



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call To Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman O'Neill.

Present: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 2 - Alderman Gay and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Agenda

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

Ceremonial Items

[ID-63-24](#)

Citation: Steve Samaras, Owner & President of Zachary's Jewelers

Attachments: [citation - Steve Samaras](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-71-24](#)

Proclamation: Transit Workers

Attachments: [Proclamation - Transgender 2024](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-72-24](#)

Proclamation: Transgender Day of Visibility

Attachments: [Proclamation - Transit Worker Appreciation Day 2024](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Thank you for being with us tonight.

I would like to take a moment to grieve and reflect on the tragic Francis Scott Key bridge collapse overnight. Baltimore is a major American port, critical to global commerce. Our entire region will feel the effects as we continue recovery efforts for months, and perhaps even years.

The City of Annapolis stands prepared to offer assistance to our friends and colleagues in the City of Baltimore, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County, Maryland Department of Emergency Management, Maryland Department of Transportation and the United States Coast Guard.

Early this morning, Annapolis Fire and the Annapolis Office of Emergency Management deployed members of the Incident Management Team to assist with the response. The City of Annapolis stands ready to offer continued assistance to the teams engaged in the continuing rescue, recovery, and rebuilding efforts.

If we could take a moment of silence now for those now presumed to have perished in this tragic and unthinkable incident.

[moment of silence]

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Thank you.

Coming up next week, April 4 to 7, the Annapolis Film Festival returns with a four- day lineup of films from around the world.

The film festival not only showcases amazing feature, short and documentary movies, it also provides opportunities for reflection and discussion that helps us to broaden our thinking and share with others. It's a wonderful dialogue that brings us together and we need more of that in these contentious times.

I hope you'll take advantage of having this wonderful local event here on our doorstep - it has something for everyone.

On that note, on Sunday April 7th, City Hall will also host a movie screening and panel discussion to help foster our local 'cycling revolution' and move away from our reliance on cars.

The movie we are screening is called "Together We Cycle." It's the story of how the Netherlands turned around a post-war, car centric culture, and created a pedestrian and cycling culture by building safe infrastructure and road design that puts cyclists and people first.

We learned about this transformation on our study tour to the Netherlands last year and at the screening we'll also show a five minute short film showcasing our visit and all the amazing things we did and saw and learned.

The 'cycling revolution' movie event is free, but ticketed as we have limited seating. Please visit Eventbrite and use the keyword "City Hall Double Feature" in Annapolis to reserve your seat.

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Some Annapolis Firefighters earned bragging rights on Friday in an exhibition ice hockey

match against Baltimore City Firefighters, winning 5 to 3.

“Annapolis Bravest” is a hockey team made up of AFD personnel, along with personnel from some partner public safety agencies. The team is sponsored by IAFF local 1926.

The game was an exhibition match in preparation for the upcoming DC Burn Foundation Tournament, set for April 5 in Laurel. Congratulations on the win and best of luck in the tournament!

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You may have noticed a moderate flooding forecast from NOAA for Annapolis yesterday, today and likely tomorrow. These are typically forecasts where we deploy public safety teams to close Compromise Street when the water overtops the bulkhead alongside Fleet Reserve Club and then spills out into the street, making it impassable. When Compromise Street is closed, folks from Eastport trying to get downtown have to go the long way around and it is quite an inconvenience. Our City Dock work will provide a more permanent solution in the future but that is a couple of years away.

In the meantime, one of the technologies we learned about from the Netherlands has proved to be an effective and inexpensive solution here in Annapolis and over the past few moderate flooding events has helped keep Compromise Street open.

I want to thank Department of Public Works Director Burr Vogel and his team for the deployment and engineering of this solution. Keep up the good work!

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At City Hall, now through next month, check out the winning bird photos submitted by local residents for our first-ever bird photo contest, part of our Bird City Maryland certification.

We are thankful for Jack Turner and Kate Neal for assisting in choosing winners of the Photo Contest. The winners received gift cards and birding accessories from Wild Birds Unlimited. The gallery of photos is available for viewing during regular business hours in City Hall.

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Lastly, a reminder that City offices are closed this Friday for Good Friday. We wish all of our residents who celebrate a very Happy Easter on Sunday.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting

April 1, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Finance Committee Regular Meeting

April 3, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Rules & City Government Committee Regular Meeting

April 5, 2024, 1:00 PM - 3:00

Comments by the General Public

Speaker:

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances

[O-4-24](#) **Residency Requirement for Liquor Licensees Repeal - For the purpose of eliminating the residency requirement for receiving a City of Annapolis liquor license in accordance with state law; and generally dealing with license applications.**

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [O-4-24 First Reader](#)

[O-4-24 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-4-24 Staff Report](#)

[O-4-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[MD Attorney General Legal Opinion Letter](#)

[MD Attorney General Legal Opinion 106](#)

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-4-24 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

Resolutions

[R-11-24](#) **Filing of Grant Application with the Transit Administration - For the purpose of authorizing to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Section 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and/or 5317 grant(s) under the Federal Transit Act for a total amount of \$3,960,846, consisting of \$2,616,469 for fixed route transit operations; \$144,157 for ADA complementary paratransit services; \$795,220 capital grant for transit vehicle maintenance; and \$405,000 for roof replacement with solar panels.**

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [R-11-24 First Reader](#)

[R-11-24 Staff Report](#)

[R-11-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[FY2025 Transit Grant Application-Part I](#)

[FY2025 Transit Grant Application-Part II](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-11-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-11-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Savidge

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[R-13-24](#)

2024 Annapolis Film Festival Fee Waiver - For the purpose of identifying the Annapolis Film Festival that will be held on April 4-7, 2024, as a Major Special Event; and waiving charges for certain City of Annapolis costs related to city services for that event.

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Alderwoman Finlayson - Cosponsor Added.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC

City Clerk