



# City of Annapolis

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Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

## Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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Monday, October 26, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.  
City Council Chambers

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### Virtual Meeting

A virtual meeting is when people, regardless of their location, use video and audio to link up online. Virtual Meetings allow people to share information and data in real-time without being physically located together.

#### Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special 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 Schandelmeier.

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

#### Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as amended to remove O-44-20 Employee organizations on first reader from tonight's agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

### Ceremonial Items

#### City Council Citation - Spinsheet Magazine 40th Anniversary

LIVE Testimony Requested:

1. Molly Winany

Mayor Buckley presented the City Council Citation to Ms. Winany.

### Petitions, Reports and Communications

#### A. Update from the Mayor

Good evening!

Last week, we issued Travis Pastrana's production company an event permit for his rally car stunt jump over Ego Alley. Couple of things I want to say about this. First, I want to thank Travis and his crew. They were professional and kept safety at the forefront. We took a risk saying yes to this event, but it worked out well and I know the attraction brought some much needed business to downtown.

Next, I want the public to know that in all of our communications with the public and the media, we stressed that it was a closed set. We asked people not to come downtown during the filming. I was happy to see that most people were wearing masks in public spaces, including in front of Market House.

Where we didn't see 100% mask compliance was primarily at businesses and particularly at outdoor restaurants on City Dock.

We asked the public not to come. We have hundreds of signs downtown informing people that masks are required. We did our part, but we have to ask the public to do their part too. If it is crowded and you are uncomfortable, don't stay in a situation you feel is not safe.

Third, taxpayers should know that there was no fee waiver for this event. The production company covered all of expenses for police and fire including overtime - IN TOTAL. They paid for dozens of parking passes for impacted residents, and covered the City for \$19,000 in lost revenue for parking.

In addition, the City earned an additional \$3,200 in garage parking revenue from visitors to the City for the day.

I want to thank Felicia Nolan, our events coordinator, who worked tirelessly. I want to thank our first responders, including the county dive team, for ensuring the safety of the crew, Travis Pastrana and the public. This was a heavy lift for our town and we got this across the finish line.

Congratulations to Travis and the team – I can't wait to see the final film when it comes out.

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The Annapolis Waterfront and Sailing Center lured two beautiful sailing ships to City Dock - the Lynx and the When and If - and they have been taking children from our community out to experience sailing on these beautiful boats. Our City of Annapolis Recreation and Parks worked with children from the Stanton Center and Iglesia Emmanuel worked with Hispanic families to give children who otherwise might never get a day on the Chesapeake Bay that experience. I thank them because these experiences help young people understand the role the Bay has played in our history and also the importance of protecting the Bay in our ecology. I want to thank Lee Tawney and his team.

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Annapolis' Department of Transportation has launched "Adopt a Stop" as a way to keep Annapolis beautiful. Businesses or civic groups that adopt city bus shelters agree to keep the stop clear of trash and rake the leaves and call us when there is graffiti. In exchange, we affix a banner to the stop giving you credit for your community service. It's a win-win. Contact Annapolis Department of Transportation to learn more.

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Earlier this month the City held the “Mayor’s Cup” pickleball tournament on World Pickleball Day. It was hosted at different locations around downtown including City Dock, the top of Hillman Garage and the closed off portion on West Street. I want to congratulate the following winners of their divisions and welcome all the players back for the next mayor’s cup:

- Gino Caietta
- Sue Wirth
- Margo Speciale
- Cindy Murphy
- Gregg Ladd
- Sam Webster, and
- Mike Bukley [NO RELATION]

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This entire council and my job are on the line with voters in 2021 and it is my pleasure to announce that, as of today, one of us signed up for reelection and the Board of Supervisors of Elections has approved that candidacy. The person who will appear on the ballot in 2021 is none other than our newest Alderman, Brooks Schandelmeier, and according to City Clerk Regina Eldridge, it is the first Aldermanic candidacy for the 2021 municipal elections here in Annapolis.

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That brings me to the 2020 election. Early voting started today. You can vote any day from 7 am to 8 pm in the City of Annapolis at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center.

Next Tuesday, General Election Day, you can vote at Pip Moyer or at Bates Middle or other county locations. Please consult the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections for a complete list of locations – they may be different because of Covid.

If you are old enough and eligible, please VOTE!

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Last week Governor Larry Hogan announced the allocation of \$250 million in rainy day funds for businesses. I’d like to take a moment to thank the governor and take a little bit of credit. I talk to many business owners in this city: retail, restaurants, manufacturing, real estate, tourism, hospitality. We were hearing in July and August that the Recovery Zones were working, but business owners wanted to know what the bridge to winter was going to look like.

On September 14, I sent a letter to the governor asking for him to release funding at the state level so that businesses could purchase tents and heaters and whatever else was needed to keep businesses going and keep the community spread limited as we came into

the fall and winter.

I want to thank our Small Business Recovery Task Force for following up to the governor with their own letter asking for the same thing.

Our Office of Economic Development Manager, Stephen Rice and task force co-chair Dick Franyo, had businesses draft budgets to show how the money will be used. This puts our Annapolis businesses at the front of the line to get access to this line of funding.

I can't be certain how much of a difference this made, but I did have follow up conversations with the governor's staff. And then we were met with this announcement. I know we have the ear of the governor because we are the state capital and, in this instance because he is attuned to the difficulties small businesses are facing. I am very appreciative of this funding level from the governor and I encourage all of our Annapolis businesses to look for this money and make an application for it if you need it.

We are going to get to the other side of this pandemic. It is my hope that it is through a strategy of containment, testing, tracing and vaccines and not through a strategy of herd immunity which might needlessly take away from us our most vulnerable residents. We still need the greatest generation – we still need these members of our family and our community. Let's get this right in Annapolis, in Anne Arundel County and in Maryland.

Please sign up for the Annapolis office of economic development newsletter – they are pushing out great information and will help you to navigate the process for getting some of those dollars from the governor and into the hands of business in Annapolis.

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This weekend is Halloween and I know that many families are having a difficult time navigating so many things this year. I am sorry that the City is not able to sponsor our usual trunk or treat events – it was simply too risky to do with the pandemic, asking families to congregate and handing things out. Annapolis Police and Annapolis Fire tried to figure a way to do this safely, and we simply could not. Our Annapolis Recreation and Park is hosting a drive-in movie night on Thursday at Pip Moyer. They'll be screening Hocus Pocus. You must register for that. You can follow the link from the home page of the City of Annapolis website to secure a spot.

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On Sunday, November 1, starting at 2 p.m., the City will host a Day of the Dead caravan which will start at Pip Moyer. Vehicles and participants that are best decorated, best dressed, and best costumed are eligible for prizes. Snap your picture and post to social media using the hashtag #AnnapolisDDM (Annapolis Dia de los Muertos).

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On Tuesday, there is a digital literacy class at Tyler Heights Elementary. This is where parents can better understand about the technology their children are asked to use for school. You can contact Laura Gutierrez, the Hispanic Liaison from my office at 410-263-7997 for more information.

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The Take Care Annapolis team, these are Hispanic and African American health outreach

workers, have talked with hundreds of people in our community. Their goal is health education to help slow the spread of coronavirus. They have completed more than 400 surveys to help identify the resources and needs in the community.

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Starting this Thursday, the No Harm initiative, in collaboration with Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition, is presenting a three-part series on racial justice and harm reduction training. The trainings are free, virtual, and offered to interested members of the community, but are aimed at people who work in the fields of behavioral health, medical, teaching, emergency response and other community outreach specialists. Part one begins on Oct. 29. Please contact Adetola Ajayi in my office for details 410-972-6257.

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A week from Saturday, the City will host a “Black Business Matters” Pop- Up Vendor Market on Calvert Street between Gotts Garage and Northwest Street where we will have the street closed.

One of the things we know is that minority owned businesses have been hardest hit by the pandemic. They have less access to CARES funding because of historically weaker relationships to banks and financial institutions. Businesses who would like to participate are encouraged to contact Adetola Ajayi at 410-972-6257. Nov. 4 is the deadline for vendor signups.

We encourage the public to come out and see the great things businesses have in store. The event is Saturday, November 7 from 2 to 6 p.m. Again that is the Black Business Matters, pop up market.

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Tomorrow at 6 p.m., there will be a Town Hall on Covid-19 and the Holidays with Dr. Kalyanaraman and County Executive Steuart Pittman. You can watch that on City of Annapolis TV, Facebook Live and YouTube live. We’ll take questions in the comments. At the town hall, we will provide tips and suggestions about how to navigate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and New Years during the pandemic. We’ll answer some of your questions. It should be an informative event.

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**This is the last thing.**

Earlier today, we surveyed 100 people to see how many wanted to watch this City Council meeting or how many preferred to watch a game show...

No. No we didn’t.

But that is what Steve Harvey says when he introduces Family Feud. And tonight at 8 p.m., he’ll be introducing the Lyles family. That’s right. City Attorney Mike Lyles and his family are on Family Feud. Tonight at 8 p.m., game show network. Let’s get out of here quickly so we can all tune in and see if the Lyles family makes it to the next round!

## **B. Reports by Committee**

**Standing Committee Dates:**  
**Environmental Commission Meeting**  
**November 4, 2020, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**Finance Committee**  
**November 4, 2020, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**Rules and City Government Committee**  
**November 3, 2020, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
**November 2, 2020, 4:00 PM**

**C. Comments by the General Public**

WRITTEN Testimony Received:

- 1. Charles Parker, 141 West Street, Unit 202, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 R-51-20.

**Public Testimony Web Form – To view the actual comments, please visit [www.annapolis.gov/publictestimony](http://www.annapolis.gov/publictestimony).**

**Consent Calendar**

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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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Appointments**

[AP-7-20](#)

**The Appointment of Robert Shapiro to the Board of Port Wardens**

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

[AP-41-20](#)

**The Re-Appointment of Trudy McFall to the Annapolis Conservancy Board**

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

[AP-42-20](#)

**The Re-Appointment of Meg Hosmer to the Annapolis Conservancy Board**

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

[AP-43-20](#)

**Julia Donnelly - Audit Committee**

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

## Legislative Actions

### First Readers

[O-43-20](#)

**Aldermanic Annual Allowance - For the purpose of specifying types of appropriate expenditures for use of the aldermanic annual allowance.**

**Sponsors:** Savidge and Gay

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

**Alderman Arnett referred O-43-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.**

[O-45-20](#)

**Audit Committee - For the purpose of clarifying the responsibilities of the audit committee members; specifying reporting requirements; providing for external and internal reporting services; providing program metrics, measurements, and evaluation; and generally relating to the audit committee.**

**Sponsors:** Paone

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

**Alderman Arnett referred O-45-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.**

**Alderwoman Pindell Charles referred O-45-20 to the Audit Committee.**

[R-58-20](#)

**Local Journalism - For the purpose of supporting local journalism, including fair economic investment in newsroom staffing and resources.**

**Sponsors:** Tierney, Savidge, Schandelmeier, Buckley, Gay and Pindell Charles

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

### Second Readers

[O-28-20](#)

**Parking Permit Display - For the purpose of requiring that a residential parking permit must be visibly displayed on the vehicle to which it was**

**issued.**

**Sponsors:** Tierney and Pindell Charles

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

**O-32-20      **Vessels and Persons using City Waters - For the purpose of establishing noise level standards for vessels on City waters; and establishing swimming and water skiing restrictions for persons using City waters.****

**Sponsors:** Tierney

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

**O-33-20      **Towing of Vehicles - For the purpose of clarifying when a stopped, standing, or parked vehicle is subject to towing.****

**Sponsors:** Tierney and Pindell Charles

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

**O-36-20      **Site Development - Prohibited Discharges - For the purpose of improving the protections of City waterways and public thoroughfares from harmful discharges from development sites during non-business hours.****

**Sponsors:** Savidge, Paone, Arnett, Pindell Charles, Gay and Buckley

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

**O-39-20      **False Alarms - For the purpose of clarifying the procedure and penalty for excessive false alarms.****

**Sponsors:** Buckley, Gay and Tierney

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

**R-51-20      **City Sponsored Special Events in Fiscal Year 2021 - Amended - For the purpose of adding the Juneteenth Parade and Festival to the approved FY 2021 City Sponsored Special Events; and waiving certain related City Fees.****

**Sponsors:** Buckley, Finlayson, Pindell Charles and Tierney

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



## End of Consent Calendar

### Business and Miscellaneous Section

Alderman Arnett moved to amend tonight's agenda to add a Business and Miscellaneous section to allow the council to vote on Fund Transfer FT-3-21 removed from the consent calendar. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

### Public Hearings

[O-41-20](#)      **Alcoholic Beverages - For the purpose of updating citations to the Maryland State Code in Chapter 7.12 of the Code of the City of Annapolis.**

Sponsors: Paone

WRITTEN Testimony Received: **None**

LIVE Testimony Requested: **None**

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing O-41-20 closed.

[O-42-20](#)      **Emergency Medical Services - For the purpose of modifying the provisions of the Annapolis Emergency Medical Services program.**

Sponsors: Buckley

WRITTEN Testimony Received: **None**

LIVE Testimony Requested: **None**

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-42-20 closed.

### Business and Miscellaneous

[FT-3-21](#)      **General Fund  
P & Z, Fire, Police  
Transfer From: Fire Salaries and Benefits (\$260,000.00); Police Salaries and Benefits (\$260,000.00) Transfer To: Planning and Zoning Capital Outlay (\$520,000.00)**

City Manager Jarrell, Deputy Fire Chief Spriggs, Planning and Zoning Director Nash and Finance Director Dickinson were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to approve FT-3-20. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

### Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC  
City Clerk