



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, September 9, 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 7:01 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Savidge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Oath of Office - Ward 1 Alderman Harry Huntley

Mayor Buckley administered the Oath of Office to Ward 1 Alderman Mr. Harry Huntley. Alderman Huntley signed the Official Oath Book and took his seat on the dais.

Roll Call

tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.

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

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the AGENDA to REMOVE AP-10-24 Appointment - Mr. Patrick Hogan - Ethics Commission, AND TO ADD AP-47-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. Nadine Chien - Board of Appeals AND a City Council Citation to Christopher Brianas. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Gay moved to approve the agenda to move R-44-24 Fund Authorization for Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) to the top of the agenda.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Citations

[ID-127-24](#)

Gone Fishing Award in honor of Lt. Della

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-128-24](#)

Rotary Club and Sheehy Lexus

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-136-24](#)

Bill Eubanks for his timely service to the Mayor and City of Annapolis

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-143-24](#)

City Council Citation to Christopher Brianas

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Good evening and welcome back!

I want to start tonight by sharing some sad news. Valessa Clark, who spent 30 years working for

the City of Annapolis, first in Finance and then as a buyer in the purchasing office, passed away

last week surrounded by her loving family after an 8-month illness.

Valessa was a kind and gentle person with a great sense of humor and

infectious laugh. Her

daughter, Briana, followed in her mom’s professional footsteps and worked first in finance and is

now a buyer in the purchasing department.

This is a tough time for family, colleagues, coworkers, and friends. I’d like us to take a few

moments of silence to honor Valessa and her service to our residents.

[moment of silence]

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We also have some happier news tonight: I would like offer congratulations to our newest

Aldersperson Harry Huntley who was appointed by the Democratic Central Committee last week

to replace Elly Tierney as the representative for Ward One. Welcome Harry!

I’ve been greatly impressed by Harry’s commitment and knowledge and I know he’ll work hard

to make a positive difference for Ward 1 and all our residents.

As we move into the final year of this Council’s term, Harry had kindly agreed

to fill Elly Tierney’s

committee roles as well so that we have maximum continuity and stability in what will be a big

year of delivering for Annapolis!

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Since July, the Mayor’s Office African-American Outreach team has been

leading a series of
"Pop Up Tours" in a different part of town each week on Thursday
afternoons. These are highly
successful engagements in the communities that are not always in a position
to come to us to
access services. So far, we've been to Bywater, Bay Ridge Gardens,
Robinwood, Woodside
Gardens, Eastport Terrace, Clay Street, Allen Apartments, Annapolis Gardens,
and Bloomsbury
Square.

This Thursday, the Pop Up Service fair will be in Admiral Oaks, then on
September 19 in
Bowman Place. On September 26 we will be at Morris Blum; on October 3rd
at Wilbourne
Estates, and our last Pop Up will be at Harbour House on October 10th.
At each event, we are joined by amazing partners including the Office of
Community Services,
APD, & OEM, as well as County Partners such as AA Power; and a number of
non-profits who
provide community services and resources. Plus, there is always free food,
refreshments, games
and much more.

The feedback so far has been great. One resident of Bloomsbury Square took
the time to call
and say thank you for thinking of the residents in her community.
So, if you see our teams in your neighborhood, bring the kids and come out
to say hello and
help spread the word to neighbors and friends so that everyone has a chance
to connect. We'd
love to see you there!

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Last week, the team held another great event - our first joint Expungement
Fair, held in
partnership with the County and the State at the Busch Library. This event
was coordinated by
Teona Hayes, of our Naptown Anti-Dope team, whose work centers on
substance use disorder
and prevention.
In total, 125 people got low-level and driving offenses cleared off their
records - all of which
which can be a barrier to jobs and opportunity.
Surrounding the room, community organizations and state officials had
booths set up with
everything from overdose prevention/Narcan giveaways to information to job
training and even
job opportunities.
These are the kinds of things that City government can do to make a real
difference in the lives
of our residents. Having trusted and credible community members and
advocates lead this work
is so important and has been a focus of this administration's outreach effort.
I'd like to congratulate Teona Hayes of the Naptown Anti-dope Move(meant)
and the whole
outreach team for this very successful event that literally has the power to

change people's
lives.

We plan to hold more Expungement Fairs in the future so look out for those.

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Tomorrow afternoon, we will have a visit from the Mayor of Fremantle, Australia. As most of you know, that's the part of the world that I called home before I came to America. Fremantle is right next to my home town of Perth, the capital of Westetn Australia. Like Annapolis, Fremantle is known for its maritime history as a port city and for its historic architecture.

The population of Fremantle is also similar to Annapolis — they've got about 35,000 people to our 39,000 residents.

Tomorrow I look forward to showing Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge around Annapolis, including meetings and a presentation here at City Hall. We will also initiate a Sister-City agreement together tomorrow to celebrate all our cities have in common and the enduring friendship between the U.S. and Australia. We've sent an invitation to all council members and directors to join us and I hope to see you!

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We've got a number of exciting upcoming events in the next few weeks:

- First up is the Singer Songwriter festival, now in its third year. It's this weekend, Sept. 12-15 at locations all around downtown, including big concerts on City Dock.
 - Also on Saturday, Sept. 14, the Kunta Kinte Festival is at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium - a new location this year. It's 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. In the Blue Lot.
 - Throughout the month of September, we'll be highlighting Hispanic Heritage month with flags on Main Street, a Poetry contest, the Latino Art Gallery show at City Hall, with a meet-the-artists reception on Sept. 17 and Day of the Dead Festival at Maryland Hall Oct. 26.
 - On September 16, we will be hosting a business roundtable with Comptroller Brooke Lierman. This is for local small businesses. Outreach was through our office of Economic Development and I'm pleased to announce that we are already at capacity!
 - And lastly, one of our bigger events of the year, the Fall Power Boat and Sailboat Shows are coming up Oct. 3-6 and Oct. 10-14. Please be alert to increased traffic in downtown.
- We always look forward to checking out the latest and greatest in maritime offerings, technology and accessories!
Now let's get on with our meeting.

Update from Mayor

Alderman Schandelmeier arrived at 7:28 pm.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Public Safety Committee Special Meeting
September 10, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Transportation Committee Regular Meetings
September 11, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Environmental Matters Committee Regular Meeting
September 12, 2024, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Housing & Human Welfare Committee Regular Meeting
September 16, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Finance Committee Regular Meeting
September 18, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Economic Matters Committee Regular Meeting
September 18, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Agenda Order Revised:

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

First Reader

Resolutions

[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 first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-44-24 to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Gay referred R-44-24 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-44-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Alderman Gay - Cosponsor Added.

Agenda Order Resumed

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Comments by the General Public

Speakers - Comments of the General Public:

Bryan Barrett, 607 Monterey Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Peggy Randall, 1246 Stone Wood Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.
 Ahsun Powell, 3521 New Sudlersville, South Laurel, Maryland 20724.
 Sara Gross, 1138 Medger Evers Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.-
 Represented/Spoke Kindra Snowden
 Odessa Ellis, 110 Dorsey Drive Edgewater Maryland 21037.
 Argo Durango, 1050 Eaglewood Road, Apt 1-C., Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Elizamae Robinson, 213 Janwall Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Renetra Anderson, 510Clay Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Dana Baylor,.59 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Denise Lindenhall, 1915 Town Center BLVD, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Robert Hector, 1505 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Anna Beinneweg, 801 Chase Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Terry Tanner, 40 Pleasant Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Michael Brown, 740 Foxtail Drive, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.
 Former Alderwoman Cynthia Abney-Carter, 965 Bent Tree Way, Annapolis,
 Maryland 21401. Maryland
 Lynda Mundy, 55 Primrose Hill Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Raynard Baylor, 4539 Schenley Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21210.
 Bruce Baylor, 1208 McKinley Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Crawford McPherson, 608 Severn Island Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Scotti Preston, 602 Hammonds Lane, # 404, Brooklyn Park, Maryland 21225.
 Bernadette Pulley, 1227 Gemini Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
 Linda Davis, 215 Coronet Drive, Linthicum, Maryland 21090.
 Elder Charles James, 757 219th Street, Pasadena, Maryland 21122.
 Geoffrey Phelps, 701 Glenwood Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Terrell Freeman, 50 Riddell Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Mike Henson, 8077 Budding Branch Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061.
 Hazel Snowden.,2314 Columbia Place, .Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Vicky Gibson, 1907 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Lisa Robian, 104 Clay Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
 Efe Brock, 1206 President Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Approval of Journal Proceedings

[CCM 7.8.24](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Huntley moved to approve CCM 7.8.24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[CCM 7.22.24](#) Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Huntley moved to approve CCM 7.22.24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Appointments

[AP-6-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Ms. Barbara Torreon - Arts in Public Places

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-6-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[AP-7-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Ms. Leona Tartasky - Civil Service Board

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-7-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[AP-8-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. David Bliden - Ethics Commission

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-8-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[AP-9-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Mr. Christian Zazzali - Board of Appeals

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-9-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[AP-10-24](#)

Appointment - Mr. Patrick Hogan - Ethics Commission

AP-10-24 was removed from the agenda at the approval of the agenda.

[AP-11-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Ms. Chrissa Rich - Arts in Public Places

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-11-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

End of Consent Calendar

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Action Item

[ID-125-24](#)

2025 City Council Meeting Dates (Election Year)

Alderman Savidge moved to approve ID-125-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Discussion Issue

[ID-138-24](#)

Standing Committee Membership after the New Alderperson's Swearing-in

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the Standing Committee Assignment adding Alderman Huntley to the Finance, Housing and Human Welfare and the Audit Committees. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Agenda Order Revised:

Appointments

[AP-47-24](#)

Re-Appointment - Ms. Nadine Chien - Board of Appeals

Alderman Arnett moved to approve AP-47-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Agenda Order Resumed:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances

[O-6-24](#)

City-wide Prohibition on New Drive-through Windows - For the purpose of prohibiting new drive-through window facilities that allow people to remain in vehicles while receiving products or services; eliminating City Code references to drive-through windows and facilities; and generally related to drive-through facilities in Annapolis.

Sponsors: Savidge, Schandelmeier and Buckley

Speakers:

**Robert Enten, 1001 Fleet Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.
Evan Richards, 186 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Maryland Coouage, 7101 Bay Front Drive, Apt 512, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.**

Sara Price, 171 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Brendon Mahoney, 6301 Columbia Court, Columbia Maryland 21046.
Efe Brock, 1306 President Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Eric Mc Williams, 901 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, Maryland 21204.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-6-24 closed.

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record the Findings and Recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding O-6-24.

O-12-24

Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund - For the purpose of establishing a Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund is to promote, stabilize, and protect the maritime industry in the City of Annapolis; and generally dealing with maritime development in the City.

Sponsors: Buckley

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record the Findings and Recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding O-12-24 dated May 14, 2024.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-12-24 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

Ordinances

O-16-24

Special Residential Parking Districts - Permit Renewals - For the purpose of changing when Special Residential Parking District permits need to be renewed; and generally related to parking district fee criteria.

Sponsors: O'Neill

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt O-16-24 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-16-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-16-24 to the Transportation Committee.

O-17-24

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

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-17-24 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-17-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

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 Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-18-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-18-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

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 first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-19-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

O-20-24

Elections - Surplus Funds and Reporting Deadlines - For the purpose of updating candidate reporting deadline requirements and penalties for municipal elections; moving fees from the City Code to the annual Fees Schedule; and generally related to failure to file required campaign and election reports.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-20-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-20-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-20-24 to the Finance Committee.

O-21-24

Taxicab Driver License Criteria - For the purpose of updating the criteria for a City taxicab driver license; requiring a Class C driver's license from the State instead of a Class D license; requiring a driver-for-hire tag from the State; limiting the size of a taxicab vehicle; and generally dealing with taxicab driver qualifications.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt O-21-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-21-24 to the Economic Matters Committee.

O-25-24

Special Residential Parking Districts - Technical Corrections -

For the purpose of making technical corrections to parking rules on King George Street and St. John Street, Special Residential Parking District Numbers 2, 3, and 4; removing Calvert Street and St. John's Street from parking District 4; removing North Acton Place and South Acton Place from District 3 and placing those streets in District 2; placing a portion of Shaw Street in District 2; and generally related to City of Annapolis parking.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman O'Neill moved to adopt O-25-24 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-25-24 to the Transportation Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-25-24 to the Transportation Board.

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 first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-26-24 to the Finance Committee.

Resolutions

R-42-24

Establishment of Salaries Review Commission - For the purpose of establishing a Salaries Review Commission to make recommendations to the City Council on the pay and compensation for the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager to be effective for the four years beginning December 1, 2025; and matters generally relating to said pay and compensation.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-42-24 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

R-43-24

Fees Schedule Updated for Title 4 - Elections - For the purpose of establishing fees required by the adoption of ordinances updating Title 4 - Elections.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-43-24 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-43-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-43-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

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 Huntley moved to adopt R-45-24 on first reader. Seconded.
CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-45-24 to the Finance Committee.

SECOND READER

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

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to postpone R-14-24. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk