



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, July 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Call To Order

Mayor Buckley called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Arnett.

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

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to **APPROVE** the **AGENDA** as **AMENDED** to **POSTPONE - R-30-25 Five-Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan ON SECOND READER UNTIL Monday, July 28, 2025. Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Proposed Closed Session

[ID-122-25](#)

A PROPOSED CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions, Section 3-305(b)(7).

Topic: Legal Update from the Office of Law

Alderman Gay moved pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (7), to go into closed session. **Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

The council entered into the closed session at 6:07 pm.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to exit out of Closed Session. Seconded.
CARRIED on voice vote.

The council return to the Regular Meeting at 7:01 pm.

The council recessed at 7:02 pm and reconvened at 7:11 pm.

CITATIONS

[ID-120-25](#)

Annapolis Police Department College Scholarships

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Good evening!

We have five meetings of this council remaining until the end of our term. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work and sacrifices all Council members make in order to do this job. It doesn't come with a big paycheck or audible thank yours, but we are all here doing our best to improve our community. We'll keep doing just that throughout the remainder of the year and work to ensure all our priorities are delivered. Thank you!

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Since we last met, we've had a very successful July 4 parade and fireworks event downtown. We had an incident with some illegal fireworks being set off at City Dock that night, which was quickly dealt with by the Annapolis Police Department. At this time of year, when fireworks are popular, it serves as a timely reminder that it's illegal to possess or discharge fireworks in the City of Annapolis without a permit issued by the State Fire Marshal. We ask everyone to familiarize themselves with the law and, if and if you are planning a celebration with fireworks, make sure you have a permit and be mindful that fireworks can be dangerous and frightening both to people and animals. Please be thoughtful so that we can all have fun safely together!

We don't have any more regularly scheduled parades until the fall when the rained-out Pride Parade will take place - that date will be October 18th. Stay tuned for more details closer to that time.

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This Saturday on July 19th, Annapolis Rec and Parks will host Community Fun Day to celebrate Recreation and Parks month. There will be games, food, music, a petting zoo, stilt walkers, pony rides, crafts, live music, and more. That's this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center. It's free and open to the public!

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On Saturday, July 26th, the 9th annual Family Day Festival will take place at Bates from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will be another great event with face painting, great food, and an incredible lineup of live music.

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Another quintessential Naptown summer event, the Rotary Crab Feast, will take place on Friday, August 1 at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. This uniquely Annapolis event is a fundraiser for numerous community organizations that help our residents. Tickets are still available online so get yours today to enjoy crabs, Old Bay, and lots more, all in the name of a great cause!

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And lastly, the City has ongoing events throughout the summer and fall, including First Sundays, Dinner Under the Stars, City Dock Concerts, Tides and Tunes Concerts. We hope to see you out and about!

And now, let's get on with our meeting!

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

7/16/25 Finance Committee 9:30 am.

7/16/25 Economic Matters Committee 6:30 pm.

7/21/25 Housing and Human Welfare Committee 6:00 pm.

7/23/25 JOINT Rules and City Government & Environmental Matters
Committee Meeting 3:00 pm.

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Valery Mills-Cooper, 1955 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Renetra Anderson, 51 Clay Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Lindy Mundy, 55 Primrose Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Ahsun Powell - Address not given/unable to locate.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Journal Proceedings

[CCM 6.2.25](#) Special Meeting Minutes

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

[CCM 6.9.25](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Brooks Schandelmeier moved to approve. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

[CCM 6.16.25](#) Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Brooks Schandelmeier moved to approve. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

End of Consent Calendar

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Charter Amendment

[CA-1-25](#)**City Council Compensation Commission**

For the purpose of updating the process for setting the City Council's compensation; removing it from the Council Elections Article of the City Charter and inserting it under The City Council Article; and removing the requirement that the Council's compensation commission sets the City Manager's compensation.

Sponsors: Buckley

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on CA-1-25 closed.

Ordinances[O-17-25](#)**Limiting Short-term Rentals per Blockface**

For the purpose of limiting the number of short-term rentals in the City to 10% of the residences in a blockface; defining blockface; and generally dealing with short-term rentals in the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Huntley

Speakers :

Gill Gildea, 316 Burnside Street, Annapolis Maryland 21403.

Max Gross, 215 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Tom Kriek, 14 Murray Avenue, Maryland 21401.

Ron Schneider, 4 Murray Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Jamie Grams, 125 Charlos Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Clifford "Trey" Quinn, 507 Schley Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-17-25 closed.

[O-19-25](#)**Regulation of Tours in Historic Annapolis**

For the purpose of regulating walking tours operated by tour companies in the Annapolis Historic District; requiring a City business license, and insurance coverage; ensuring the protection of historic buildings and spaces; requiring free-flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and generally related to business licenses of tour operators in the City.

Sponsors: Huntley

Speakers:

Michael Bors, 987 Round Top Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.

William Ridgley, 521 Marc Road, Millersville, Maryland 21061.

Mike Carter, 40 Rockwell Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-19-25 closed.

O-20-25**Sale of City-Owned Property at 932 Spa Road and 935 Spa Road, Lot 1**

For the purpose of approving the sale of City-owned property at 932 Spa Road and 935 Spa Road, Lot 1 to the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.; for expressly authorizing said sale to be made a private sale and not at public auction; and all matters related to said sale.

Sponsors: Buckley

Speakers:

Dan Clements, 17 Southgate Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-20-25 closed.

Alderman Gay requested O-20-25 be referred to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

O-21-25**Annapolis Harbor Lines at 423 Chester Avenue on Back Creek**

For the purpose of changing the Annapolis harbor line on Back Creek at 423 Chester Avenue in the vicinity of the Safe Harbor Annapolis piers; and matters generally related to harbor lines.

Sponsors: Arnett

Speaker:

Tripp Fulton, 200 Westgate Circle, STE 500, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-21-25 closed.

Alderman Gay requested that O-21-25 be referred to Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

O-24-25**Election Report Deadlines**

For the purpose of adding two election reporting deadlines for candidates for City elections; eliminating the campaign report deadline on the fourth Tuesday preceding any general election; copyediting and reformatting the section; and generally related to required election reports.

Sponsors: Huntley

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-24-25 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**FIRST READERS****Ordinances**

[O-31-25](#)**Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes**

For the purpose of authorizing and empowering the City of Annapolis (the “City”) to issue and sell, upon its full faith and credit, (i) one or more series of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$73,561,499 (the “Bonds”), pursuant to Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, as amended (the “Charter”), (ii) one or more series of its general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount equal to the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (the “Notes”), pursuant to Sections 19-211 through 19-221, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and the Charter and (iii) one or more series of its general obligation bonds to refund specified bonds previously issued by the City in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed 120% of the principal amount of bonds to be refunded (the “Refunding Bonds”), pursuant to Section 19-207 and Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and the Charter; providing that the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds shall be issued and sold for the public purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital projects of the City as provided in this Ordinance; prescribing the form and tenor of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; providing for the method of sale of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds and other matters relating to the issuance and sale thereof; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; covenanting to levy and collect all taxes necessary to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; and generally providing for and determining various matters relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-31-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-31-25 to the Finance Committee.

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SECOND READERS**Ordinances**

O-6-25**Clearing Snow and Ice from City Sidewalks**

For the purpose of clarifying that the City is allowed to clear snow and ice from sidewalks in the City at the expense of the adjacent property owner if the owner fails to do so; requiring the snow removal be the width of the sidewalk or at least four feet wide for wider sidewalks; updating the citation and appeals sections; and generally related to cleaning and clearing of sidewalks.

Sponsors: Huntley and Savidge

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-6-25 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Acting City Manager Guild was present and answered questions from the Council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-6-25 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

O-8-25**Chesapeake Children's Museum Lease Renewal Through June 30, 2030**

For the purpose of authorizing a lease agreement with Chesapeake Children's Museum, Inc., a Maryland corporation, for City property at 25 Silopanna Road in Annapolis commencing on July 1, 2025 and terminating on June 30, 2030.

Sponsors: Buckley, Huntley and Finlayson

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-8-25 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-8-25 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Resolutions**R-27-25****Renaming of the Noah Hillman Parking Garage**

For the purpose of renaming the Noah Hillman Parking Garage located in downtown Annapolis as the "Mills Hillman Garage" in recognition of the contributions made by the Mills family to the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-27-25 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 2 - Alderman Huntley and Alderwoman O'Neill

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk