



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, February 12, 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 7:00 pm.

Innovation

Given by Alderwoman O'Neill.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Savidge.

Present: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to amend the agenda to include O-36-23 Annapolis Harbor Lines for 3 President Point Drive on Spa Creek for the purpose of being withdrawn. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Approval of Agenda

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

Ceremonial Items

[ID-30-24](#)

Proclamation: Black History Month

Presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Good evening. I'd like to remind everyone that City offices are closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of President's Day. Annapolis Transit will operate on a Sunday schedule while the state shuttle will run regular hours. The Pip Moyer Rec Center will operate on a regular schedule. Check the City website for other cancellations and closures.

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Coming up tomorrow, and each Tuesday through the month of February, our State of Black Annapolis event at the Busch Library in honor of Black History Month.

Each week highlights a different theme. Tomorrow, our panelists will discuss art; Feb. 20 - the future, and on Feb. 27. - Ald. Pindell Charles will join the program to honor black businesses with at least 50 years in operation. These events are free and open to the public. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and the panel gets started at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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I want to thank the Anne Arundel County Public Library for their work in acquiring a grant to offer free chromebooks to low-income families in Annapolis. Please contact the library at 410-983-3400 to learn about income qualifications. You can also visit the library website at aacpl.net and use the keyword search "chromebook giveaway" to learn more.

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Lastly, I want to wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day this Wednesday!

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Transportation Committee Regular Meetings

February 14, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Finance Committee Regular Meeting

February 21, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Economic Matters Committee Regular Meeting

February 21, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Comments by the General Public

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general closed.

[ID-31-24](#)

Report: Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB)

Presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Approval of Journal Proceedings

[CCM 1.22.24](#) Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Arnett moved to approve CCM 1.22.24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[CCM 1.8.24](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Arnett moved to approve CCM 1.8.24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

Fund Transfers Under \$50,000

[FT-7-24](#) General - Office of Emergency Management - Contingency/ Contractual Services

Alderman Arnett moved to approve FT-7-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

Supplemental Appropriations Under \$50,000

[SA-23-24](#) Grant - Mayor’s Office - Arts Council of Anne Arundel County

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-23-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[SA-24-24](#) Grant - Office of Emergency Management - Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-24-24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

Appointments

[AP-1-24](#) Appointment - Mr. Quentin Cummings - Planning Commission

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-1-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-2-24](#) Appointment - Ms. Shelly Bancroft - Arts in Public Places Commission

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-2-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Reports

[ID-38-24](#) Annual Reports from the Boards, Commissions, and Committees
Presented.

End of Consent Calendar

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Supplemental Appropriations \$50,000 & Above

[SA-22-24](#) Grant - APD - Anne Arundel County - 911 Fees

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-22-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[SA-25-24](#)

Grant - Department of Public Works - Developer Payment - General Fund Revenue/Contractual Services

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

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone SA-25-24 until 2/26/24. Seconded. . A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Schandelmeier

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-25-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Fund Transfers \$50,000 & Above

[FT-6-24](#)

General - Department of Public Works - Salaries and Benefits/Contractual Services

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to approve FT-6-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Legislation Update

[O-34-23](#)

Street End Park Hours - For the purpose of setting hours when the public may use a street end park in the City of Annapolis; and generally related to public peace and order.

Sponsors: O'Neill

Alderman Arnett moved to withdraw O-34-23 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-36-23](#)

Annapolis Harbor Lines for 3 President Point Drive on Spa Creek- For the purpose of changing the Annapolis harbor line on Spa Creek for President Point Condominium at 3 President Point Drive; and generally related to harbor lines and setbacks.

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to withdraw O-36-23 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

1. FIRST READERS

Ordinances

[O-3-24](#)

City Council Nominations to Boards, Commissions, and Committees - For the purpose of the members of the City Council to nominate members to boards, commissions, and committees if the position has been vacant, or expired and filled temporarily for more than six months; and generally related to City Council duties.

Sponsors: Savidge and Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-3-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-3-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Resolutions

[R-1-24](#)

Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group - For the purpose of creating an Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group to analyze the impact of Ordinance 25-21 on maritime operations and properties in the Waterfront Maritime Eastport (WME) zoning district, and to recommend how the City Council can support such operations and properties.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to postpone R-1-24 for (60) days. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-4-24](#)

2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan - For the purpose of adopting a new comprehensive plan for the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Buckley

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

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-4-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-4-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-4-24 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-4-24 to the Public Safety Committee.

[R-5-24](#)

Supplemental Funding for Public Safety in the City of Annapolis, including:

Annapolis Office of Emergency Management; Annapolis Police Department; Mayor's Office, Neighborhoods Organized, Helping to Avoid and Reduce Mortality, Violence Interruption Prevention (NO HARM VIP); and Annapolis Fire Department - For the purpose

of requesting immediate supplemental funding from the City of Annapolis, the State of Maryland, and Anne Arundel County for public safety programs in the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Pindell Charles and Buckley

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-5-24 on first reader. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

R-7-24

Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - 2024 - For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with certain special events during calendar year 2024.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-7-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-8-24

Non-Profit Vendors During Fall 2024 Boat Shows - For the purpose of authorizing sales by certain vendors in the City Dock area of the Historic District during the Fall 2024 U.S. Sailboat and Powerboat Shows.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-8-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-9-24

City-supported Special Events in Fiscal Year 2025 - For the purpose of identifying annual City events and City-supported events in Fiscal Year 2025; and waiving certain fees for City-supported events.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-9-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-9-24 to the Finance Committee.

2. SECOND READERS

O-28-23

City Noise Prohibitions and Enforcement - For the purpose of updating the Annapolis City Code noise prohibition section by adding a ban on certain noise in residential areas; expanding enforcement; and generally related to noise prohibitions.

Sponsors: Tierney, Savidge and O'Neill

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-28-23 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman O'Neill moved to amend O-28-23 as follows:

Amendment # 1:

On page 3, in line 9, after "prohibited." insert " as of December 30, 2024".

On page 4, in lines 2-3, strike " Subsection C(1) shall take effect six months after adoption, and

all other sections of this ordinance, as amended," and in line 2 after "that" insert "this ordinance". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-28-23 as follows:

Amendment #2:

On page 3, strike lines 7 through 19, and insert the following:

"C. Prohibited. The following are prohibited from being used in the City:

1. A combustion engine-powered, handheld, backpack, or walk-behind leaf blower
or leaf vacuum;

2. High-frequency sound emitters designed for animal or pet deterrence."

On page 3, in line 32, strike "Director Planning and Zoning, the Police Chief" and after "by the"

insert "City Manager."

Amendment #3:

On page 2, in line 22, strike "at" and insert "from". On page 3, in line 1, after "levels" insert " of

noise from the water as measured from land". **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt O-28-23 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-28-23 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

[R-51-23](#)

Fines for Violating Annapolis Noise Restrictions - For the purpose of increasing the fine for repeat violations of the City of Annapolis noise restrictions; and generally dealing with public peace and order section of the City Code.

Sponsors: Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-51-23 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to amend R-51-23 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 1, strike line 31 in its entirety and insert the following:

Section, Type of Fine, Fine for Initial Offense, Fine for Repeat or Continuous Violations,
11.12.120

Public peace and order violation:

Generally \$100.00 \$100.00

Noise Prohibition \$100.00 \$200.00. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-51-23 as amended on second reader.

Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

[O-32-23](#) **Short-term Rental Licenses and Regulations** - For the purpose of clarifying and limiting local eligibility requirements for a short-term rental operator's license; providing definitions; making technical corrections; and generally relating to a rental operator's license.

Sponsors: Savidge, Arnett, O'Neill and Tierney

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone O-32-23 until March 11, 2024. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-55-23](#) **Temporary Moratorium on Short-Term Rental Licenses** - For the purpose of implementing a temporary moratorium on the City's issuance of short-term rental licenses while the City Council considers Ordinance 32-23, Short-term Rental Licenses and Regulations, and amendments to the legislation.

Sponsors: O'Neill and Savidge

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to adopt R-55-23 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandemeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 2 - Mayor Buckley and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

[R-3-24](#) **Sister City Relationship with the City of Yuzhne in Ukraine** - For the purpose of authorizing a sister city relationship between the City of Annapolis and the City of Yuzhne in Ukraine.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-3-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandemeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

Alderman Savidge - Cosponsor Added.

Alderman Tierney - Cosponsor Added.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles - Cosponsor Added.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk