places
to sulk. You pass beds of
spiky voodoo lilies
and trip over the roots
of a sweet gum tree,
in search of medieval plants whose leaves,
when they drop off
turn into birds
if they fall on land,
and colored carp if they plop into water.

Suddenly the archetypal
human desire for peace
with every other species
wells up in you. The lion and the lamb cuddling up.
The snake and the snail, kissing.
Even the prick of the thistle,
queen of the weeds, revives
your secret belief in perpetual spring,
your faith that for every hurt
there is a leaf to cure it.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's Roll Call began with Alderman Savidge.

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

State of the City Address

Mayor Gavin Buckley
State of the City (video)
12 April 2021 - 7 p.m.

In Annapolis, the words that best describe the state of the City this year are “Resilient and Poised for a Come Back.” What defined our City since the last budget presentation and state of the City address was the COVID-19 pandemic.

With a main focus of public health overriding all of our decisions, we first focused our efforts on getting ourselves informed and keeping residents informed.

When the state of emergency was initially declared, we brought Health Officer Dr. Nilesh Kalyanaraman in to help us understand what was happening. We wanted residents to be alert to the public health threats posed by the deadly virus known as “Covid-19.”

As part of that process, we must thank our public safety team, Annapolis Police, Annapolis Fire and the Office of Emergency Management for their work on the front lines of the pandemic. But, we can’t forget about our DPW workers who kept clean water coming out of our city faucets and sewer lines cleared our transit workers who brought health workers and grocery clerks to their jobs. The trash was picked up and construction permits issued. The City kept going, serving residents and businesses.

We were all alarmed by the public health threat that COVID posed, but we all kept going.

We then set our sights on helping businesses by founding the Small Business Recovery Task Force, establishing recovery zones so that people could come back to our small businesses in a way that was safe and allowed for businesses to expand their capacity. The office of economic development hosted seminars for grants and one-on-one consultations for business; they created a small business hub and continued to welcome new businesses to the city with official ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Through our work with the Take Care team, we informed residents about the public health and put a lens on health equity in the African American and Hispanic communities.

Meanwhile, residents sought out ways to keep themselves entertained. Our City parks were more utilized than ever before. Parents explored camp offerings through Recreation and Parks, our One Annapolis team, and the Annapolis Police Department so that children could have a safe and fun learning diversion. Along the way, those Annapolis kids learned to paddleboard fly a drone, to program a computer, to sail on the Chesapeake Bay and much, much more. The

creative elements in our community work on murals and showcased the City's ongoing commitment to the arts and public art.

As the year wore on, we continued to take on the public health, converting our Pip Moyer Rec Center and places like the Annapolis Police Department and area churches into COVID testing sites. We all learned to master video or virtual meetings and residents got used to new processes and ways to do business with City government.

We were proud to cut the ribbon on a brand new \$4 million Kenneth R. Dunn municipal pool at Truxtun Park, to take the next steps toward the rebuild of Hillman Garage and City Dock, to see the new Tennis and Pickle ball courts in play all the while continuing to meet our accelerated goals to repave miles and miles of roads and resurface miles of City sidewalks.

Our next step is to ensure the continued public health by helping our residents get vaccinated. It is the way we get to the new normal of Annapolis in the 21st Century.

We look forward to a robust summer and fall for our residents, with a return to events and celebrations, commerce and community. Thank you for sticking with us throughout the covid-19 pandemic, thank you for supporting each other, supporting our city workers and showing kindness to one another.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Schandelmeier 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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Ceremonial Items

[ID-61-21](#)

City Council Citation - Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency, Inc. was presented by Alderwoman Pindell Charles to:

Live Testimony:

Executive Director, Charlestine R. Fairley, PhD

Roxanne McGowan, Career Navigation Specialist

Julie C. Snyder, Director of Community Engagement and Development

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Special Finance Committee Meeting

April 19, 2021, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Virtual

Housing and Human Welfare Committee Meeting

April 19, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM @ Virtual

Special Finance Committee Meeting

April 20, 2021, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Virtual
Special Finance Committee Meeting
April 21, 2021, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Virtual
Environmental Matters Committee Meeting
April 21, 2021, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ Virtual
Special Finance Committee Meeting
April 22, 2021, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Virtual

B. Comments by the General Public

PUBLIC TESTIMONY WEB FORM – To view the actual comments, please visit www.annapolis.gov/publictestimony

WRITTEN: Testimony:

Clifton and Juanita, 17 Hicks Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 O-4-21
Gabrielle Melka, 113 Academy Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 O-7-21
Ronny Umlandt, 451 Poplar Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 O-7-21
Charles Parker, 141 West Street, Unit 202, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 O-4-21

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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

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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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

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[3.22.2021](#)

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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-29-21](#)

Planning and Zoning

General Fund - Bembe Beach Partnership

Revenue: General Fund Contributions (\$2,800.00) Expenditure:

Contractual Services (\$2,800.00)

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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[SA-30-21](#)

Planning and Zoning

General Fund - GSX Solutions, LLC

Revenue: General Fund Contributions (\$14,872.00) Expenditure:

Contractual Services (\$14,872.00)

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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

End of Consent Calendar

Legislative Action

Second Readers

[R-4-21](#)

Annapolis Ward Boundary and Redistricting ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE -

For the purpose of establishing a ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE that the City historically forms after each federal decennial census to reevaluate the boundaries of its wards; and generally relating to said ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to reconsider R-4-21 withdrawn on March 22, 2021. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to amend the agenda to make R-4-21 the last item on the agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-5-21](#)

Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - 2021 - For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with certain special events during calendar year 2021.

Sponsors: Tierney and Pindell Charles

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to reconsider R-5-21 adopted on March 22, 2021. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

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

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-5-21 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to amend R-5-21 as follows:

Amendment 1:

On page 1, after line 40 insert:

“Youth Entrepreneurship Fair – Susan Campbell Park – May 8, 2021”.
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-5-21 as amended second 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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

First Readers

[O-10-21](#)

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, 2022, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-10-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

This Ordinance was referred to the Planning Commission.

This Ordinance was referred to the Finance Committee.

This Ordinance was referred to the Financial Advisory Commission.

[O-11-21](#)

Compensation of the Aldermen, Alderwomen, and City Manager - For the purpose of adjusting the compensation and allowances to be paid to the Aldermen and Alderwomen for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in December, 2021; and for adjusting the compensation to be paid to the City Manager.

Sponsors: Gay

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-11-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

This Ordinance was referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

[O-12-21](#)

Police Enhancement and Community Engagement - For the purpose of establishing procedures for the collection and reporting of certain law enforcement data; providing for publication of certain data; promoting community policing; developing use of force guidelines; establishing procedures for consent searches; establishing police officer training requirements; providing crowd control restrictions; prohibiting certain police practices; providing procedures for effectuating certain warrants; extending the probationary period of certain police officers; requiring certain persons engaged in the business of selling or exchanging firearms, cartridges or other ammunition to maintain records; establishing minimum standards for investigating and responding to allegations of domestic violence; prohibiting use of certain property by the City, restricting the use of City-owned armored vehicles; expanding the scope of duties of the Human Relations Commission; providing for exemptions from negotiation of employee-management relations; providing an effective date; providing definitions; and generally related to police enhancement and community engagement.

Sponsors: Savidge, Arnett, Tierney and Schandelmeier

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-12-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

City Manager Jarrell was present and answered questions from the council.

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

Alderwoman Finlayson requested a City Council Work Session be scheduled on O-12-21.

Alderman Savidge requested that the Public Hearing on O-12-21 be left open for 2 City Council Meetings.

This Ordinance was referred to the Human Relations Commission.

This Ordinance was referred to the Economic Matters Committee.

This Ordinance was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

This Ordinance was referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

This Ordinance was referred to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

[R-10-21](#)

Charter Revision Commission - For the purpose of extending the term of the Charter Revision Commission; and all matters relating to said Commission.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-10-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Finlayson requested the Charter Revision Committee present the council with a preliminary report in July.

Alderwoman Tierney requested the type O's in the Staff Report be corrected.

And on page 2, in line 28, (2021 instead of 2010....September 13, 2021)

[R-11-21](#)

City Sponsored Special Events in Fiscal Year 2022 - For the purpose of identifying City Sponsored Special Events; and waiving certain related City Fees during Fiscal Year 2022.

Sponsors: Tierney

City Manager Jarrell was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-11-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

This Resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

[R-12-21](#)

Position Classifications and Pay Plan - For the purpose of approving the Fiscal Year 2022 position classifications and pay plan; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

City Manager Jarrell was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-12-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

This Resolution was referred to the City Council Public Hearing.

This Resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

[R-13-21](#)

Fiscal Year 2022 Fees Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for Fiscal Year 2022; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-13-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

This Resolution was referred to the City Council Public Hearing.

Alderman Gay moved to refer R-13-21 to the Finance Committee. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

This Resolution was referred to the Financial Advisory Commission.

[R-14-21](#)

Fiscal Year 2022 Fines Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for Fiscal Year 2022; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-14-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

This Resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

This Resolution was referred to the Financial Advisory Commission.

This Resolution was referred to the City Council Public Hearing.

R-15-21

Short Term Rental Licenses - Extension of Moratorium - For the purpose of extending the moratorium on the issuance of new non-owner-occupied short term rental licenses in certain conservation residence districts; extending the moratorium on the transfer of existing non-owner-occupied short term rental licenses in certain conservation residence districts; and providing for the termination of the moratorium, subject to a certain contingency.

Sponsors: Tierney and Savidge

Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-15-21 on first reader. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Savidge

Nay: 3 - Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Gay and Alderman Arnett

Abstain: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

This Resolution was referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Second Readers

R-8-21

The Digital Connectivity Act - For the purpose of expressing support for the Maryland Digital Connectivity Act.

Sponsors: Buckley, Pindell Charles, Schandelmeier, Tierney, Finlayson, Gay and Paone

Alderman Paone moved to adopt R-8-21 on second 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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

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 and Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-19-19 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to amend O-19-19 as follows:

Amendments 1-5 – Rules Committee

Amendment 1:

Page 1, Line 43; after “FOR” insert ADEQUATE

Amendment 2:

Page 2, Line 5; after “FACILITIES.” insert “FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CODE, AUTO TRANSPORTATION REFERS TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON ROADWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS.”

Amendment 3:

Page 2, Line 6; after “WORKS” insert “AND INCLUDE INPUT FROM ADJACENT COMMUNITIES AND APPLICABLE NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS, WHEN APPROPRIATE.”

Amendment 4:

Page 2, in Line 26 and on page 3, in line 8; strike “250” and substitute “200”

Amendment 5:

Page 2, Line 32; after “ISSUES,” insert “OR WHEN THE PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS NEAR A HIGH USE PEDESTRIAN AREA AND MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THOSE AREAS,” . Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 4 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Gay and Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-19-19 as follows:

Amendment 6:

On page 2, in line 26 and on page 3 in line 8 strike “250” and substitute “200” to be consistent with county criteria; and on page 3, in lines 9 strike “400” and substitute “200”

As Amended: “200 BUT NOT MORE THAN 250”

Amendment 7:

On page 3, in Line 17; strike “400” and substitute “200. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash was present and answered questions

from the council.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-19-19 as follows:

Amendment 8:

On page 3, after line 24 insert:

“3. SUCH AN ANALYSIS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OTHER PROJECTS WITHIN A ONE MILE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT, AS DETERMINED BY PLANNING & ZONING, THAT ARE RECENTLY APPROVED OR PENDING, TO DETERMINE THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF THE COLLECTIVE PROJECTS ON THE NEARBY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN ONE QUARTER OF A MILE FROM EACH POINT OF EGRESS FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT, SO THAT PLANNING & ZONING CAN DETERMINE IF A COLLECTIVE MITIGATION PROJECT IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT.” .
Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

- Aye:** 4 - Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett
- Nay:** 5 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Gay and Alderman Schandelmeier

Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-19-19 as follows:

Amendment 9:

On page 3, in line 46 after “PUBLIC WORKS” insert
“TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INPUT FROM ADJACENT COMMUNITIES AND APPLICABLE NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS WHEN APPROPRIATE. IF THERE ARE CUMULATIVE TRAFFIC IMPACTS, AS DETERMINED IN SECTION 22.21.050.3, THAT NEED TO BE MITIGATED, AND IF SUCH MITIGATION, AS DETERMINED BY PLANNING & ZONING OR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WARRANTS A COLLECTIVE MITIGATION RESPONSE FROM MULTIPLE APPLICANTS/PROJECTS, THEN EACH PENDING PROJECT SHALL CONTRIBUTE TO A COLLECTIVE, LARGER MITIGATION PROJECT.” **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-19-19 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

- Aye:** 4 - Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett
- Nay:** 5 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Gay and Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderman Gay - Requested removal of Co-Sponsorship

Agenda Order

Legislative Action

Second Reader

R-4-21

Annapolis Ward Boundary and Redistricting ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE -

For the purpose of establishing a ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE that the City historically forms after each federal decennial census to reevaluate the boundaries of its wards; and generally relating to said ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-4-21 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend R-4-21 as follows:

Amendment 1:

On page 2, after line 8 insert "Jared Littmann"

Amendment 2:

On page 2, after line 8 insert "Harold Lloyd Sr. (Chuckie)"

Amendment 3:

On page 1, strike lines 31 down through 33 and on page 1, in lines 2, 3, 4, 16, 18, 20, and 42, and on page 2, in lines 2, 14, 17, 21, 23, 26, 29, and 33 strike "Commission" and substitute "TASK FORCE". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to amend R-4-21 as follows:

Amendment # 4

On page 2, after line 8 insert "Solan Webb". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-4-21as amended on second 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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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