



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, March 11, 2019

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderman Arnett.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Paone.

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

Closed Session Statement

Pursuant to the requirement of the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article§ 3-305 (b) (1) this statement is included in these minutes:

*A closed session of the City Council was held on **Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Mayor John T. Chamber, Jr., City Council Chamber, 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, 2nd Floor, Annapolis, Maryland 21401*

Members who voted to meet in the Close Session:

Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Persons attending the Closed Session:

City Manager Sutherland, Assistant City Attorney Leonard, City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge.

The members present took a roll call vote, and the session closed. The authority under which the session closed was the Annotated Code of Maryland, General

Provisions Article§ 3-305 (b) (1), the purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel matters that affects one or more specific individuals.

Discussion Topic: Exempt Service Positions

No votes taken in the closed session.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the closed session adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Presented.

Approval of Agenda

**Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded.
CARRIED on voice vote**

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

3/12/19 Rules and City Government Committee

When:4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

3/14/19 Economic Matters Committee

When:4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

3/14/19 Transportation Committee

When:6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

3/19/19 Housing and Human Welfare Committee

When:6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

3/20/19 Finance Committee

When:10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

3/20/19 Environmental Matters Committee

When:3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

B. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Chermire Gladden, 1135 Madison Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Judy Buddensick, 211 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Tom Rekus, 163 Prince George Street, Annapolis. Maryland 21401 representing the Ward One Residents Association.

Stephen Rodgers, 515 Fourth Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Erik Evans, 38 City Gate Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Minor Carter, 13 Enclave Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Patricia McNaly, 163 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Cindy Kivera, 161 Severn Island Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Carolyn Marquis, 308 Forbes Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

C. Christopher Ledoux, 215 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Cindy Orchard, 900 Boucher Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared comments by the general public closed.

C. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley Remarks City Council Meeting Monday, March 11, 2019

- Thank you everyone for being here tonight.
- March is an exciting month in the City. Yesterday, we had a great St. Patrick's parade. I want to recognize our parade marshalls, who volunteer their time and go through training. Yesterday's lead marshall was **Tom Cagle**. Thank you Tom and the 11 other marshalls on the route. Thank you also to the members of the unified command, **David Mandell** at Office of Emergency Management, **Battalion Chief Robert Christian** of Annapolis Fire and from Annapolis Police **Lt. Brian Della**. Also, all of the personnel from public works and transportation operating on the route and in the field to keep the parade running smoothly and the public safe. From my office, I want to thank **Felicia Nolan**, special events coordinator.
- The parade was a great event ending at City Dock. I was down there and saw people going back and forth into the historic district. What an incredible economic driver for the City with people staying after the parade and doing weekend shopping and dining out. We heard that hotels in the City were sold out too. Great job everyone. Thank you!
- Tonight, happening right now, in fact, is the "March for our Schools" over on Rowe Blvd. in front of the General Assembly. They expected upwards of 7,500 people to come by bus from around the state for a First Amendment march to support public school teachers. I want to thank the teachers for showing up and our Annapolis Police, Fire and the Office of Emergency Management as well as Transportation staff for dealing with logistics and road closures.
- One of the March events coming up later this month that I am excited about is the Annapolis Film Festival which will take place March 21 to March 24 at locations around the City. I just found out that the opening night film will be "The Public" with Emilio Estevez, Alec Baldwin, Christian Slater, Taylor Schilling and Jena Malone. In all, the festival will host 70-plus films over four days. I know I will be attending as many as I can get to along with the parties and panels and Q&As. It should be great fun and I encourage everyone to get tickets. I will see you at the movies!

- Congratulations to our City Department of Public Works. Last week our water treatment facility won the Maryland Green Building Council “Wintergreen Award.” Our Water Treatment Facility is state-of-the-art in terms of its treatment of City drinking water that is safe and tasty. But the facility is also one of the most environmentally friendly - public utilities or otherwise - in the City of Annapolis. It is Silver Level LEED certified for energy efficiency standards and environmental design. Congratulations to the team! They attended an awards banquet in Baltimore last week and were very surprised with the win. Good job!
- The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association named our City GIS Coordinator **Shawn Wampler** the “Distinguished Single Process System Award” for more efficient services that save the government money. Congratulations to Shawn. We have some very smart people working in our City.
- It’s women’s history month and here in Annapolis, I’d like to take a few moments to reflect on some of the accomplishments of Annapolis women.
- **Anne Catharine Hoof Green** took over the Maryland Gazette in 1767 when her husband unexpectedly died. At a time when women were expected to play a domestic role, Mrs. Green was left in debt with a print shop to look after along with six children. She took over uninterrupted publication of what was then the only newspaper in Annapolis. In order to juggle her family duties, she moved the print shop into her home. Within three years she paid off her late husband’s debt and bought the property at 124 Charles Street.
- In 1921, **Eliza Suydam** became the first paid librarian and the founder of what is now the Anne Arundel County Public Library. She ran the operation out of historic Reynold’s Tavern and she was paid a monthly salary of \$25.
- In 2001, **Ellen Oosterling Moyer** was elected to the job of Mayor of the City of Annapolis. Her election was the first time a woman served in the top job in the City’s 293-year history. Before that, she served 14 years on the City Council. Among other accomplishments, she established the Annapolis Conservancy Board and the city’s Greenscape program.
- There have been 12 female members of the City Council. Starting in 1973 with the election of **Barbara Neustadt**. In 1985, **Ruth Gray** and **M. Theresa DeGraff**. In 1987, **Ellen Moyer**. In 1994, **Louise Hammond**. In 1997, **Sheila Tolliver** and **Cynthia Carter**. In 2001, **Julie Stankivic**. In 2005, **Sheila Finlayson**. In 2013, **Rhonda Pindell Charles**. And in 2017, **Elly Tierney** and **Shaneka Henson**.
- Which brings us to TODAY. We have fully half of the City Council is female. Not 25 percent, not 30 percent. Half. Think about that for a minute. This City Council, in gender, looks more like the city’s population

than at any time in our 311 year history.

- I am proud to have appointed the first permanent female City Manager in **Teresa Sutherland**. She is doing a fantastic job for our City, and as you may already know, but will surely learn at the State of the City next month, has taken the City's financial management into the new millennium with policies and procedures to put accountability at the forefront.
- Take the time to learn about the women in your community or you life or in your family for Women's History Month.

- I've held a number of community meetings with residents from Wards 4 and 5 to discuss ideas and opportunities to upgrade public works along Spa Road, balance the needs of the community and link some of the pedestrian and bicycle paths to Maryland Hall, the Annapolis Senior Center and other locations that will serve young and old alike. These meetings included talks at the American Legion last week, but also resident meetings with people from Homes on the Glen, Truxton Heights, the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation and Spa Creek Conservancy. Overall, there has been a positive reception. I look forward to exploring these ideas and continuing these conversations.
- I also had the opportunity to present to Leadership Anne Arundel, a great organization helping to nurture great leaders in our community. I know that four of our aldermen and women are graduates of the program. It was a lively crowd at Market House and I got great questions from the audience.
- Finally, earlier this month, I was able to speak to the Anne Arundel County Delegation in the Maryland General Assembly. I got to talk about resiliency, some of our plans for City Dock and Hillman Garage. One of the things I am very happy about is the margin by which the Payment in Lieu of Taxes or PILOT funds were approved in the House by a 46 to 0 vote and the Senate 135 to 5. I want to thank **Sen. Sarah Elfreth** and **Speaker Mike Busch** for writing and filing this legislation. We will receive, as mandatory state spending, nearly twice what we had previously been allocated from the governor for the expenses we incur to host state agencies, the governor and legislators here in the City. The margins look veto-proof, so I'm hoping the governor either signs the bill or lets it become law.

D. Required Administrative Submittals - City Manager

[ID-4-19](#)

General Fund Transfer less than \$25,000.

City Manager Sutherland presented the administrative submittal.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

[CCM021119](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

[CCM022519](#) Special Meeting Minutes

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

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

[CCM022819](#) Special Meeting Minutes

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

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

First Readers

[O-4-19](#)

Special Residential Parking Districts - Parking Permits - For the purpose of transferring the residential parking permit program to the Department of Transportation; clarifying the eligibility requirements for resident, nonresident and temporary parking permits; and specifying the restrictions on parking permits issued under the residential parking permit program.

Sponsors: Tierney

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

Mayor Buckley referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Transportation Committee.

[R-11-19](#)

Annapolis City Dock - Urban Land Institute, Baltimore Technical Assistance Panel, January 29, 2019, Report “Reclaiming a Local and National Treasure” - For the purpose recognizing the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Baltimore Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) Report; and resolving that the ULI Baltimore TAP Report be considered in implementing present and future development of the Annapolis City Dock.

Sponsors: Tierney and Rodriguez

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

Mayor Buckley referred R-11-19 to the Rules & City Government Committee. Requested by Ald. Paone.

Mayor Buckley referred R-11-19 to the Economic Matters Committee. Ald. Rodriguez.

**Request to be added as a Cosponsor:
Alderman Rodriguez**

[R-12-19](#)

Civil Service Positions and Classifications - Risk Management Administrator - For the purpose of abolishing the Risk Analyst position and classification from the FY 2019 civil service positions and classifications; and creating the Risk Management Administrator position and classification.

Sponsors: Buckley

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

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

[CA-1-19](#)

Acting Mayor Designation - For the purpose of amending the procedure for designating an Acting Mayor.

Sponsors: Henson

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on CA-1-19 closed.

[O-42-18](#)

Sidewalk Signs - For the purpose of authorizing sidewalk signs with certain

conditions; providing a definition of “sidewalk sign”; and providing for a delayed effective date of the sidewalk sign permit fee.

Sponsors: Tierney

Speakers:

Carolyn Marquis, 308 Forbes Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Eric Evans, 38 City Gate Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

C. Christopher Ledoux, 215 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-42-18 closed.

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record a Memorandum to the Annapolis City Council from the Planning Commission dated February 7, 2019, and Memoranda from Director Gutwald to the Planning Commission dated December 18, 2018..

Mayor Buckley referred O-42-18 to the Historic Preservation Commission. Requested by Ald. Tierney.

O-8-19

Grow Annapolis, Inc. Lease Agreement - For the purpose of approving the lease for certain City-owned property located at the corner of Jefferson Street and Brashears Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403, between Grow Annapolis, Inc. and the City of Annapolis; and matters generally relating to said lease.

Sponsors: Buckley, Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

Speaker:

Cathy Umphrey, 19 Glen Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 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-8-19 closed.

Request to be added as Cosponsors:

Alderman Finlayson

Alderman Savidge

Alderman Arnett

Mayor Buckley referred O-8-19 to the Finance Committee.

Legislative Action

Second Readers

O-6-19

The Conveyance of part of the unimproved portion of the City-owned right of way containing the road bed of Castlegate Drive to Lee, et al., LLC -

For the purpose of approving the conveyance of part of the unimproved portion of City-owned right of way containing the road bed of Castlegate Drive to Lee, et

al., LLC; expressly authorizing said conveyance to be made at private sale and not at public auction; and matters generally relating to said conveyance.

Sponsors: Rodriguez

Alderman Rodriguez moved to adopt O-6-19 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Paone moved to adopt O-6-19 on third 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, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

R-6-19

Annual Statement of Performance Standards - For the purpose of approving the annual performance statements filed by City agencies and departments.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-6-19 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 Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderwoman Henson requested Annual Statement of Performance Standards - For the purpose of approving the annual performance statements filed by City agencies and departments in the future be added to City Council Work Session Agendas.

R-7-19

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 2019 U.S. Sailboat and Powerboat Shows.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-7-19 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 Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

R-8-19

Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - 2019 - For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with certain special events during calendar year 2019.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-8-19 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 Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

R-9-19

Pride of Baltimore II - Docking Fee Waiver - For the purpose of waiving the fees for docking the *Pride of Baltimore II* at the Annapolis City Dock on March 25, 2019, and March 29-April 1, 2019, in celebration of “Maryland Day.”

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt R-9-19 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez and Alderman Savidge

Nay: 3 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Henson and Alderman Arnett

R-10-19

2019 Annapolis Film Festival - Circulator Fee Waiver - For the purpose of identifying the 2019 Annapolis Film Festival Special Event that will be held during March 21-24, 2019; and waiving the fee for running the circulator during that event.

Sponsors: Finlayson and Buckley

Transportation Director Gordon was present and answered questions from Council.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt R-10-19 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Nay: 2 - Alderwoman Henson and Alderman Arnett

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Savidge

The order of the agenda was amended to allow for.....

For the Good of the Order

O-4-19

Special Residential Parking Districts - Parking Permits - For the purpose of transferring the residential parking permit program to the Department of Transportation; clarifying the eligibility requirements for resident, nonresident and temporary parking permits; and specifying the restrictions on parking permits issued under the residential parking permit program.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Paone requested a letter from David and Gail Groy dated March 9,

2019 be added to Ordinance O-4-19 Special Residential Parking Districts - Parking Permits.

[R-45-18](#)

2018 Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study - For the purpose of adopting the Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study as an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan.

Sponsors: Buckley

Mayor Buckley requested the Petition dated March 4, 2019 submitted by Ralph De Lalla, 7101 Bay Front Drive, Unit # 410, Annapolis, Maryland be added to R-45-18 2018 Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study.

The order of the agenda was resumed.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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