



City of Annapolis

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Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, October 14, 2019

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderman Gay.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Arnett.

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

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

Maritime Republic of Eastport Declared of War

[ID-650-19](#)

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This Informational Item was presented.

The order of the agenda was resumed.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Paone moved to approve the agenda as amended to postpone the Quarterly Report of the Audit Committee until Monday, October 28, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

4th Annual Chief Charles H Steele Safety Award

Chief Ramey presented the award to Firefighter Christopher M. Barnett.

Petitions, Reports and Communications**A. Update from the Mayor**

Mayor Gavin Buckley Council Remarks October 14, 2019 7 PM

Hello everyone! Thank you for being here tonight.

Immediately after last week's council meeting, City Manager **Teresa Sutherland** and I, along our resiliency consultants **Dan Nees** and **Joanna Throwe**, took a three-day trip to Rhode Island to meet with elected officials, city planners, resiliency specialists and state and federal government agency representatives. Our goal was to see how communities and municipalities in the Narragansett Bay watershed are dealing with many of the same issues we face.

As we learned this past weekend with the coastal flooding all around the Mid-Atlantic and here at City Dock caused by tropical Storm Melissa and the full moon, it is a good thing we are thinking about ways to cope with more severe and more intense tidal and coastal flooding.

We learned from the folks in Rhode Island that we have to be ready for that catastrophic storm that may come our way. We have to be prepared in order to help our residents successfully bounce back.

For our counterparts, they wanted to know about stormwater fees and the remediation projects we are able to afford because of those dedicated incoming funds.

On our end, we were able to visit projects and see plans on a number of resiliency initiatives. Do we know where to go to access county, state and federal funding should we need it? Do we have plans in place so that we don't face delays after a catastrophic incident? These are important issues. I'm so pleased right now that we have our City Dock Action Group working on many of these issues and we are working toward financing mechanisms to tie these very important component pieces together to move our City into a robust and resilient future. My thanks to our counterparts in Newport.

We've invited them here for another set of meetings. I'll keep council and other elected officials and city and county planners informed so that we can all participate in next steps.

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Annapolis Police Chief Edward Jackson wants me to remind you of the

promotional ceremony for officers to be held on October 21 in Council chambers. That is at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Firehouse Subs Safety Foundation donated two bulletproof vests to APD, valued at more than \$4,000. We thank them for their generosity.

He also reports that, last Wednesday, Annapolis Police arrested and charged two men found with guns and what were suspected illicit drugs.

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Annapolis Fire Chief Doug Remaley added that the Taylor Avenue Fire Station helped with a flag ceremony on Friday. This was for the Ground Zero Flag Tribute. They were joined by the Naval District Washington, Naval Academy Fire Department, Annapolis Police, Maryland Capital Police and Maryland State Police. For 18 years, the Ground Zero Flag Team has traveled from location to location with this flag that was flown at Ground Zero after the attacks of 9/11. It is a reminder of the brave men and women who sacrifice for public safety and in our United States Armed Forces. Thank you to the Ground Zero Flag Team for bringing the flag to Annapolis and allowing our City to be a part of that remembrance ceremony.

Speaking of the fire department, in City Hall downstairs, there is a photo exhibit, organized by Art in Public Places Commission, in recognition of fire prevention month. There are historic photos, and photos of firefighters and paramedics in action.

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Charles Marohn of Strong Towns gave a presentation at Asbury United Methodist Church. It was a full house. He spoke to many of the issues that the City of Annapolis is confronting. He advised us to rethink the possibilities, especially as relates to infill development and amenities we offer to residents. I got a copy of his book, and I'm looking forward to reading more about his work in other cities. Check out his talk on the City's YouTube page.

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One of the things that Marohn talked about was the need to make small changes to improve the lives of residents wherever possible. Even before his talk, we began a program to clean up our most vulnerable neighborhoods. Members of my staff participated in a cleanup on Clay Street. I joined Neat Streets in Eastport in mid-September. At the end of September, a City crew, including me and Teresa Sutherland as well as staff from my office, and Alderwomen Rhonda Pindell Charles and Sheila Finlayson went to Newtowne Drive to create a punch list of the repairs the City could tackle right away.

In all, there were 26 items on our list. Of those, 16 are complete. For example,

public works has restriped the crosswalk, removed metal and wooden sign posts that didn't have any signs, removed all of the trash in the street and along the sidewalks, fixed a section of sidewalk that was a tripping hazard, painted the curbs, added a piece of sidewalk where it was missing, addressed cleanup issues at the bus shelter and more. Some of the projects that require our partnership with other vendors, like BGE, are in the works.

We will continue working for everyone on these quality of life issues. We encourage volunteers from the community to come out and help. As we know with the Neat Streets project, it can sometimes take as little as one hour with 20 or 30 people to make a tremendous difference in a city block.

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Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting two expos, the first was the smart cities summit at National Harbor. The other was a fireside chat at the BGE innovation expo in Washington, DC. I spoke to an audience that included the CEO of Exelon. I was proud to hear that Annapolis is considered a leader among municipalities embracing smart technologies.

Generations before mine, the biggest change in their lifetime was twofold: the creation of the interstate highway system and invention of television.

For my generation and the one immediately after me, it has been computers and the information revolution.

Attending some of these events has been eye opening because for our next generation, it seems that one of the game changers will be the marriage of transit and technology.

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From our people in economic development, we have a couple of updates. In the August new business report, every new business created in the city was either a minority or a woman-owned business.

Also, they are reporting that the city currently has a four percent vacancy for retail and office space. I am not sure if that is a record low, but it is certainly a good indicator of a robust business environment.

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I'd like to pass along a recognition for for the Lifeline 100 bicycle race, which I participated in with County Executive Steuart Pittman. Thanks everyone!

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Lastly, the United States Naval Academy celebrated its 174 birthday on October 10. The United States Navy is celebrated 244 years on October 13. The Academy brought me along with members of my team to the Academy for lunch where we got to sit among the midshipmen and women and talk up our City so

that when their friends and family come to visit they know all the best places to go. I was pleased to be able to have an intimate lunch with the 4500 students and share a piece of cake with the commandant of midshipmen. Thank you for including us in your big day. And Go Navy!

Presented.

B. Required Administrative Submittals - City Manager

[CM-2-20](#)

MIT/APD -Police supplies and other - Transfer \$1,500. To MIT- Capital Outlay in the amount of \$1,500.

This Fund Transfer was presented.

[ID-638-19](#)

Article VI - OPERATIONS, Sec. 2.B, (7): Monthly Status Reports - **August**

This Informational Item was presented.

C. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

10/16/19 Finance Committee 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

10/16/19 Environmental Matters Committee 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

10/21/19 Housing and Human Welfare Committee 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

D. Quarterly Report Audit Committee

Alderman Paone moved to postpone the Quarterly Report of the Audit Committee until Monday, October 28, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

E. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Aron Axe, 73 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

John Wells, 11 Tucker Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Joanna Yaing, 69 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Ann Widener, 76 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Laura Booth, 81 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Godfrey Phelps, 701 Glenwood Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Laura Booth, 18 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Judi Jones, 10 Fleet Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Sarah Campbell Fayland, 2116 Renard Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Chris Buchheister, 5 Wagner Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

William Small, 702 Melrose Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Cory Bonney, 100 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Transportation Director Gordon and City Manager Sutherland were present and answered questions regarding Parking Meters in the Historic District.

Mayor Buckley declared comments by the general public closed.

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 Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

[CCM090919](#) 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 Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

[CCM091919](#) 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 Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

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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 Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

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

Legislative Actions

First Readers

[O-36-19](#) **Parking Meters** - For the purpose of including parking kiosks and parking mobile devices in the requirements for installation and location of parking meters.

Sponsors: Buckley

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

Mayor Buckley referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Transportation Committee.

[R-44-19](#) **Transit Development Plan** - For the purpose of approving the City of Annapolis Transit Development Plan.

Sponsors: Buckley

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

Alderman Savidge referred to the Transportation Board.

[R-45-19](#) **Military Bowl Parade and Football Game** - For the purpose of identifying the Military Bowl Parade and Football Game that will be held on December 27, 2019, as a Major Special Event; and waiving certain City of Annapolis fees for services related to that event.

Sponsors: Gay

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

Mayor Buckley referred to the Finance Committee.

End of Consent Calendar

Legislative Actions

Second Readers

[O-10-19](#) **Maryland Public Information Act** - For the purpose of adopting City of Annapolis procedures for the processing of requests made pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act; establishing definitions; providing notice of disclosure requirements; establishing an appeal process; allowing fees to be charged; allowing fee waivers; and generally related to adopting procedures for

processing Public Information Act requests.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-10-19 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-10-19 as follows:

Buckley Amendments 1-3 and Finlayson, Arnett and Savidge Amendment # 4. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-10-19 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-10-19 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, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

R-32-19

Maryland Public Information Act - Fees - For the purpose of adding fees to the Fiscal Year 2020 Fees Schedule concerning requests for information made pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-32-19 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, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

R-41-19

Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with the April 4, 2020, Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Festival.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-41-19 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend R-41-19 as follows: Tierney Amendment. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-41-19 as amend 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, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Second Readers:

2.16.090 - Reading, amendment and passage of ordinances, etc. - one hundred eighty days after first reading.

O-18-19

Department of the Environment - For the purpose of creating a Department of

the Environment, dissolving the Office of Environmental Policy; transferring regulatory authority for Forest Conservation from the Department of Planning and Zoning to the Department of the Environment; consolidating environmental compliance, and inspection responsibilities, under the Department of the Environment; transferring the stormwater management program to the Department of the Environment; assigning the liaison for the Annapolis Conservancy Board to the Department of the Environment; assigning consideration of Title 19 matters to the Environmental Matters Committee; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the Department of the Environment.

Sponsors: Savidge, Arnett and Rodriguez

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone O-18-19 until Monday, December 9, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Second Readers:

2.16.090 - Reading, amendment and passage of ordinances, etc. - ninety days after first reading.

CA-6-19

Department of the Environment - For the purpose of establishing a department known as the Department of the Environment; and generally relating to the Department of the Environment.

Sponsors: Savidge, Arnett and Rodriguez

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone CA-6-19 until Monday, December 9, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-26-19

Rental Unit and Short-Term Residential Rental Licenses - For the purpose of mitigating significant dislocation of neighborly residential blocks; supporting the City's experience, visitor and tourist-based local economy by leveraging the sharing economy; ensuring applicable tax collection and remittances; encouraging fair competition; updating and amending the regulation of residential rental properties generally; creating operating license requirements governing the short-term rental of residential dwellings and dwelling units above nonresidential uses; defining certain terms; allowing a delayed effective date for current licensees; and matters generally relating thereto.

Sponsors: Arnett and Finlayson

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-26-19 on second reader until Monday, October 28, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-30-19

Rental Unit and Short Term Residential Rental Licenses - Fees - For the purpose of updating the fees schedule concerning rental unit and short term residential rental licenses.

Sponsors: Arnett and Finlayson

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone R-30-19 on second reader until Monday, October 28, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-31-19](#)

Rental Unit and Short Term Residential Rental Licenses - Fines -

For the purpose of updating the fines schedule concerning rental unit and short term residential rental licenses.

Sponsors: Arnett and Finlayson

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone R-31-19 on second reader until Monday, October 28, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk